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Round 1

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Category 1 - Sports Page

Questions about books on sports

1. Open is a 2009 autobiography about the career of what American athlete?
2. What Michael Lewis non-fiction book takes its title from a vulnerability faced by right-handed quarterbacks?
3. The film "Field of Dreams" is based on a novel about what real-life infamous baseball player?
4. What Laura Hilderbrand historical novel is based on the career of the winningest thoroughbred of the 1940s?
5. What Nick Hornby memoir tells the story of a fan's obsession with Arsenal Football Club and was later adapted into a film starring Jimmy Fallon about the Boston Red Sox?

Category 2 - Classified

Questions about top secret things

6. What commission was founded in 1963 to get to the bottom of the JFK Assassination?
7. What Hannah-Barbara character had a sidekick named Morocco Mole?
8. By what more common CIA code name is Homey Airport and Groom Lake better known?
9. Ken Taylor was Canadian ambassador to what country in the fall of 1979?
10. Valkeyrie was the code name of the failed plan to assassinate what world leader?

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Category 3 - Editorial

Questions about writing in English

11. In editing, what does the symbol known as a "pilcrow" indicate?
12. What 10-letter word can you type using only the first row of letters on a standard QWERTY keyboard?
13. According to Google's NGram algorithm, what one word makes up 5% of the written English language, including this question?
14. What font face, that sounds like a Disney princess, was designed to be metrically identical to the more-popular Helvetica?
15. What expedient system of writing has variations called Gregg, Teeline and Pittman?

Category 4 - TV Guide

Questions about TV shows

16. What was the first television show to go off the air while at the top of the Nielsen ratings?
17. What actor replaced Michael J Fox as the male lead of "Spin City" at the end of it's 4th season?
18. What character did Michael Emerson win an Emmy for playing during season 5 of "LOST"?
19. What beret-wearing character did Fred Berry play on "What's Happening", and play again on "What's Happening Now"?
20. What former child actor went from playing Ricky Stratton on "Silver Spoons" to Detective Danny Sorenson on NYPD Blue?

Bonus: There is a hidden theme in the last category. The Answers to questions 16-20 have something in common. For one bonus point, what work of fiction is being referenced?

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Category 5 - In "The News"

All answers will contain the letters "T-H-E-N-E-W-S", in no particular order

1. What hand tool has a moveable jaw that allows users to fasten or loosen different sized nuts and bolts?
2. What University, located just above Chicago, is home to the Wildcats?
3. What engineer invented the railway air brake before forming one of the largest AC electric companies in the 1880s?
4. What defunct manufacturer of repeating rifles shares its name with the bar in "Shaun of the Dead"?
5. What 2000 supernatural thriller stars Michelle Pfeiffer and Harrison Ford as a New England couple working on their marriage?

Category 6 - Current Events

Questions about ocean phenomenon

6. In what Mark Wahlberg film would you hear the name "Andrea Gail"?
7. The warm winter weather phenomenon known as "el Niño" is named after what biblical character?
8. At 1720 feet, the highest tsunami wave on record happened off the coast of what Northern hemisphere country?
9. In what Canadian province would you find Burntcoat Head, the site of the highest tides in the world?
10. What island nation is the lowest country on Earth and is projected to be completely submerged by rising oceans in the next 30 years?

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Category 7 - This Justin

Questions about people named Justin

11. At 44, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is the second youngest person to assume the office of Canadian Prime Minister; who is the youngest?
12. What HBO show stars Justin Theroux as a sheriff of a small town in a post-Rapture America?
13. Who did Justin Guarini lose to in the first season of "American Idol"?
14. In 2017 what Jamaican athlete lost the final race of his career (so far) to American Justin Gatlin?
15. For what SONG was Justin Timberlake nominated for an Oscar in 2017?

Category 8 - For the Record

Questions about popular record albums

16. What Bon Jovi album contains the hits "You Give Love a Bad Name", "Livin' on a Prayer", and "Wanted Dead or Alive"?
17. With what album did U2 make history in 2006 when they won the Album of the Year Grammy for the second time?
18. What title track to David Bowie's third album was famously covered by Nirvana during an episode of "MTV Unplugged"?
19. What Marvin Gaye concept album takes the point of view of a Vietnam veteran returning home to America?
20. What album became the third film soundtrack to win the Album of the Year Grammy and arguably the first bluegrass album to do the same?

Bonus: There is a hidden theme in the last category. The Answers to questions 16-20 have something in common. For one bonus point, what word could complete the set created by the previous 5 answers?

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Category 9 - Crosswords

All answers contain the letter "x" (they're all also about movies)

1. What action series has films with subtitles "State of the Union" and "The Return of Xander Cage"?
2. What upcoming science-fiction film is rumoured to have the subtitle "The New Order"?
3. According to boxofficemojo.com, what production company is also the most successful film franchise, with a per film gross of 273 million?
4. What 1999 film starred Bruce Willis, Tony Collette and Haley Joel Osment?
5. What Rapper appeared in the films "Belly", "Exit Wounds" and "Cradle 2 the Grave"

Category 10 - Horoscopes

Questions about constellations

6. What sign of the Western Zodiac has an inanimate object as it's symbol?
7. If you're in Australia, how many stars are in the Southern Cross?
8. What brightest star in the night sky inspired the name of Keanu Reeve's band?
9. Also the nickname for a group Toronto law firms, by what nickname are the Pleiades known?
10. What South American Country's flag features 27 stars spread out across 9 constellations?

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Category 11 - Comics

Questions about comedians

11. What two stand-up specials did Eddie Murphy record in the 1980s?
12. What Vaughan Meader comedy record won the album of the year Grammy in May 1963, just 6 months before the assassination of JFK?
13. What stand up comedian played Joe Garrelli on NewsrRadio before going on to host Fear Factor?
14. Columbina, Arlecchino and Scaramouche are stock characters from what traditional performance form?
15. What stand up comedian made his feature film acting debut in 2007 as Barry B. Benson?

Category 12 - Jumble

Confusing mix of random questions

16. According to Paul McCartney, what Beatles song takes its title from his chauffeur's arduous work schedule?
17. In Scrabble, what is the shortest possible unmultiplied word that is worth more than 20 points?
18. What English king was deposed in 1199 by Henry Bolingbroke?
19. Sports Math: What would you get if you took Wayne Gretzky's number (Oilers), divided by Yao Ming's number (Rockets), and subtracted Joe DiMaggio's number (Yankees)?
20. What Kurt Vonnegut Jr. novel has the alternate title "The Children's Crusade: A Duty-Dance with Death"?

Answers Round 1

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1. Andre Agassi
 2. The Blind Side
 3. Shoeless Joe Jackson
 4. Seabiscuit
 5. Fever Pitch
 6. The Warren (Commission)
 7. Secret Squirrel
 8. Area 51
 9. Iran
 10. Adolph Hitler
 11. Paragragh
 12. Typewriter
 13. The
 14. Arial
 15. Shorthand
 16. I Love Lucy
 17. Charlie Sheen
 18. Benjamin Linus
 19. Fred "Rerun" Stubbs
 20. Ricky Schroeder
- Bonus: Peanuts

Answers Round 2

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1. Adjustable/Crescent Wrench
 2. Northwestern
 3. George Westinghouse
 4. Winchester
 5. What Lies Beneath
 6. The Perfect Storm
 7. (Baby) Jesus
 8. USA (Alaska)
 9. Nova Scotia
 10. The Maldives
 11. Joe Clark (Jt=44, Jc=40)
 12. The Leftovers
 13. Kelly Clarkson
 14. Usain Bolt (Also Beat By Christian Coleman)
 15. Can't Stop The Feeling (Trolls)
 16. Slippery When Wet
 17. How To Dismantle An Atomic Bomb
 18. The Man Who Sold The World
 19. What's Goin On
 20. O Brother, Where Art Thou?
- Bonus: Why (The 5 Ws And 1 H Of Journalism)

Answers Round 3

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1. XXX
2. Star Wars Episode IX
3. Pixar
4. The Sixth Sense
5. Dmx
6. Libra
7. 5
8. Sirius (Dogstar)
9. The Seven Sisters
10. Brazil
11. Raw And Delerious
12. The First Family
13. Joe Rogan
14. Comedia Delle Arte
15. Jerry Seinfeld
16. Eight Days A Week
17. Quiz
18. Richard II
19. 4 (99/11-5)
20. Slaughterhouse-Five

Game Stats

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General Categories	ART	CUL	ENT	GAM	GEO	HIS	LIT	MIX	MUS	NAT	SCI	SPO
Asked	0	10	23	1	5	7	11	17	11	5	1	8
% of game	0%	16%	37%	2%	8%	11%	18%	27%	18%	8%	2%	13%

Question length	Short	Medium	Long
Definition	1-103 characters	103-147 characters	147-190 characters
% of game	61%	32%	6%