QUESTION 1 – LONG CON 1

19 Pics – 4 Sets – 4,4,5,6
Not Exhaustive, Not Ordered

+5, -3
+4, -2
+3, -1
+2, -0
SET 1
Car dealership

Missing cat

Damage to car after tire change

Manicurist appointment
SET 2
Angry at his dog
Running away from home
Bullied at school
Christmas, can’t stop crying
SET 3
Overweight

Nightmares about being shipwrecked

Wife’s possible affair

Trouble dating

Lack of drive and ambition
SET 4
Kleptomania

Hears voices telling him what to do

Overworked housewife - wants sex or will pickup a stranger

Insomnia

Fed up with his layabout mom

Coping with the loss of her boyfriend
Dr. Frasier Crane show callers who called into the show with their problems
X was strikingly beautiful, well groomed and feminine, wearing full skirts and very high heels. She was intellectually sharp, cosmopolitan, witty, and socially savvy. According to Y, Joyce Davis, a classmate of X's, described her as “an El Salvadoran princess with a sense of noblesse oblige.” Y further added (on an incident in 1970, a decade after the divorce of X and Z) – “He (Z) had no income. He had no home. I think that X saved his life.” In the spring of 2001, X and Z were remarried, 38 years after their divorce. X = ?
X = Alicia Nash
Y = Sylvia Nasar
Z = John Forbes Nash, Jr.
QUESTION 3

Named by French explorers for inhabitants in the area, Wyandot or “W”

Wyandot word (X) derived from their word meaning beautiful

From Y tribe, a shortened form of the Iroquoian word meaning “long tail”

English translation of a French term, referring to its (Z’s) position. The Ojibwe people called Z Gitchigumi

What are W, X, Y, and Z?
ANSWER 3

4 of The 5 Great Lakes

Huron, Ontario, Erie, and Superior

Michigan is derived from the Ojibwa word mishigami
QUESTION 4 - CONNECT
WW2 Atomic Bomb Projects

Little Boy, Thin Man (From the detective in Dashiell Hammett’s books - the design was subsequently renamed to Little Boy), and Fat Man (from Kasper Gutman in The Maltese Falcon)
The Pleiades is an open cluster in the constellation of Taurus. It is among the nearest star clusters, is probably the best known, and is certainly the most obvious to the naked eye. The cluster is dominated by hot blue stars that have formed within the last 100 million years. The cluster's name in a particular language is X, which when translated into English means, “to govern”, “unite”, or “gather together”. X = ?
X = Subaru

Subaru is the automobile manufacturing division of Japanese transportation conglomerate Fuji Heavy Industries Co., Ltd (FHI). The large star in the logo represents Fuji Heavy Industries, and the five smaller stars represent the current five companies that are united under the FHI group. In essence the logo represent the unification of five companies mentioned above to become one large entity called the Fuji Heavy Industry.
X claims that the idea for Y came to him/her from a 1971 incident while he/she was touring Europe. X was lying drunk in a field in Innsbruck looking up at the night sky with a travel book in hand and thought that the idea of Y would be a good one. \[ Y = ? \]
ANSWER 6

X = Douglas Adams
Y = The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy
Edgar John Bergen (February 16, 1903 – September 30, 1978) was an American actor and radio performer. Bergen was born Edgar John Berggren in Chicago, Illinois. His first performances were in vaudeville, at which point he legally changed his last name to the easier-to-pronounce “Bergen”. He worked in one-reel movie shorts, but his real success was on the radio. He and Charlie McCarthy (partner in his acts) were seen at a New York party by Elsa Maxwell for Noël Coward, who recommended them for an engagement at the famous Rainbow Room. It was there that two producers saw Bergen and Charlie perform. They then recommended them for a guest appearance on Rudy Vallée's program. Their initial appearance (December 17, 1936) was so successful that the following year they were given their own show, as part of The Chase and Sanborn Hour. Under various sponsors (and two different networks), they were on the air from May 9, 1937 to July 1, 1956. At the height of their popularity in 1938, Bergen was presented an Honorary Oscar. **What was special about the Oscar statuette he received?**
It was a wooden statuette with a movable jaw to commemorate his creation – Charlie McCarthy - his ventriloquist dummy
X is a British slang phrase of uncertain origin, though it has been in common usage in the north of England for many years and has several American equivalents as well.

Possible origins of the phrase include:
1. Rigorous training by Field Marshal Y
2. The huge Eighth Army commanded by Field Marshal Y during the desert campaign in WWII (1941-1943)
3. Gamblers’ jargon meaning the entire pot, derived from the name of a card game

Since 1997, X has acquired an additional meaning. X = ?
Since the 1997 film The Full Monty, which features a group of men in Sheffield learning to strip, the phrase has acquired an additional usage meaning removing every item of clothing.
QUESTION 9 - CONNECT

“Wheatstacks” by Claude Monet
“Banks of the Seine at Argenteuil” by Édouard Manet
“The Son of Man” by René Magritte

A painting in the style of Cassius Coolidge’s series, “Dogs Playing Poker” is shown but it is not one of Coolidge's works

“Noon: Rest From Work (After Millet)” by Vincent van Gogh
“San Giorgio Maggiore at Dusk” by Claude Monet
This was a racy print ad that was proposed by a creative firm working with X. When the ad was presented to X’s executives, they were horrified by it and it was unclear whether they would end up using it or not. However, at the time X stated that, “the possibility that the advertisement may be used in the future cannot be ruled out.” The ad campaign was meant to allow X to regain ground in the New York market. X = ?
ANSWER 10

X = Air India
X, after being released from jail, both got married and made millions. X’s fortune resulted from selling an iPhone app called “iToilet”, which utilizes GPS technology to direct the user to “acceptable” public restrooms closest to them, wherever they are. Eventually X lost his/her spouse and money to the recession, having invested it all in in Bernie Madoff's now-notorious Ponzi scheme. X’s spouse, however, bailed with his/her half of the investment before the scheme collapsed. X and his/her spouse eventually reunited. X = ?
ANSWER 11

X = George Costanza
Rupert D'Oyly Carte (3 November 1876 – 12 September 1948) was a hotelier, theatre owner, and impresario, best known as proprietor of the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company and Savoy Hotel from 1913 to 1948.

X on Rupert: “He was at school with a cousin of mine, and my cousin happened to tell me about his immaculate clothes and his habit, when asked by a master how he was, of replying, ‘Sir, I grow thinnah and thinnah’.” X = ?
X = P. G. Wodehouse

He based the character of P Smith on Rupert D'Oyly Carte
The phrase X refers to an ancient mistaken belief that had become proverbial in ancient Greece by the 3rd century BC and was reiterated many times in later Western poetry and art. The earliest known reference to X appears in Aeschylus' Agamemnon from 458 BC. Plato’s Phaedo records Socrates commenting on the biological proof for the phrase. Pliny the Elder provides the first surviving refutation in Natural History (book 10, chapter xxxii: olorum morte narratur flebilis cantus, falso, ut arbitror, aliquot experimentis) – “observation shows that the story that the ____________ is false.” Nevertheless, the folktale has remained so appealing that over the centuries it has continued to appear in various artistic works such as Aesop's fables, The Merchant of Venice etc. X = ?
X = Swan Song

It was based on the mistaken belief that a mute swan is completely silent during its lifetime until just before death, when it sings one beautiful song.
Nautilus

Captain Nemo’s submarine, the creature and GNOME’s file manager
QUESTION 15
Print ad for Big Bazaar during Women’s Day
QUESTION 16

Singing the blues when the Red Sox lose
It’s a crisis in your life
On the run ’cause all your girlfriends
Wanna be your wife
And the laundry ticket’s in the wash

What is being referred to?
This stanza in the Cheers theme song (Where Everybody Knows Your Name) was changed to:

Making your way in the world today
Takes everything you got
Taking a break from all your worries
Sure would help a lot
Wouldn’t you like to get away
X was supposed to feature a computer generated image of a man doing something, but it was suggested by Dennis Muren that a hand-painted logo might look better. Muren asked his friend, artist Robert Hunt to paint it. Hunt sent in an alternative version with a young boy (his son William was the model) instead of a man and this was the version finally picked.

Y was designed in 1924 and the identity of the original model was never conclusively determined. Bette Davis claimed Claudia Dell was the model, while others named Amelia Batchler. The current Y was designed by Micahel J. Deas in 1993 and though many think Annette Bening was the model, it was in fact a Louisiana homemaker and muralist named Jenny Joseph.

X = ? Y = ?
ANSWER 17

X = The Dreamworks Logo

Y = Columbia’s Torch Lady
QUESTION 18

X is Japanese for “small groove” and is also a common family name. Y is a common suffix for Japanese ship names meaning “round” as in “to return.” XY is used to describe a scenario where a solution can only be obtained by redefining the problem or, for lack of a better word, cheating. Business theory commentators have used the XY as an example of the need to redefine the foundation upon which a business competes, changing the rules rather than playing within a rigged game, as an example of successful business strategy. XY has also been used by computer security educators to teach students to think like an adversary, that by stepping outside the rules of the game you can redefine the game.

XY = ?
ANSWER 18

XY = Kobayashi Maru (of Star Trek fame)
QUESTION 19 - CONNECT
Man in the Middle

Gordon Greenidge’s autobiography
Song by the Bee Gees
The Man in the Middle Attack is also known as a Bucket Brigade or Janus attack
ANSWER 20

Print ad for Nugget shoe polish
QUESTION 21

Jason Todd first appeared in Batman #357 (March 1983) and became the second Robin, when the previous Robin (Dick Grayson) went on to become Nightwing. In 1988’s Batman: A Death in the Family, Jason Todd is brutally assaulted by the Joker and subsequently killed by a time bomb in a warehouse. Todd’s death, along with the paralysis of Barbara Gordon, the first Batgirl, in Batman: The Killing Joke, intensifies Batman’s obsession with the Joker.

O’Neil (the editor) noted, “We did the deed, and we got a blast of hate mail and a blast of negative commentary in the press.” A few comics creators voiced their displeasure at the event. Writer/artist Frank Miller said, “To me the whole killing of Robin thing was probably the ugliest thing I've seen in comics, and the most cynical.” However, DC stood behind the outcome. Why was there such controversy over a seemingly good plot twist?
A poll was conducted in a 36 hour period for the general public to vote on whether Todd would live or die. It turned out hundreds of votes for Todd’s death came from one voter. “I heard it was one guy, who programmed his computer to dial the thumbs down number every ninety seconds for eight hours, who made the difference”, O'Neil said in a Newsarama interview conducted alongside writer Judd Winick. Based on O'Neil's information, that figures out to 320 votes over eight hours from one person or roughly six percent of the death line's total calls. O'Neil would later repeat the claim with further specifics: “I heard it was a lawyer who was using a MacIntosh and lived in California — I obviously don’t have hard information on this, but I heard someone out there programmed his computer to dial it every couple of minutes, and since there was only about 65 votes that made the difference, if that story is true, that guy, that guy killed Jason Todd!”
When this idea was mooted, industry experts felt that the name chosen for this venture would alienate prospective customers. John Kilcullen of IDG, whose idea this was, disagreed. He felt that the term was not a judgment so much as a term of endearment and that buyers would recognize this. **What is being referred to?**
ANSWER 22

The For Dummies series of books
In 1968, Robert Rosenthal described what is sometimes known as the observer-expectancy effect. The basic postulate is that the teacher's expectations of a student significantly affect the student's performance i.e. the greater the expectation placed upon people, often children or students and employees, the better they perform. The effect is a form of self-fulfilling prophecy, and, in this respect, people will internalize their negative label, and those with positive labels succeed accordingly. Within sociology, the effect is often cited with regard to education and social class. Which legendary Cypriot figure is the effect named after?
He fell in love with a female statue he had carved out of ivory and it became a real woman after his prayers.
QUESTION 24 - CONNECT
The inspirations for The Hunger Games Trilogy

Contestants competing on a reality TV show (in this case Survivor), Invasion of Iraq, Theseus (Katniss is a modern day version) and The Vietnam War in which author Suzanne Collins lost her father
ANSWER 25

German Olympic Sport Federation
QUESTION 26

Mike Denness is infamously remembered today as the man who dared to question Tendulkar’s integrity, what is not remembered is his strange career as an England player and even stranger one as captain. Denness had been a controversial choice as Ray Illingworth's successor as England captain in September 1973, with critics claiming that he wasn't a good enough batsman to justify a place in the side, let alone be captain. His greatest criticism came from Geoffrey Boycott, a teammate who coveted the captaincy. In Australia in 1974-75, England were blown away by the unexpectedly fearsome pace attack of Dennis Lillee and Jeff Thomson. In the first three tests only Tony Greig had made a hundred, none of the batsmen were in any kind of form, and the injury list was long. Calls for Mike’s head started to gain strength and he responded in strange fashion. Some called his decision brave, others were not so sure. The public was sympathetic, but he did receive an envelope that had been sent with the address “Mike Denness, cricketer”. The letter inside read, “Should this reach you, the post office clearly thinks more of your ability than I do.” How did Mike respond to all the negative press around him?
Deness not only resigned as captain, but went as far as to drop himself from the side for the 4th test so that Keith Fletcher, who was dropped for the 3rd test, could play. John Edrich was named captain but England still went on to lose the test by 171 runs. Edrich’s injury allowed Deness back into the side as captain for the 5th test, in which he top-scored with 51 in the first innings. England, of course, still lost by 163 runs. Redemption finally came in the 6th test, in which he remained captain and scored 188, as England won by an innings and 4 runs, but his days were numbered and he only played a few more tests and ODIs before he quit as captain … again.
They were traditionally made from bone, quill, ivory, or gold and silver. Mass production is traced to the American entrepreneur, Charles Foster, who noticed young boys selling similar objects made of Spanish willow, while travelling through Brazil. He returned to Boston in 1870 and set up a factory that used white birch as the raw material. **What business did he start?**
ANSWER 27

Manufacturing toothpicks
One of the earliest mentions of the X dates back to the One Thousand and One Nights story of Sinbad the Sailor. Enga was the term used in the detailed description of X found in Itinerario by Ludovico di Varthema published in 1510 and also in the later Hortus Indicus Malabaricus. Both the terms that Marco Polo and the Arabs used for it roughly translate to the same thing in English.

Historical evidence, however, favors the European origin of the name X. The X reminded the Portuguese of a bogey-man, ghost, or witch that they used to scare children with. Although no one knew what it looked like, any Portuguese child could describe its face and head perfectly. The term Y in Portuguese means “grinning face, grin, grimace”, also “bugbear, scarecrow” so its easy to see why the Portuguese came up with the name X. X = ?
X = Coconut
Y = Coco
ANSWER 29

Ground Zero

Café Ground Zero in the Pentagon’s Center Courtyard (during the Cold War)

WTC

Hypocenter of Nagasaki
ANSWER 30

Wildlife is disappearing.
X is a grassroots movement that was initiated in 2001 for residents of a number of English-speaking countries, urging them to incorrectly record their Y on national census. It is believed the majority of people who responded in this fashion, did so to poke fun at the government, or as a protest against the inclusion of this question (field Y) on the census form.

Australia - 70,000 people or 0.37%
Canada - 21,000 people
Czech Republic - 15,070 people
New Zealand - Over 53,000 people or 1.5%
England and Wales - 390,127 people or 0.8%

X = ?
ANSWER 31

X = The Jedi Census Phenomenon
Y = Religion
The two vehicles shown above are examples of vehicles that are mostly used in small villages as a means of low cost transportation (often carrying more than 20 people at a time in remote locations and poor road conditions) in rural India. They are typically made by carpenters by fitting a diesel engine on a cart. They are known for having poor brakes and can not go faster than about 60 km/h (37 mph). These vehicles do not have any vehicle registration plate as they are not registered with the Regional Transport Office (RTO) and neither are they officially recognized as road worthy. The improvised vehicles have now become rather popular as a means to transport all manner of burdens, from lumber to steel rods to school children. What are they called?
ANSWER 32

Jugaad vehicles
The phrase X is said to have possibly originated from the practice of gamblers rubbing Ys to have better luck. Although the superstition is all but dead, the expression X is still part of day to day language. The belief that Ys have special powers or links with the devil is an ancient one. In particular, Ys were believed to share with the devil the ability to see into the future. X = ?
ANSWER 33

X = To have or play a hunch (from the belief that rubbing a hunchback’s hump brought good luck)
   Y = Hunchback
QUESTION 34 - CONNECT
ANSWER 34

Some of the Ovals of cricket

Darwin – Marrara Oval
Hobart – Bellerive Oval
London – The Oval (or the Kia Oval)
Pietermaritzburg – City Oval
Kimberley – DeBeers Diamond Oval
ANSWER 35

Alka-Seltzer
QUESTION 36

Provide a single word that connects

• An Audi concept car
• The 10th novel by German-Swiss author Hermann Hesse and a movie adapted from the same novel
• A DC comics supervillain - brother of Heggra, uncle of Darkseid, and also a member of his Elite.
• A Tony Award winning Chicago theatre company founded in 1974 by Gary Sinise, Terry Kinney, and Jeff Perry in the basement of a church in Highland Park, Illinois
• A Peter Maffay album
• The name of a rock band that was prominent in the late 1960s and the band’s first album
ANSWER 36

Steppenwolf
QUESTION 37
QUESTION 38 – LONG CON 2

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+2, -0
SET 1
SET 3
SET 4
ANSWER 38
Asteroids named after fictional characters

Set 1 - Don Quixote, Spock, Castafiore
Set 2 - Odysseus, James Bond, Arthur Dent
Set 3 - Merlin, Arthur, Guinevere, Lancelot, Moriarty, Sherlock, Dr. Watson
Set 4 - Cheshire Cat, Jabberwock, The March Hare, The Mad Hatter, Asterix, Obelix
That's all Folks!
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