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WHAT'S POPPIN

POP CULTURE QUIZ

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X is an Indian music trio whose debut track was prepared for a movie which was never released, due to the sudden death of the director - later, the track (and the entire album) was completed and released independently.

The trio claims that they came up with the composition of the title track of an Indian coming-of-age cult classic - while brushing their teeth.

One of the members received Padma Shri in 2019.

Name the trio X.

Shankar Ehsaan Loy

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X is a meme that has its feet in two worlds. Both worlds have famous orchestral music, massive following among children, and their spin-offs are set to release in the coming months. The protagonist of one of worlds is emblematic of the theme of 'being alive', while the other world ends with death - a fact not commonly known, curiously enough.

Identify X .



The “Tom chasing Harry and Ron” meme; two worlds - Harry Potter, Tom and Jerry

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Identify the person batting.



Dhyan Chand

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Pogchamp was one of the oldest and most popular emotes on live – streaming platform Twitch and was used by viewers to express excitement, joy or shock.

It has multiple variants and has been a big part of Twitch culture, so much so that Chess.com named its Twitch chess tournament, “Pogchamps”.

However, On January 6, 2021, the original Pogchamp emote was removed from Twitch. Twitch stated “.....we can't in good conscience continue to enable use of the image (original Pogchamp emote).”

Why did Twitch remove the emote?





It was removed because the guy who was the face of the emote, Ryan Gutierrez, was encouraging further violence on the US Capitol.

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X is a DreamWorks movie, based on an eponymous 1990 book for children (“X!”). X went through a plethora of changes to become what it was when it was released in 2001. Before its release, DreamWorks considered it a low-budget project to which animators were banished once they failed on other projects. “It was known as the Gulag,” said an animator at DreamWorks.

“If you failed on ‘Prince of Egypt’, you were sent to the dungeons to work on ‘X’” Employees would refer to it as ‘being X-ed’. (The name X with the suffix ed) Surprisingly, X turned out to be an Oscar winning movie and became a multi-billion dollar franchise.

Identify X .

Shrek

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X: A Murder Mystery, released in 1997, was an eponymous video game based on a particularly famous work. The player has the same primary objective, albeit with the secondary objective of reducing unnecessary deaths by means such as 'actually killing rats' (in a particular segment).

An interesting choice presented to the player is between being (or not) part of the actual action - they may ennoble their mind by analysing the original work, or chance misfortune by taking up arms against the antagonist.

Identify X.



X-Hamlet

The two modes of the game are 'To Be' (action) or 'Not To Be' (studying the text). 'Killing rats', of course, refers to the infamous slaying of an eavesdropping Polonius who

Hamlet mistakes for Claudius.

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X hugely impacted the way people around the world think of X's species in general, perpetuating the myth that _____ is loved by all of X's kind, whereas _____ actually carry very little nutritional value to members of X's species.

The funniest part is that the original joke was a reference to the Clark Gable film, "It Happened One Night", where he is seen munching on a _____ - it had nothing to do with X, or others like X. The 'Clark Gable' reference would have been obvious to people in the 1940s, but was forgotten over time, thus concretising as the myth that we now consider common knowledge.

By the way - X's next movie will be coming out this year.

Identify X and the myth.

X - Bugs Bunny; “rabbits love carrots”

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A particular advertisement by company X, aimed against another company, Y, was shown during the screening of a very famous horror movie. Y happens to share its name with the author of the book that inspired the movie.

The advertisement ended with a tagline that, while incorporating the name of the movie, has now become synonymous with X.

Identify X and the phrase.



"I'm loving IT"; Burger King, McDonald's

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X has always been the neglected counterpart of Y. The latter of the two paintings is recognised as one of the best examples of _____ art (pejoratively coined by 19th century critics, describing the nature of brushstrokes used), even though chronologically, Y came after X - almost as a visual 'counterpoint' to it.

Various historians have commented that Y exhibits the rich lolling about on the eponymous riverine island - in shade, lifeless and decadent - while X shows the working class enjoying their day of respite on the sunny, grassy knoll, on the other side of the river. Yet, the painter never expressly attached any such overtly political connotations to his work.

Identify X.

X - Bathers at Asnières, by George Seurat (counterpoint to the more famous A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatté); both are examples of pointillist art (using dots instead of strokes).



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Translators of a singularly famous work ran into a very hairy problem - that of coming up with an anagrammatic name for a particular character, in all languages, given how crucial this was to the plot. Some of the ones they came up with, include -

- Marten Asmodom Vilijn
- ___ Vorlost R_____ (different blank)
- ___ Dredolo Venster
- ___ Elvis Jedusor
- ___ Yarvolod Redl
- ___ Rowle Denem

(non-exhaustive, though representative list; all blanks are the same word, except the continuous one)

Find the logic .



The 'work' is Harry Potter (specifically, The Chamber of Secrets). The name is Tom Marvolo Riddle, which had to be an anagram for "I am Lord Voldemort".

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Spotting fake X has always been a challenge. This is especially important, given the jaw-dropping price tags and cultural importance of various pieces of X. In the late 2000's, a certain someone thought of a near-foolproof technique (which they unsuccessfully tried to patent in 2007) to distinguish between genuine and forged X, particularly from the 20th and late 19th centuries.

While most other methods are considered too invasive, inconclusive or potentially damaging, this technique relies on the absolute ubiquity of a unique chemical property ('unique' insofar as it is only observed post mid-20th century) in the common equipment used to make X.

What's the technique?

X - Art; checking for radioactive isotopes in paint, particularly strontium-90 and caesium-137. After 1945 (the year of the Trinity Test), there was a general rise in the level of radioactive isotopes in the atmosphere, which seeped into the soil and were absorbed by all plants, including that of flax; this gives us linseed, which is often used as a bonding agent in paints.

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William Perry _____, an American adventurer, wrote a series of articles for The Cleveland Leader, using the letters he had sent home while travelling. These articles led a French novelist to model the hero of one of his famous works, X, on Perry.

The protagonist's first name was slightly modified in the translations (though the surname was identical to the blank), which later inspired the name of another protagonist, albeit that of an American animated series, Y, that we have all seen, about yet another adventurous duo.

Identify X (the book) and Y (the animated series).



Fogg; X - Phineas and Ferb; Y - Around The World in Eighty Days

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This dystopian novel, published in 1985, has been banned in many schools over the years for being “violently graphic and morally corrupt”. The book selectively borrows from the historical model of the Puritan forefathers of America.

Potently feministic, its iconography has been borrowed by protesters in Ireland, UK, USA and Argentina agitating against issues as diverse as misogyny, a ban on abortions, or Donald Trump’s policies. This often manifests as in women dressed in an emblematic attire mentioned in the book.

Identify the book.

The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood

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From 1952 to 1957, the CIA's "Aedinosaur" operation launched balloons over West Germany that dropped copies of the book X. X was banned in the Soviet Union (until the late 1980s), Cuba, North Korea, the UAE and some African countries.

The book inspired Pink Floyd to release an album, which spoke of the corruption and social injustice prevalent in 1970s Britain, with the characters from the book used to symbolize aristocracy, military and the working classes in the lyrics.

Identify X .



X - Animal Farm

Symptoms of X-Y disorder include -

- Vocal fatigue
- Unnaturally deep, rough or husky voice
- Hoarseness
- Sore larynx (tightness or muscle aches in the throat)
- Sudden breaks or fading of the voice
- Feeling the need to clear the throat often

Individuals who suffer from this disorder tend to speak below their normal vocal range, usually due to the idea that a deep voice lends natural authority and élan - a notion popularised by the alliteratively-named, famous duo of X and Y, who lend their names to the disorder. Apocryphally, Y is said to originally have had a high, nasal voice, that she had to change given the public nature of her employment.

X and Y?

As Y would put it - "Just put your minds together, and think."

X - (Humphrey) Bogart ; Y - (Lauren) Bacall

The Bogart-Bacall Syndrome

Q16.



Inexhaustive list.
Connect -



Directors who starred in their own films. Jackie Chan
- Police Story 2 Taika Waititi - Thor: Ragnarok

Tommy Wiseau - The Room

Gurmeet Ram Rahim - The MSG

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Given below is a poster of an album, Y, by The Backstreet Boys. It is a promotional shot with different-hued lines projected all over, that depict X - possibly a tongue-in-cheek reference to the fact that X was an old technique used to sequence Y, just like the (erstwhile boy-, now) man-band.

Identify Y.



X - Sanger sequencing; Y - DNA

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X has received a National Award and featured in the Forbes India Celebrity 100 list. X has been actively working to raise awareness about topics such as breast cancer and LGBT rights. X also worked as an assistant director with Sanjay Leela Bhansali before becoming an actor.

Y is a British rock band formed in 1996. Its first song was based on toiletry and was taken as a joke by the public. They later went on to win 7 Grammy Awards.

X is the only individual from India to have featured in a song by Y.

Identify X and Y .



X - Sonam K. Ahuja
Y - Coldplay

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A world famous fashion brand launched the world's first capacitive touch-screen phone. It was announced about a month before the iPhone and it won at Germany's prestigious iF Design Awards, in September 2006.

The phone seemed somewhat dark, with the minimalist and monochrome look which was meant to reflect the “_____” experience.

Identify the brand.

Prada

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X was a song released by a punk rock band in 1977 during Queen Elizabeth II's Silver Jubilee. The lyrics as well as the cover were controversial at the time and BBC imposed a total ban on its airing. The original title of the song was "No Future" and the lyrics were a general expression of the band's view of monarchy. The song peaked at number 2 on the official UK Singles Chart, though there have been persistent rumours that it was kept off number 1 because it was felt that it might cause offence. The song was sampled by Madonna in her song "*Dress you up*" on her 2009 "*Sticky & Sweet*" tour.

Identify X.



'God Save the Queen' by Sex Pistols

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Jacques Bermon Webster II is an American rapper, singer, songwriter, and record producer. Like any other rapper, he collaborates with sneaker or fashion brands, though admittedly more interesting ones, such as having a concert in Fortnite, a limited edition Nerf gun and a limited edition Reese's Puffs cereal.

In September last year, he collaborated with a famous fast food chain, which started a peculiar trend wherein people would play 1-2 seconds of one of his songs when asked what they would like to order.

What is Jacques Bermon Webster II's stage name and the fast food chain he collaborated with?

Travis Scott and McDonald's

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X is an American animated television series, the popularity of which made it a media franchise. The theme song of the show is actually a very popular marching song used in the Russian military. An animated short, Y, created in 2003-2004 as a two-season series on VH1 and MTV2 called *'ILL-ustrated'*, was a not too subtle reimagining of X. The shorts were often referred to as a stoner comedy. They never ran on television due to the drug references, with characters either shaped like drugs or like paraphernalia related to drugs. But it can still be found on youtube.

Identify the original series X and the parody series Y.



X - SpongeBob SquarePants

Y - SpongeBong HempPants

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Now known as X, it is a widely loved film in India. The producers of this movie wanted Indian involvement and co-production for more authenticity, but the Indian government prohibited them from doing so.

For political reasons, this movie could not be released in India. The film skipped Indian cinemas but made its way globally under the title '***The Warrior Prince***'. Had it been released as intended, it would have been considered a landmark in this particular genre.

Name the famous story depicted in this movie.

Ramayan

Movie - *Ramayana: The Legend of Prince Rama*
(*the Japanese anime rendition*)

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X is a world famous packaged delicacy, having a sugary filling sealed inside two layers of thin, rectangular pastry crust. A study conducted in 1994 concluded that if left in the toaster for too long, X could produce flames upto 1.5 ft high.

During one of its 'democracy-saving' missions in the 1980's, the US military air dropped 2.4 million X.

Identify X.



Pop Tart

The French monarchs, starting from Henry IV till Louis XV, had a formal tradition of maintaining a “maîtresse-en-titre”, i.e. a royal mistress, who received various material privileges and a prominent position at court. One such individual was Madame de _____ (seen in the image), an 18th century socialite, who was noted for her patronage of Late Baroque art and architecture. She lent her name to a practice, not necessarily ‘art’, that percolated through the ages, embedding itself in modern pop culture - something that Dev Anand, Johnny Bravo, James Dean and Rick Astley (in his heyday) could’ve thanked her for. As in many cases, it’s a misnomer, as the trend/practice in question pre-dates her.

FITB (which is now the name of the 'practice')



Madame de Pompadour - the eponymous haircut, variously known as the **quiff, ducktail, jelly roll or 'Elvis cut'**.

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X was a unit of the US Air Force set up during World War II - truly, the first of its kind. Despite being relatively unknown to most, their contribution to every theatre of war was immense. The ambit of their security clearance was jarringly wide - they were among the first to acquire highly-classified, detailed plans for the air-bombardment of the Japanese coast, as well as those for the atomic bombing of Nagasaki and Hiroshima.

They were the first unit to handle the video records of Buchenwald Concentration Camp being freed by the Allies, and that of Nazi leaders (like Hermann Goring) being debriefed in Allied custody, on V-J day.

With strength of just over 1000, this unit still managed to have a representative in almost every combat situation, on every plane that went up in the air, from reconnaissance to clean-up - despite the fact that they were not a combat or espionage unit .

What was so special about the composition of this unit, that closely ties in with their purpose?



The First Motion Picture Unit of the US Air Force.

They were entirely comprised of moviemen from Hollywood (a first in history), to make basic training videos and reconnaissance videos for fighter pilots before missions.