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Science & Technology

1. Mary Elizabeth Lease would **MOST** likely have supported which of the following inventions?

- A) The dishwasher
- B) The vinyl record
- C) The typewriter
- D) The telescope
- E) The fountain pen

2. Which of the following people would **MOST** likely have been disappointed by the failure of nuclear-powered cars?

- A) Frederick Taylor
- B) Frank Lloyd Wright
- C) Rachel Carson
- D) René Magritte
- E) Marilyn Chin

3. Which of the following would **MOST** likely prefer a console output over a throbber?

- A) A user who wants reassurance that a task is running
- B) A developer trying to identify why a task failed
- C) A passenger waiting for baggage at an airport
- D) A diner playing games while waiting for food
- E) A survey designer hoping more users finish a form

4. Which of the following would a person teaching the 2nd Law of Thermodynamics **MOST** likely say?

- A) "Practice makes perfect."
- B) "Knowledge is power."
- C) "Nothing lasts forever."
- D) "If heat is your power, what are you without it?"
- E) "Fortune favors the bold."

5. The **Big Mac Index** to exchange rates is like:

- A) a throbber is to the processing speed
- B) a skeleton screen is to page content
- C) a passport is to national identity
- D) a thermometer is to temperature
- E) a stopwatch is to time

6. A company has not built anything yet but wants proof that a technology is physically possible. Which document should it seek first?

- A) Mockup
- B) Storyboard
- C) Proof of Concept
- D) Minimum Marketable Feature
- E) Wireframe

7. During cellular reprogramming to iPSCs, which epigenetic change is most essential for activating pluripotency genes?

- A) Increased DNA methylation at promoters
- B) Histone H3K27 trimethylation
- C) Chromatin opening via DNA demethylation and H3K4me3 enrichment
- D) Telomere shortening
- E) RNA splicing suppression

8. Which figure would have been most sympathetic to the philosophy behind rapid prototyping?

- A) Frederick Taylor
- B) Aristotle
- C) Thomas Edison
- D) Ptolemy
- E) Robert Owen

9. Which of the following pairs relies on the same underlying assumption?

- A) Tesla Bot | The Mechanical Turk
- B) Google Dinosaur Game | Ridge Racer's Galaxian Easter Egg
- C) MVPs | Big Mac Index
- D) Caretaker Governments | Lame Duck Presidents
- E) The Doomsday Clock | The Happiness Index

10. Which pair is delayed primarily because of materials engineering rather than theoretical physics?

- A) Fusion power | AGI
- B) Space elevator | Graphene
- C) Food pills | Cancer cures
- D) Virtual reality | Flying cars
- E) Nanotechnology | AGI

11. Which technology is most constrained by the Tsiolkovsky rocket equation?

- A) AGI
- B) Virtual reality
- C) Space elevator
- D) Food pills
- E) Graphene

12. A researcher attempting to overcome the Hayflick limit would probably be MOST interested in?

- A) Senotherapeutics
- B) Telomere extension
- C) Plasma transfusion
- D) Organoids
- E) Cryonics

13. A quantum computer is to a logical qubit as a cathedral is to:

- A) A brick
- B) A blueprint
- C) A flying buttress
- D) A stone mason
- E) A parish

14. Which concept would BEST explain why completing the final 10% of Berlin Brandenburg Airport proved harder than constructing much of the physical structure itself?

- A) Entropy
- B) Simpson's paradox
- C) The Pareto Principle
- D) Brooks' Law
- E) 2nd Law of Thermodynamics

15. A population evolving through natural selection is most analogous to which project-management philosophy?

- A) Command-Control
- B) Waterfall Method
- C) Sashimi Model
- D) Agile Manifesto
- E) Six Sigma

16. The Sashimi Model differs from the Waterfall Method in much the same way that:

- A) overlapping wavefronts differ from sequential pulses
- B) solids differ from liquids
- C) planets differ from stars
- D) acids differ from bases
- E) electrons differ from protons

17. The relationship between desire paths and ant foraging trails is most similar because both emerge from:

- A) Centralized planning
- B) Random chance alone
- C) Collective optimization of movement
- D) Genetic engineering
- E) Atmospheric Pressure Gradients

18. A researcher researching which scientific field would MOST likely study Brass's Paradox?

- A) Taxonomy
- B) Fluid dynamics
- C) Network theory
- D) Paleontology
- E) Crystallography

19. Dead reckoning is most dependent upon knowledge of:

- A) previous position and motion
- B) DNA sequences
- C) atmospheric composition
- D) soil permeability
- E) radioactive half-life

20. Which of the following innovations would most likely be praised by a hydrologist concerned about urban runoff?

- A) Inductive charging
- B) DSRC
- C) Permeable pavement
- D) Gallery roads
- E) Milestones

Special Area

21. Which cognitive bias would most likely accuse the Doomsday Clock of reinforcing?

- A) Survivorship bias
- B) Historical pessimism
- C) Anchoring bias
- D) Availability heuristic
- E) Confirmation bias

22. Which statement would Finn Murphy be MOST likely to endorse?

- A) "Technological uncertainty is generally a reason to delay investment."
- B) "Only governments should fund tech. with planetary consequences."
- C) "The possibility of failure is inseparable from transformative innovation."
- D) "Technological development should prioritize predictability over ambition."
- E) "The safest innovation is often the most valuable."

23. Critics who view apocalyptic art MOST as a response to social anxiety would likely compare it to:

- A) A thermometer
- B) A catalyst
- C) A cultural stress test
- D) A control group
- E) A placebo

24. A passenger on the London-Calcutta bus route would have been MOST likely to have listened to which song?:

- A) Illegal Alien
- B) I'll Wait for the Next One
- C) Strawberry Fields Forever
- D) Life is a Highway
- E) Isle of Hope, Isle of Tears

25. The decline of independent roadside motels following the construction of interstate highways most closely resembles the decline of:

- A) monasteries after the Reformation
- B) Silk Road cities after the rise of maritime trade
- C) aristocratic estates after industrialization
- D) guilds after mechanization
- E) newspapers after television

26. Which of the following journeys would William Least Heat-Moon MOST likely regard as the least meaningful?

- A) A pilgrimage that returns home
- B) A voyage undertaken for self-discovery
- C) A wandering expedition without a timetable
- D) A commute optimized entirely for efficiency
- E) A road trip with no fixed destination

27. Which of the following concepts best explains why Route 66 remains culturally significant despite no longer serving its original transportation function?

- A) Creative destruction
- B) Collective effervescence
- C) Retrotopia
- D) Simulacrum
- E) Cultural lag

28. A doorway is to episodic memory is most similar to:

- A) punctuation is to language
- B) pigment is to painting
- C) rhythm is to music
- D) perspective is to architecture
- E) grammar is to rhetoric

29. Which statement would Marc Augé be MOST likely to reject?

- A) "Some spaces are designed primarily for transit."
- B) "Travel can weaken attachment to local identity."
- C) "An airport may feel similar regardless of country."
- D) "Every frequently occupied space necessarily develops a strong sense of place."
- E) "Modernity has produced new forms of human movement."

30. The relationship between "The Backrooms" and horror is most similar to:

- A) cubism and geometry
- B) noir and shadows
- C) surrealism and dreams
- D) romanticism and nature
- E) minimalism and silence

31. Which figure would most likely enjoy “The Stanley Parable”?

- A) Davey Wreden
- B) Gregory Crewdson
- C) Euclid
- D) Adam Smith
- E) Charles Darwin

32. Which concept is most similar to the doorway effect?

- A) déjà vu
- B) memory segmentation
- C) pareidolia
- D) synesthesia
- E) echolalia

33. Which rite of passage would most likely emphasize civic identity?

- A) voting
- B) sweet sixteen
- C) vision quest
- D) debut
- E) khatam al-Quran

34. The concept of “adulthood” is most directly evidence for which idea?

- A) Modern societies have abolished adulthood.
- B) Biological maturity determines social status.
- C) Responsibility increases linearly with age.
- D) Technology eliminates rites of passage.
- E) Adulthood is partly socially constructed.

35. The emergence of the “teenager” as a distinct social category in the mid-20th century was most closely linked to which broader social change?

- A) The growing influence of youth culture in entertainment and consumer markets
- B) The decline of formal education requirements for young people
- C) The introduction of international agreements on children's rights
- D) The expansion of political participation among people under 18
- E) The replacement of family-run businesses with large corporations

36. Jane Solomon implies that the concept of “adulthood” gained traction because traditional definitions of adulthood have become:

- A) More individualized
- B) Less attainable
- C) More economically dependent
- D) Less desirable
- E) More ambiguous

37. A girl realizes she no longer enjoys playing the violin and has no plans to continue playing in the future. Which action is most likely influenced by the sunk cost fallacy?

- A) Quitting lessons and using the extra time to pursue a new hobby.
- B) Continuing lessons because she has already spent so much time learning the violin.
- C) Taking a short break before deciding whether to continue.
- D) Asking her teacher whether there are new ways to make the lessons more engaging.
- E) Finishing the lessons she has already paid for, then reevaluating whether to continue.

38. Which of the following was NOT a merchandise product coming from The Sopranos?

- A) Podcast
- B) Video Game
- C) Books
- D) Board Game
- E) Cocktail recipe book

39. Which of the following people would be MOST likely to agree with Zeno's conclusion that motion is impossible?

- A) Heraclitus
- B) Parmenides
- C) Isaac Newton
- D) Galileo Galilei
- E) Charles Darwin

40. The Life of Pi could be described BEST as a/an?:

- A) Analogy
- B) Allegory
- C) Parable
- D) Exegesis
- E) Synecdoche

Social Studies

41. The continued installation of placebo buttons is most analogous to which historical practice?

- A) The use of ceremonial monarchs with limited political power
- B) The establishment of public libraries
- C) The construction of aqueducts
- D) The codification of laws
- E) The abolition of serfdom

42. Which of the following inventions would have been MOST vulnerable to a similar criticism for Namco's Loading Screen patent?

- A) A patented battery chemistry
- B) A patented vaccine formula
- C) A patented engine design
- D) A patented semiconductor architecture
- E) A patented way of page-turning in ebooks

43. La Sagrada Família's architectural style is best described as a combination of:

- A) Baroque and Neoclassical
- B) Gothic and Art Nouveau
- C) Romanesque and Brutalist
- D) Renaissance and Bauhaus
- E) International Style and Rococo

44. Which of the following figures would MOST likely be disappointed by a Kanban board?

- A) A software developer trying to identify workflow bottlenecks
- B) A Toyota factory manager seeking to reduce work-in-progress
- C) A project leader trying to visualize task flow
- D) A Stakhanovite Movement supporter seeking maximum individual output
- E) An Agile coach monitoring team capacity

45. A historian of management might describe the relationship between the Harmonogram and the Gantt Chart as most similar to the relationship between:

- A) calculus and algebra
- B) the telegraph and the telephone
- C) the steam engine and the locomotive
- D) the airplane and the helicopter
- E) the printing press and the newspaper

46. Which of the following would most likely have been impossible without ephemerides?

- A) Measuring ship speed
- B) Predicting the future positions of celestial bodies
- C) Constructing a magnetic compass
- D) Calculating latitude from sea level
- E) Building a chronometer

47. Which pair solves the same navigational problem using the most fundamentally different source of information?

- A) Honeybee and desert ant
- B) Sea turtle and indigo bunting
- C) Sea turtle and homing pigeon
- D)
- E) Honeybee and dung beetle
- F) Indigo bunting and dung beetle

48. Viktor Navorski's passport was NOT recognized due to what event happening in his home country?

- A) A war with another country
- B) A nuclear disaster caused by political rivalry
- C) An error in passport creation
- D) A mass immigration wave
- E) A coup within the government

49. A voter who opposes immigration despite living in a region with few immigrants would provide the strongest evidence against which assumption?

- A) Politics is influenced only by direct experience.
- B) National identity can change over time.
- C) Democracies contain competing interests.
- D) Media influences public opinion.
- E) Economic concerns affect voting behavior.

50. Edward Snowden spent approximately how long in the transit zone of Moscow's Sheremetyevo Airport before being granted temporary asylum?

- A) 10 days
- B) 14 days
- C) 33 days
- D) 39 days
- E) 5 days

51. The Robie House's exterior aesthetic relies heavily on the mix between iron-flecked brick and?

- A) stained concrete
- B) iridescent leaded glass
- C) polished marble
- D) cast iron columns
- E) terracotta tiles

52. Grand Park to Los Angeles is like:

- A) a census is to a population
- B) a mirror is to a face
- C) a flag is to a nation
- D) a map is to a territory
- E) a museum is to a collection

53. Which of the following structures was built closest in time to the release of Los Tigres del Norte's *Somos Más Americanos*?

- A) Michigan Theater
- B) Parc des Célestins
- C) Garagenatelier Car Park
- D) LEGO Parking House
- E) 9th Avenue Parkade

54. Which pair shares the strongest connection to visual spectacle?

- A) Michigan Theater | Parc des Célestins
- B) LEGO Parking House | 9th Avenue Parkade
- C) Garagenatelier Car Park | Michigan Theater
- D) Parc des Célestins | Garagenatelier Car Park
- E) LEGO Parking House | Parc des Célestins

55. The Temple Street Parking Garage's architecture is BEST described as:

- A) Brutalist
- B) Baroque
- C) Futurist
- D) Art Nouveau
- E) Neoclassical

56. A television producer hoping to exploit the Zeigarnik Effect would be most likely to:

- A) shorten episodes
- B) increase advertising
- C) end episodes with unresolved conflicts
- D) reduce the number of characters
- E) simplify the plot

57. Which of the following works is MOST likely to benefit from the Zeigarnik Effect by leaving its audience with a major unresolved question?

- A) Life of Pi
- B) Stargate Universe
- C) A Gentleman in Moscow
- D) The Wizard of Oz
- E) Avatar

58. The Polynesians' method of wayfinding could be BEST compared to which of the following animals' navigation method?

- A) Desert ants
- B) Honey bees
- C) Sea turtles
- D) Indigo buntings
- E) Homing pigeons

59. The Eisenhower Method to the 4-D Method is most similar to:

- A) diagnosis and treatment
- B) map and territory
- C) question and answer
- D) experiment and theory
- E) cause and effect

60. According to Umberto Eco, the relationship between Homer's Catalogue of Ships and Achilles' shield is best understood as a contrast between:

- A) memory and imagination
- B) war and peace
- C) infinity and finite form
- D) myth and history
- E) poetry and prose

History

61. Benjamin Franklin's virtue-tracking system is BEST understood as a product of which broader historical movement?

- A) Romanticism
- B) Enlightenment
- C) Mercantilism
- D) Feudalism
- E) Existentialism

62. The Fifth Monarchy Men differed from Robert Boyle primarily because they believed the millennium would arrive through:

- A) education
- B) technological innovation
- C) political revolution
- D) international trade
- E) artistic expression

63. Which of the following modern movements most closely resembles Hartlib's dream of a scientific utopia?

- A) Ludditism
- B) Romanticism
- C) Mercantilism
- D) Neo-feudalism
- E) Transhumanism

64. The founders of the Doomsday Clock would be MOST familiar with which of the following fields?

- A) Natural disasters
- B) Military personnel
- C) Political rivalry
- D) Climate change
- E) Nuclear fission

65. Which of the following people would see the Y2K bug as a success?

- A) Richard Artschwager
- B) George Mallory
- C) Steve Jobs
- D) Bill Clinton
- E) Norah Jones

66. The cooperation required to build the Large Hadron Collider most closely resembles the cooperation behind:

- A) the construction of the Great Wall
- B) the Manhattan Project
- C) the Crusades
- D) the Hanseatic League
- E) the Silk Road

67. Joanna Southcott's source of predictions could be seen as:

- A) Schizophrenia
- B) Dementia
- C) Psychosis
- D) Internet manipulation
- E) Planetary signs

68. Odilon Redon reinterprets Revelation 20 using what medium?

- A) Cold Wax
- B) Glass
- C) Lithographs
- D) Gouache
- E) Yupo Paper

69. Which of the following BEST explains why Bangladesh adopted a caretaker government system in the 1990s?

- A) To accelerate economic development
- B) To reduce the influence of the military in foreign policy
- C) To ensure neutrality during national elections
- D) To satisfy conditions imposed by the United Nations
- E) To facilitate the transition from monarchy to democracy

70. The MS St. Louis returned to Europe only months before which event?

- A) the attack on Pearl Harbor
- B) the German invasion of Poland
- C) D-Day
- D) the Battle of Britain
- E) the Yalta Conference

71. Which of the following inventions would a traditional Polynesian wayfinder have found not necessary during a transoceanic voyage?

- A) Astrolabe
- B) Magnetic compass
- C) Sextant
- D) Marine chronometer
- E) None of the above

72. The efforts of Nainoa Thompson to revive wayfinding are most similar to the efforts of historians attempting to preserve:

- A) Roman concrete
- B) oral traditions
- C) parliamentary procedure
- D) mercantilism
- E) factory production methods

73. Mau Piailug's role in the 1976 voyage of Hōkūleʻa is most similar to that of:

- A) a museum curator preserving artifacts
- B) a politician promoting tourism
- C) an engineer designing a new ship
- D) a cartographer drawing a new map
- E) a translator preserving an endangered language

74. Many European explorers viewed the Arctic as "terra incognita" while Inuit did not. This difference arose primarily because Inuit:

- A) possessed superior ships and large parties
- B) had established a research station there
- C) understood the region over generations
- D) had access to better maps & adapted tools
- E) avoided long-distance travel

75. The Kola Superdeep Borehole project was most directly a product of which context?

- A) European colonial competition in Africa
- B) Cold War scientific and ideological rivalry
- C) Post-World War I reconstruction
- D) Industrial Revolution resource extraction
- E) Medieval alchemical traditions

76. Which development most strengthened the role of cities like Istanbul and Malacca in pre-modern trade?

- A) Abolition of sea navigation restrictions
- B) Integration of overlapping overland and maritime trade corridors
- C) Replacement of barter systems with fiat currency
- D) Collapse of nomadic pastoral economies
- E) Expansion of inland river irrigation systems

77. The role of Carthage in Mediterranean trade is MOST similar to which later city?

- A) Moscow
- B) Hong Kong
- C) Berlin
- D) Kyoto
- E) Timbuktu

78. Which feature most clearly distinguishes an entrepôt from a standard commercial port?

- A) Exclusive focus on exporting locally produced goods
- B) Long-term settlement of merchant populations only
- C) Temporary storage and re-export without full customs integration
- D) Direct taxation of agricultural hinterlands
- E) central state ownership of trade goods

79. Free-trade zones historically emerge most directly as a response to:

- A) decentralization of religious authority
- B) inefficiencies created by overlapping sovereign tariff systems
- C) collapse of long-distance maritime technology
- D) decline in artisan guild production
- E) expansion of subsistence economies

80. Which modern system most closely replicates the economic logic of caravanserais along the Silk Road?

- A) bonded logistics hubs with temporary customs suspension
- B) centralized stock exchanges with fixed trading floors
- C) state-run agricultural cooperatives
- D) closed-loop barter markets
- E) colonial charter companies

Art & Music

81. In “Rain, Steam, and Speed” by J.M.W. Turner, which element MOST directly represents modernity’s compression of time?

- A) the steam train
- B) the hare
- C) the bridge
- D) the rain
- E) the horizon

82. Which element MOST clearly reveals Monet’s additive technique of pure pigment accents over a pre-mixed tonal base in the final stage of “Gare Saint-Lazare”?

- A) smoke under the bridge
- B) cobalt hints on engines
- C) steam diffusion zones
- D) architectural framework
- E) vermilion dots on passengers

83. Camille Seaman shares the same interests as which of the following?

- A) Gwendolyn Brooks
- B) Knud Rasmussen
- C) David Chase
- D) Wilbur Wright
- E) Frida Kahlo

84. Which work was created closest in time to the 2012 Mayan apocalypse prediction?

- A) Samuel Beckett | Waiting for Godot
- B) Pablo Neruda | “Keeping Still”
- C) Philippe Orreindy | I’ll Wait for the Next One...
- D) Amor Towles | A Gentleman in Moscow
- E) Marcel Aymé | “The Man Who Could Walk through Walls”

85. Which of the following BEST describes the source of motivation to create “Where Do We Come From? What Are We? Where Are We Going?” by Paul Gauguin?

- A) Mental desperation
- B) Financial struggle
- C) Life instability
- D) Disappointment
- E) Grievance for a passing

86. The creation of The Dance was most directly influenced by which of the following individuals?

- A) William Blake
- B) Igor Stravinsky
- C) Sergei Shchukin
- D) Pablo Picasso
- E) Claude Monet

87. Biagio da Cesena would most likely have objected to which artistic feature of The Last Judgment?

- A) Its use of Christian imagery
- B) Its inclusion of saints
- C) Its large scale and glorification
- D) Its extensive nudity
- E) Its depiction of Christ

88. Which of the following would relate the MOST to Quartet for the End of Time: “Abyss of the Birds” by Olivier Messiaen?

- A) Otto Dix
- B) Albrecht Dürer
- C) Saby Menyhei
- D) Karen Russell
- E) Jacob Lawrence

89. Sandro Botticelli uses what to describe peace and renewal in The Mystical Nativity?

- A) The brown cow observing Christ
- B) Angels dropping down from above
- C) Olive branches being held
- D) Scenery and environment
- E) All of the above

90. The title “Sick atmosphere at Sunset” would resonate the MOST with which of the following artists?

- A) Edvard Munch
- B) Claude Monet
- C) Gregory Crewdson
- D) Andrew Wyeth
- E) Frida Kahlo

91. Which line would the director of “It’s The End Of The World” music Video MOST likely say?

- A) “Put the dog inside the shed!”
- B) “Give the boy an ice cream cone.”
- C) “Play with that mechanical train set!”
- D) “Do some cool skateboard tricks!”
- E) “Give me funny faces!”

92. The musical “Dear Evan Hansen” is BEST described as?

- A) A crime story
- B) A misunderstanding
- C) An overlapping of lives
- D) A high school heartbreak
- E) A web of lies

93. Where was the “Strawberry Field” that The Beatles mentioned in the song “Strawberry Fields Forever (Home Demo Sequence)” located?

- A) London
- B) Liverpool
- C) Cotswolds
- D) Cornwall
- E) Tarpon Springs

94. Which of the following did Hiroshi Yoshimura NOT take inspiration from in the making of “Music for Nine Post Cards”?

- A) Clouds
- B) Shade of trees
- C) Sound of rain
- D) Movement of rivers
- E) Snow in a town

95. Which of the following singers has a designated part of a road named after them?

- A) Nat Cole
- B) Tom Cochrane
- C) Bic Runga
- D) Norah Jones
- E) All of the above

96. Which of the following sites would Ruth B. be MOST thankful for regarding the song “Lost Boy”?

- A) Vine
- B) Youtube
- C) iTunes
- D) Spotify
- E) Instagram

97. An enjoyer of the romance genre would LEAST enjoy which of the following work?

- A) I’ll Wait for the Next One... (2002)
- B) Come Away with Me (2002)
- C) Drive (1996)
- D) This One’s Mine (2018)
- E) Count on Me (1994)

98. Umberto Eco would be MOST interested in which of the following artist’s selected work?

- A) Nat Cole
- B) The Beatles
- C) Lin-Manuel Miranda
- D) Tom Cochrane
- E) Willie Nelson

99. In “Count on Me” by Alan Menken, who is Aladdin singing to?

- A) Jasmine
- B) Abu
- C) Agrabah
- D) Razoul
- E) None of the above

100. Frank Sinatra would describe his song “My Way” as:

- A) Self-indulgent
- B) Restrained
- C) Abstemious
- D) Self-denying
- E) Self-disciplined

Literature & Media

101. Based on their selected work in this year's curriculum of the following poets is the LEAST afraid of death?

- A) Du Fu
- B) Rumi
- C) Ruth B
- D) Joss Whedon
- E) Major Jackson

102. John Donne's "Death Be not Proud" can BEST be described as:

- A) Ironic
- B) Somber
- C) Maddening
- D) Uplifting
- E) Angry

103. Thich Nhat Hanh would MOST likely call "Please Call Me By My True Names" as what other title?

- A) "Victims and Perpetrators"
- B) "Calls from The Lost"
- C) "Inner Peace"
- D) "Interconnections"
- E) "Balance in Harm and Youth"

104. Emily Dickinson would MOST LIKELY say that death is:

- A) Masochistic
- B) Depressing
- C) Educated
- D) Kind
- E) Strict

105. Odysseus from "Ulysses" by Alfred Lord Tennyson would compare knowledge to:

- A) A sinking star
- B) A vast sea
- C) A dream
- D) A scholar's life
- E) An oak tree

106. What figure of speech was mainly used by John Donne to write Holy Sonnets: Death, be not proud?

- A) Alliteration
- B) Onomatopoeia
- C) Personification

- D) Oxymoron
- E) Metonymy

107. A supporter of Pablo Neruda's message in "Keeping Still" would probably be most skeptical of:

- A) Sabbath observance
- B) Mindfulness meditation
- C) The quantified-self movement
- D) Silent retreats
- E) Monastic contemplation

108. The "beast" in Sonnet 50 by William Shakespeare plays a role most similar to:

- A) a chorus in Greek tragedy
- B) a foil in a comedy of manners
- C) a mirror in a psychological novel
- D) a villain in a revenge tragedy
- E) a narrator in an epic poem

109. In "Sailing to Byzantium," the phrase "fastened to a dying animal" is best understood as referring to:

- A) humanity's dependence on domesticated creatures
- B) the speaker's aging physical body
- C) the decline of the Byzantine Empire
- D) the cyclical destruction of nature
- E) the mortality of artistic traditions

110. The transformation at the end of "Vacation" is most similar to which process?

- A) A census categorizing citizens by occupation
- B) A theater audience becoming a cast
- C) A database compressing many files into one label
- D) A family reunion gathering distant relatives
- E) A museum assigning names to anonymous artifacts

111. The games POOLS by Tensori took the MOST inspiration from which of the following Backrooms levels?

- A) Level 19
- B) Level 37
- C) Level 20
- D) Level 4
- E) Level 871

112. Which of the following people should you be wary of being able to walk through walls?

- A) Librarian
- B) Wine cellar guard
- C) Registry clerk
- D) Coalminer
- E) All of the above

113. The Stanley Parable's description is MOST synonymous to which of the following works?

- A) "Sailing to Byzantium"
- B) "A Letter from Isaac Asimov to his Wife Janet, Written on His Deathbed"
- C) "Please Call Me by My True Names"
- D) "The Sound of One Immigrant Clapping"
- E) "Far From the Home I Love"

114. The speaker's view of death in "Gitanjali 95" is best illustrated by which of the following events?

- A) A traveler returning to a homeland he has never seen
- B) A reader finishing the final page of a beloved novel
- C) A child being moved from one room of a house to another
- D) A student exchanging one teacher for a more demanding one
- E) A prisoner being released after a long sentence

115. If Rumi were alive today, which of the following inventions would he be most likely to use as a metaphor for death?

- A) A smartphone battery being replaced after it can no longer hold a charge.
- B) A video game character gaining a new ability after advancing to the next level.
- C) A computer file being permanently deleted from a hard drive.
- D) A photograph fading after years of exposure to sunlight.
- E) A clock reaching the end of its designed lifespan.

116. Which of the following characters would be most likely to understand the immigrant's experience as portrayed in the poem "The Sound of One Immigrant Clapping"?

- A) A collector determined to preserve every object exactly as it was found
- B) An actor who gradually becomes identified with the role they perform night after night
- C) A judge whose decisions are guided solely by written precedent
- D) A tourist who visits many countries but never stays long enough to learn their customs
- E) A historian committed to reconstructing events as accurately as possible

117. Which symbol would fit "The New Colossus" but least fit "The Sound of One Immigrant Clapping"?

- A) A bridge connecting two shores
- B) A lamp guiding travelers through darkness
- C) A doorway that remains partly open
- D) A mirror reflecting multiple faces
- E) A river carrying traces of its source

118. Which assumption is most essential to the speaker's longing for the sea in "Sea Fever"?

- A) Freedom is more valuable than security.
- B) Identity is discovered rather than inherited.
- C) Certain environments can call forth a truer version of oneself.
- D) Adventure is preferable to stability regardless of cost.
- E) Nature exists independently of human concerns.

119. The speaker's attraction to Byzantium arises primarily from its association with:

- A) political stability
- B) historical prestige
- C) religious devotion
- D) intellectual freedom
- E) artistic permanence

120. Which of the following problems do Estragon and Vladimir NOT have in "Waiting for Godot"?

- A) Stubbornness
- B) Suicidal thoughts
- C) Time blindness
- D) Starvation
- E) Raging at a young boy