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## The 2012 edition

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## Rules

- Time allowed: $\mathbf{9 0}$ minutes
- Wait for start signal
- $\star / \star \star$ ed questions will resolve ties
- No negative marking
- No half marks for any question
- When the answer is a person's name a correct surname will do, unless the full name is specifically asked for
- A wrong first name but correct surname will count as a wrong answer
- Mobiles, PDAs and similar gadgets must be switched off. Usage during the quiz will lead to immediate disqualification
- Any attempt at cheating will result in immediate disqualification





| 65 | This region's name literally means "four circuits of rivers and gorges". The cuisine of this region is categorized as one of the Eight Culinary Traditions of China. The peppercorn flavour makes it suitable to the Indian palate. Which region? | $\square$ |
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| 66 | William H. Whyte, Jr. coined the term in a Fortune magazine article and associated this phenomenon with eight symptoms, including mind guards, rationalization, and self-censorship. This phenomenon was avoided during the Cuban Missile Crisis but had a strong influence on the failed Bay of Pigs invasion. Name this phenomenon wherein alternative courses of action are ignored in favour of promoting cohesion and uniformity. | $\square$ |
| 67 | The Pitaya, commonly known as the Dragon Fruit, is borne by which plant species? | $\square$ |
| 68 | Known in the local language as Tokieong Long, which island was one of the first places to be affected by the 2004 tsunami and has two adjoining protected areas, the Campbell Bay National Park in the north and the Galathea National Park in the south? |  |
| 69 * | What form of temple music from Kerala literally means "staircase music" in Sanskrit/ Malayalam as it comprises devotional songs sung on the flight of steps leading up to the sanctum sanctorum of a temple, to the accompaniment of a variety of instruments, the edakka being the most commonly used? | $\square$ |
| 70 | If you double the letter 'O' in this word you get the dense chewy treat made with sweetened coconut. If you tag the letter 'i' to it, you get the name the dishevelled Yankee soldier gave to his hairstyle after sticking a feather in his hat. Give the exact spelling of the French confection that has two hard outer shells sandwiched together with a soft creamy centre, like a cream biscuit. | $\square$ |
| 71 | From 1941, at the request of MI9, Norman Watson the MD of Waddingtons had sent out metal implements and silk maps disguised as toys to British prisoner-ofwar camps. In 1947, when Anthony Pratt and his wife met Watson with their invention, Watson struck a deal with them, but asked that they change the name of the person called Yellow, as the colour "had certain connotations inappropriate in a military man". How do we know the man who was originally called Yellow? | $\square$ |
| 72 | What drink of choice linked the Gauls, as depicted by Goscinny, with the famous friend of the missionary CF Andrews? |  |
| 73 | They are almost always low-heeled, the toes are always rounded and closed and they feature a strap near the ankle. What is the generic name for these kind of shoes, that traces its origin to the name of the sister of Buster Brown, the mischievous boy in the popular early 20th century comic strip? |  |
| 74 | This word coming from the Turkish for "taste/ flavour" refers to a number of small dishes served at the beginning of lunch or dinner in Mediterranean and Middle cuisines. What is the word? |  |
| 75 | This word variously refers to someone not subject to a ruler or a nation, a champagne bottle of a capacity of almost 25 litres and a gold coin minted in UK with a nominal value of 1 pound. What word, that is used widely in India in a different context? |  |
| 76 | The author of this book bought 7000 books on various aspects of WWII and interviewed 16000 people for his landmark book about a single momentous day of the war. Considered the first example of literary journalism, this book is believed to have sold at least 25 million copies. Name this 1959 book. |  |
| 77 | Legend has it that a God planned to marry a beautiful woman named Naipí, who fled with her mortal lover Tarobá in a canoe. In rage the god sliced the river, condemning the lovers to an eternal fall. Which UNESCO World Heritage Site, that once made Eleanor Roosevelt exclaim, "Poor Niagara!"? |  |
| 78 | Known as "berline" or "berlina" in some parts of mainland Europe, its common name comes from the Italian for a "carried chair". The first of its kind was the Renault Voiturette Type B. What is the common name? | $\square$ |



| 95 | This nursery rhyme was used as a derogatory phrase for poor refereeing in sports <br> like hockey that have more than a pair of officials. A jazzy version of the rhyme <br> was used to introduce the 3 Stooges in the period 1939-59. Name the rhyme. |  |
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| 96 | Finding that the original Sloan letters in a traditional 'Snellen' were unsuitable, <br> Sergei Golovin and D. A. Sivtsev developed an alternative by arranging U, Б, M, <br> H, K, bl, И in a certain order. What is the Golovin-Sivtsev method used for? |  |
| 97 | Fill in the blank with a name in this concluding line of the novel Moth Smoke by <br> Mohsin Hamid: "It is perhaps between hope and memory, in the atomized, atomic <br> lands once Aurangzeb's empire, that our poets tell us <br> called out to God as he died." |  |
| 98 | A 2001 Naseeruddin Shah play is a theatrical retelling of the stories Bu and Lihaaf, <br> two works by writers who were contemporaries. The title of the play is evocative of <br> the obscenity charges to which the writers responded in the Lahore High Court. |  |
| Name either writer. |  |  |





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