

KQA

Mahaquizzer Middle East - Kuwait

2017

Answers

Instructions to the host

- Small spelling variations are okay, use your judgement
- For all answers which are names of people, just surname is acceptable. However, if surname is correct and first name(s) are given wrongly, it is to be considered incorrect.
- In case of common surnames like Sharma or Singh, first name is also needed
- If a part of an answer is marked in **bold**, it is the operative part of the answer
- In some cases extra information is provided in brackets with the answer: only as explanation
- In some cases, questions asks for either of of two answers, indicated using 'OR'
- If different variants of an answer exist, they have been provided using '/'
- Exchange sheets for correction
- Call out the answers one by one from this answer key; you can also project this document
- Instruct the people correcting to only put ticks against the correct answers; wrong answers **need not** be marked with a cross
- Each page (sub-total) should be totaled up
- The grand total of all pages should come on the first page, along with the number of correct answers for ★ marked questions

1	In 1902, in line with the Euro-centricity of that time, what term did Captain Alfred Thayer Mahan claim to have coined in an article titled 'The Persian Gulf and International Relations' which went "The _____, if I may adopt a term which I have not seen, will some day have its Malta as well its Gibraltar'.	Middle East	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Which garment, meaning "sheath", is worn by tying around the waist by men of many Southeast Asian countries and has now become popular with women in other countries as well?	Sarong	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	The first couple of jets that Emirates Airlines used to start their operations were leased from which country?	Pakistan	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Bill Watterson's first comic strip submissions to newspaper syndicates featured a dirigible pilot whose name we later became familiar with as one of Calvin's alter egos. What name?	Spaceman Spiff	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Which fruit shares its name with the international governing body for the sport of gymnastics?	FIG	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	In 2010, the medical journal Lancet organized an Epidemiology and Biosecurity conference focused on gathering best practices and lessons from past events such as the 2010 FIFA World Cup, the Kumbh Mela as well as the Presidential Inauguration in 2008 so as to improve international co-ordination and research into mass gathering medicine. The venue chosen for the conference was an Asian city which sees one of the largest gathering of people annually. Which city?	Mecca	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	In which part of the world does the arctic tern spend its summers?	Antarctica	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	In 2016, who became the oldest person to reach the South Pole? His earlier claim to fame was being the second to reach a rather faraway place.	Edwin 'Buzz' Aldrin	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	William F Buckley Jr. and Gore Vidal were famous for having differences of opinion, and their feud was the subject of the movie 'Best of Enemies'. One of the few times they both agreed on something was when they both opposed the idea of someone attempting to run for US Presidency as a Reform Party candidate back in 2000. Who was this presidential candidate?	Donald Trump	<input type="checkbox"/>
10 ★	Going by the stories of 'Murder in Mesopotamia', 'Death on the Nile', and 'Come, Tell Me How You Live', for example, you can dig out the fact that Agatha Christie had a deep interest in what field of study?	Archaeology	<input type="checkbox"/> *
11	Who began his sporting career playing baseball for Laney High School in Wilmington, North Carolina? He later would have a brief brush with baseball again ten years into his career as a sports professional.	Michael Jordan	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	What famous concept in mathematics is often accompanied by an illustration that is known by the evocative name of The Bride's Chair?	Pythagoras Theorem	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	While we use it as a genericised product name, it is actually a legally protected trademark owned by the appropriately named company, Sealed Air Corporation. What?	Bubble Wrap	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	We know her as an actress of many great achievements. One of her lesser known achievements was that she was the first African-American to represent USA in the Miss World competition. Who?	Halle Berry	<input type="checkbox"/>



15	United States of America at 50 has the maximum number of stars on its national flag. Which country comes second with 27?	Brazil	<input type="checkbox"/>
16	Conference rooms in the Silicon Valley headquarters of which company are appropriately enough named after birds?	Twitter	<input type="checkbox"/>
17	Mary Antoinette Perry was an actress, director and founder of the American Theatre Wing. Which distinguished award for theatre is awarded in her name?	Tony Awards	<input type="checkbox"/>
18	The SI unit of capacitance is named after which British scientist who also discovered benzene, invented electromagnetic rotary devices and popularized the use of electricity?	Michael Faraday	<input type="checkbox"/>
19	Which school of Mahayana Buddhism that focuses on self-control and meditation, traces its name back to the Indian practise of "dhyana"?	Zen	<input type="checkbox"/>
20 ★	What is the term for the incidental killing or harming of non-combatant humans or property during war?	Collateral Damage	<input type="checkbox"/> *
21	Amazingly, which Scandinavian country has run out of garbage to run its recycling plants and therefore imports rubbish to keep these recycling plants going?	Sweden	<input type="checkbox"/>
22	The _____ maximus was the first and largest stadium in ancient Rome and was used for chariot racing and other entertainment. Fill with a familiar 6-letter word, also known to us for entertainment.	Circus	<input type="checkbox"/>
23	In the recent Rio Olympics, Monica Puig won the women's singles gold medal, thereby becoming the first ever gold medallist of which country?	Puerto Rico	<input type="checkbox"/>
24	What electronic component that is used to increase a signal level was first implemented as a vacuum tube but nowadays is mostly a transistor?	Amplifier	<input type="checkbox"/>
25	What popular item of clothing, worn by men and women, gets its name because it originated as a one-piece bathing costume used in swimming pools?	Tank Top	<input type="checkbox"/>
26	It is a thin grade of paper whose technical name is light offset paper and contains cotton and linen fibres to increase its strength. Used for printing encyclopaedias, dictionaries and other books with large number of pages such as the ----- . Fill in the blank.	Bible	<input type="checkbox"/>
27	What process did the author J.M. Coetzee characterise as "an act at once of homage and critique"?	Translation	<input type="checkbox"/>
28	Which orator and consul of Rome gets his family name from the fact that his ancestors grew and sold chickpeas?	Cicero	<input type="checkbox"/>
29	The largest themed mall in the world located in Dubai has 6 sections named Egypt Court, India Court, China Court, Andalusia Court, Persia Court and Tunisia Court. Who or what is the mall named for?	Ibn Batuta	<input type="checkbox"/>
30 ★	The co-creator of this superhero was inspired by Wagnerian operas and a trainman. The superhero's alter-ego was originally to be named Alan Ladd, based on the source of his power, but as there an actor of the same name, the last name was changed. Identify this superhero, whose weakness is wood.	Green Lantern	<input type="checkbox"/> *



31	Medecins Sans Frontieres is a humanitarian organization that has its origins in the Biafra blockade in 1971. During what events from the 1990s did MSF call for a military intervention, the only time it has done so?	Rwanda crisis/genocide	<input type="checkbox"/>
32	Charles Goren developed the point count based bidding system in bridge. Who, born Michael Dmitri Chalhoub, was a ranked contract bridge player, co-authored many books with Goren and took over his syndicated bridge column on Goren's death?	Omar Sharif	<input type="checkbox"/>
33	Due to constant threats of invasion, there was a need for compulsory military training and practice of archery. This led King James II of Scotland to ban what in a decree in 1457? This is the first known written evidence for its existence.	Golf	<input type="checkbox"/>
34	Rangeela was AR Rahman's first released Bollywood movie. He was supposed to compose music for an earlier movie X, but Rahman's computer containing the music crashed and he never completed the work. Rahman later worked with the same director in Thakshak. X's remake in Tamizh, Y, starring Kamal Hassan was India's official entry for the Oscars in 1996. The tamizh version had no songs. X or Y.	Drohkaal or Kuruthipunal	<input type="checkbox"/>
35	The shape of this island is compared to that of a bird, most species of which are endemic to it. The Northwest extreme of the island is called the Bird's Head Peninsula, and the Southeast extreme the Bird's Tail Peninsula. The 2 extremes lie in different countries, one of which is the linguistically most diverse country on earth. Name the island (not the countries).	New Guinea (Papua New Guinea is wrong)	<input type="checkbox"/>
36	The George Cross was awarded by King George to this island's governor in 1942 to "bear witness to the heroism and devotion of its people" during the siege it underwent in the early parts of World War II. The cross is now woven into its flag. Which island?	Malta	<input type="checkbox"/>
37	The Finns do not take kindly to being called Scandinavian, which is uncomfortably connected in their mind with 800 years of Swedish rule. They identify instead with a geographic classification that also includes Iceland and Greenland. What?	Nordic	<input type="checkbox"/>
38	When this king sacked Thebes in 336 BCE, he ordered the entire city razed to the ground, with the exception of one house, that of Pindar, the poet. Which king?	Alexander , the Great	<input type="checkbox"/>
39	This ancient Egyptian goddess started with the head of a lion, but is better known to us with the head of a smaller feline. A white variety of gypsum used to make vases in her honour was named after her, and is used often as a metaphor for flawless fair skin. Name her or the material.	Bast or Alabaster	<input type="checkbox"/>
40 ★	Her notable international clients include former US President Bill Clinton, Prince Charles, Nicole Kidman, Andie MacDowell, and Laetitia Casta. She is the first Asian to head a French fashion label, and design their pret-a-porter collections. Who?	Ritu Beri	<input type="checkbox"/> *
41	Which 'demon' was directly responsible for the famous "Ashes" obituary notice, and was also the first to take a hat-trick in test cricket?	Fred Spofforth	<input type="checkbox"/>
42	With respect to beer, the presence of alpha-acids (or humulones) is measured in units called IBU. What does B stand for in IBU?	Bitterness	<input type="checkbox"/>



43	The Greek historian Strabo recorded in the 1st century BCE the story of the Greek courtesan Rhodopis, who became the Queen of Egypt. She was bathing when an eagle snatched one of her shoes from her maid, carried it to the sunset, and dropped it into the lap of king Psammetichus at Memphis. This is thought to be the earliest telling of which popular story?	Cinderella	<input type="checkbox"/>
44	The Romans were large users of copper. Which Mediterranean island was their chief source for the metal, a fact reflected in the chemical symbol for the element?	Cyprus	<input type="checkbox"/>
45	Also known as bow-tie pasta, the Farfalle pasta is named so due to its resemblance to which insect?	Butterfly	<input type="checkbox"/>
46	Ekans is a Poison Pokemon introduced in Generation 1. What kind of a creature is Ekans?	Snake	<input type="checkbox"/>
47	The British Embassy in Brussels had a party a few months ago, and featured songs like "Should I Stay or Should I Go?" by The Clash, "The Final Countdown" by The Europe, and "Never Gonna Give You Up" by Rick Astley. What 6 lettered portmanteau word was this playlist themed around?	Brexit	<input type="checkbox"/>
48	As a banned substance was found in teammate Nesta Carter's samples, eight years after the original event, which sportsperson's Olympic treble-treble status is now no more?	Usain Bolt	<input type="checkbox"/>
49	The dog of choice for Queen Elizabeth II, who has owned several of these, this breed originates in Wales. Name this dog breed, whose name means 'dwarf-dog' in Welsh language.	Corgi	<input type="checkbox"/>
50 ★	Many cities in USA can claim to higher speeds weather-wise, but this two word epithet goes to a city in a metaphorical sense, due to its politicians being talkative, boastful – full of hot-air so to say. What two word epithet?	Windy City (used for Chicago)	<input type="checkbox"/> *
51	The short national anthem of this country, is about moss growing on rocks – apt because 2500 out of 12,000 global moss species are in this country, and the country sees moss as a symbol of history – which this country has in abundance. Which country?	Japan	<input type="checkbox"/>
52	What word that is often heard in the context of a lever comes from the Latin word meaning "bedpost, foot of a couch" – because it supports a bed's weight?	Fulcrum	<input type="checkbox"/>
53	Which composer's three-part name appropriately anagrams to "A famous German waltz god"?	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart	<input type="checkbox"/>
54	What does a relatively smaller country France have 12 of (due to its many dependencies and overseas territories), while the larger countries United States and Russia have just 11 each? India has just one, while there is a demand to add one more.	Time zones	<input type="checkbox"/>
55	In American sign language, this is shown by the sign of milk made while moving your hand 'past your eyes'. What essential process are we talking about?	Pasteurization	<input type="checkbox"/>
56	The nine-letter word would be a study of stars. With a letter prefixed, it would mean "rules of the stomach" in Greek. The stars you would associate with the ten-letter word would thus just be those that the Michelin guide gives. What is the ten-letter word?	Gastronomy	<input type="checkbox"/>



57	Who in 2016 became the first male since Rod Laver in 1969, to simultaneously hold all four tennis majors?	Novak Djokovic	<input type="checkbox"/>
58	For their 1999 tour, Pet Shop Boys wanted to build a set which adapted to different venues and wanted to bring someone from outside the rock scene - an architect whose set designs for the tour featured her signature fractured planes, looming curves and jagged angles. Who?	Zaha Hadid	<input type="checkbox"/>
59	Nobody expected them including the Monty Python themselves but what institution, disbanded in 1834 and established a few centuries earlier, was Geronimo Castillon y Salas the last head of? It can probably be used to describe what you are undergoing right now.	The Spanish Inquisition	<input type="checkbox"/>
60 ★	In 2016, 'Posavina Bez Mina', a charity from Bosnia issued a warning to Pokemon Go players to be wary of certain remnants of events from the early 1990s while venturing out. What was the warning about?	Landmines	<input type="checkbox"/> *
61	Give a word connecting the creator of the JAVA programming language, a Canadian actor who won a Golden Globe award in 2017 and an young one of the genera - Anser, Branta or Chen	Gosling	<input type="checkbox"/>
62	These creatures, who live in an ensemble of millions but not to be confused with one involving singers, were the subject of Charles Darwin's first book. Their genus name 'Gorgeia' has a colourful backstory involving 'Gorgon' as they were supposed to have been formed when Medusa's head fell into the water after it was slain by Perseus. Identify these creatures.	Corals	<input type="checkbox"/>
63	The MMA fighter Aleksei Oleynik is known for his different choke submission holds and therefore has the nickname 'The _____' derived from the world of fauna. Fill in the blanks with the name of a creature found only in the Americas.	Boa Constrictor	<input type="checkbox"/>
64	In December 2016, Saurabh Duggal wrote and released 'Akhada' the biography of a sportsperson who, along with his progeny, attended the release function held in Chandigarh. Whose biography is it?	Mahavir Phogat	<input type="checkbox"/>
65	Only two non-metal chemical elements have names which end in 'ium'. They get their names from siblings in Greek mythology - both of whom drive chariots daily and are personifications of two celestial bodies in our Solar System. Name both.	Helium, Selenium	<input type="checkbox"/>
66	In a 'Man of War' ship, the steering area doubled up as a place where injured soldiers were attended to. In a flight of fancy, the sailors used a term - from a bloodsport to refer to this place - which then came about to be used while referring to the steering area in other modes of transport. Which term?	Cockpit	<input type="checkbox"/>
67	Which king is the central character of Verdi's 1841 opera 'Nabucco', the best known song in which is 'Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves'?	Nebuchadnezzar	<input type="checkbox"/>
68	Smørrebrød is a dish whose name is derived from 'smør og brød' reflecting the two key constituents of the dish. Identify these two things which are essential to a Dane's means of livelihood. This question should be easy for you.	Bread and Butter	<input type="checkbox"/>
69	In 1972, when Kenneth Tynan of the Royal National Theatre wanted to produce a play based on Aristophanes' Lysistrata, in which women refuse to sleep with their husbands unless they stop the Peloponnesian war, which feminist writer, who wrote a best seller a couple of years earlier, did he rope in as the translator?	Germaine Greer	<input type="checkbox"/>



70 ★	Which Shenzhen based company, founded by Pete Lau and Carl Pei in 2013 and has a mathematical sounding name, sells the 'Bullets' brand of headphones in addition to its mobile phones?	OnePlus	<input type="checkbox"/> *
71	Which 1986 book of science takes its title from the uniqueness of humans among the 192 species of primates when it comes to hair?	The Naked Ape	<input type="checkbox"/>
72	Which game's 'plus' variant did Joe Davis create in 1959 by including 'orange' and 'purple' for 8 and 10 points respectively in order to increase the scoring possibilities of an average player and to increase the technique required of a top grade player?	Snooker	<input type="checkbox"/>
73	The director of the 2016 Hindi film 'Mohenjodaro' got his inspiration for the film when he stumbled upon Dholavira in Gujarat, India while scouting for locations to shoot a movie of his from more than a decade ago. Which movie?	Lagaan	<input type="checkbox"/>
74	If you go by the cover of the 70+ books of a popular children's series, the author is the same as the name by which the series is known by. However, no such person exists and the books are written and published by 'Piemme' an Italian book publisher based on a character created by Elisabetta Dami and named after a type of cheese. What author?	Geronimo Stilton	<input type="checkbox"/>
75	At the 2006 Frankfurt Book Fair, Mahasweta Devi gave a talk on the role of India in a globalised world. What song did she appropriately begin her speech with?	Mera Joota Hai Japani	<input type="checkbox"/>
76	In the mid 1980s, Coors breweries ran a campaign against drunk driving. The aim of the ads was to encourage people not to indulge in drunk driving, but rather call their family for help and have them come pick them up. Very aptly, the title character of which 1982 movie was used in these ads?	E.T.	<input type="checkbox"/>
77	In the 1600s, pump makers for the Grand Duke of Tuscany were struggling to raise ground water using suction pumps. In frustration, they turned to a scientist who was then serving as Galileo's assistant. He employed mercury instead of water. The difference in density resulted in a vacuum being created – leading to a solution for the water problem. This type of vacuum is now named after him along with a unit for pressure used in vacuum measurements. Who?	Torricelli	<input type="checkbox"/>
78	This class of compounds derives its name from the Latin word for 'glass', on account of the shiny appearance of most of these compounds. On heating, these compounds produce a highly corrosive substance and therefore the word is now used in non-scientific contexts to indicate "bitter or caustic feelings". What word?	Vitriol	<input type="checkbox"/>
79	Mr. Kapasi, who works as a tour guide during weekends and has a job at a doctor's office during weekdays, is the title character of the title story of which short story collection that won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 2000?	The Interpreter of Maladies	<input type="checkbox"/>
80 ★	The Jules Verne novel 'The Lighthouse at the End of the World' is about a lighthouse situated in which archipelago whose name literally translates to "Land of Fire"?	Tierra del Fuego	<input type="checkbox"/> *
81	What connects the following famous military leaders across different eras of history--Date Masamune in Japan, Xiahou Dun in China, Philip II in Macedon, Horatio Nelson in Britain, and Moshe Dayan in Israel?	They all had only one eye	<input type="checkbox"/>



82	King Edmund II, Jim Morrison, Lenny Bruce, Elvis Presley, and Catherine the Great in real life; the most famous example from fiction would possibly be Tywin Lannister. Where did they all die?	In the toilet	<input type="checkbox"/>
83	Who, known for satires in a different medium, was MAD magazine's first ever guest-editor?	Weird Al Yankovic	<input type="checkbox"/>
84	The shortest patent claim ever filed in USA is US Patent 3,156,523. All it says is "Element 95". And the patent was granted. Who filed this patent claim?	Glenn Seaborg	<input type="checkbox"/>
85	What term that Indian fans of the Olympics should be familiar with, comes from French for "fishing out", and refers to tournament formats where losers of matches early on are given an opportunity to win the championship, often by winning a "loser's bracket"?	Repechage	<input type="checkbox"/>
86	Pink Floyd went through a few name changes before they settled on their name. One of the previous names was supposed to indicate that they were a sextet. If you reverse the words in this name, you get a quality improvement business model. What was this earlier name of Pink Floyd?	Sigma 6	<input type="checkbox"/>
87	This 1987 play by George Tabori is set in an early 20th Century apartment in Vienna shared by Jews and one non-Jew. The play takes its name from the book that is being written by the only non-Jewish flatmate, an aspiring art student. Name the play.	Mein Kampf	<input type="checkbox"/>
88	The Rex Stout novel 'The Black Mountain' has the detective protagonist Nero Wolfe return to the land of his birth to solve a crime. From the title, figure out where Nero Wolfe was born, a region that became an independent nation in 2006.	Montenegro	<input type="checkbox"/>
89	Which snake gets its name from French for "spearhead" (because its head is shaped like a spear)?	Fer-de-lance	<input type="checkbox"/>
90 ★	The pagan emperor Maxentius proposed marriage, but the saint replied that she was consecrated to Jesus. The furious emperor ordered her execution on a spiked wheel, but it shattered at her touch. She was finally beheaded. Who is this saint, after whom a popular firework is named?	St. Catherine	<input type="checkbox"/> *
91	This coastal province in China contains both Mt Tai, the most revered Taoist mountain, and Qufu, the birthplace of Confucius. It gives its name to a variety of pear, and also a silk fabric often used for bridal gowns. Name either the province or the fabric.	Shandong or Shantung	<input type="checkbox"/>
92	The first time this title was used was for a 1978 movie called Bairavi. The producer was Kalaipuli Dhanu and he arranged for a lot of publicity, including 40 foot cutouts and posters carrying the title. The first time the title was seen in a movie was in the 1980 movie Naan Potta Saval. What title?	Superstar (for Rajnikanth)	<input type="checkbox"/>
93	To make sure Caligula's name and face was forgotten, what did his successors, who were themselves dictators, do, something with a resonance to current events in India?	Coins with his name and face were recalled / demonetized	<input type="checkbox"/>
94	One of this person's favorite mantras was "Always Know". He would add that the word "Know" was X spelled backward with the "W" inverted. He often illustrated the point with a huge custom-made ring that had X emblazoned across the top in diamonds, turning it upside down in case you didn't get it. Who? (full name please)	Thelonius Monk	<input type="checkbox"/>



95	Philip Noel-Baker is the only person to have won an Olympic medal (silver in the 1500m in 1920) and this award (in 1959). While receiving the award, Noel-Baker said: "War is a damnable, filthy thing and has destroyed civilization after civilization." What award?	Nobel Peace Prize	<input type="checkbox"/>
96	Reuben Mattus sat at the kitchen table for hours saying nonsense words until he came up with what Danish-sounding name for the ice-cream brand he was starting?	Haagen-Dazs	<input type="checkbox"/>
97	Hungarian is the most spoken member of the Finno-Ugric group of languages. Finnish is the second most spoken language of this group. Which East European language is the third most spoken?	Estonian	<input type="checkbox"/>
98	Anjezë Gonxhe Bojaxhiu experienced a life-altering religious epiphany while on board a train bound for the city of Darjeeling. How do we better know her?	Mother Teresa	<input type="checkbox"/>
99	Frank Kugler, the only man to win medals in three different sports at a single Games, won for wrestling, weightlifting, and what other sport at the 1904 Olympics? Today we do not see this at the Olympics, and in fact today is considered more a recreational pasttime testing physical strength rather than a sport.	Tug of War	<input type="checkbox"/>
100 ★	In his 1986 State of the Union Address, President Reagan laid out a vision of a world with endless possibilities when he ended the following statement with: "Never has there been a more exciting time to be alive, a time of rousing wonder and heroic achievement. As they said in the film '____ _ _____,' "Where we are going, we don't need roads"" Which movie was Ronald Reagan quoting?	Back to the Future	<input type="checkbox"/> *

