

2023 ACT Quiz Championships

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1	[IMAGE] Operational 1902-67 and billed as The Most Famous Train in the World, the 20th Century Limited travelled the 960.7 miles (1,546 km) between which two cities ?	
2	[IMAGE] Which raspberry liqueur has been produced in the Loire Valley of France since the late 17th century?	
3	[IMAGE] Which New Zealand-born jazz singer and musician (1943-88)?	
4	[IMAGE] Which early 20th century paleoanthropological fraud ?	
5	[IMAGE] Which species from the Pokémon franchise has short, yellow fur with brown markings on their backs and lightning bolt-shaped tails?	
6	[IMAGE] This book was released in 2022, celebrating the 100th anniversary of which iconic work of fiction ?	
7	[IMAGE] Which 2021 American live-action/stop-motion animated comedy-drama film directed by Dean Fleischer Camp was nominated for Best Animated Feature Film at the 2023 Academy Awards?	
8	[IMAGE] What W is decorative panelling covering the bottom third of a wall?	
9	[IMAGE] Which 1981 BBC adaptation of a post-apocalyptic 1951 novel ?	
10	[IMAGE] Which English chess master , generally regarded as the world's strongest player from 1843 to 1851, also endorsed this classic set of pieces now named for him?	
11	[IMAGE] Which Australian TV drama ran from 1996-2001?	
12	[IMAGE] These concrete pillars contain plaques commemorating Australians of the Year, while their relative positions reference which tune?	
13	What is by far the most common minimum voting age around the world?	
14	Anthracite and lignite are varieties of which substance ?	
15	What is the only club that fielded a team in the SANFL before joining the AFL?	
16	Used in mathematics and geometry to represent a measured angle, what is the 8th letter of the Greek alphabet ?	
17	Originally intended to be held every four years in the same location, the first and as it turned out only Intercalated Games took place in 1906 in which city ?	
18	'From the Halls of Montezuma / To the shores of Tripoli' are the first two lines of the official hymn for which branch of the US armed forces ?	
19	Which large family of flowering plants derives its common and genus names from the Greek word for testicle?	
20	Jean de Dinteville and Georges de Selve are the title figures in which 1533 painting by Hans Holbein the Younger ?	
21	Which British-Indian conceptual artist's works include Cloud Gate, Sky Mirror and ArcelorMittal Orbit?	
22	Referenced in Beavis and Butt-Head and the 1988 Penny Marshall film Big among others, what Z is an alternate name for a fortune teller machine?	
23	Which Victorian southpaw took Bronze in the men's lightweight division at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics?	
24	Which Lady of the House was the star of the British sit-com Keeping Up Appearances? (Character or actress name acceptable)	
25	Though a first rate-anatomist in his own right, which English scientist (1835-95) is best remembered today as "Darwin's bulldog" for his advocacy of Charles Darwin's theory of evolution?	
26	Which US singer (b 1939) sang co-lead for the Starship hits co-lead for two number one hits, We Built This City and Nothing's Gonna Stop Us Now? She was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1996 as a member of Jefferson Airplane.	
27	Who is the 41st and current Prime Minister of New Zealand ?	

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28	Murder Ballads (1986), Skeleton Tree (2016) and Ghosteen (2019) are among the studio albums of which alternative Australian rock band ?	
29	In the Charles Dickens novel Our Mutual Friend, which written form of legal evidence does Roger "Rogue" Riderhood mistakenly believe is called an "Alfred David"?	
30	Which form of motorsport involves purpose-built rally cars competing on sealed, public roads (that are closed for the event)?	
31	Australian billionaire Valarie "Larry" Kestelman is a property developer, businessman, and majority owner of which professional sports league ?	
32	Roughly equivalent to "middle class", in Marxist philosophy which term connotes philistinism, materialism, and a striving concern for respectability?	
33	Following a merger with McDonnell Douglas, in 2001 Boeing moved its headquarters from Seattle to which other US city ?	
34	In 1854 a military garrison was established near which Hampshire town , long considered the home of the British Army? It was the site of an IRA attack in 1972, killing seven.	
35	Name either current NRL club admitted to the then-NSWRL competition in 1947?	
36	With a value exceeding US\$200 trillion, what is easily the world's largest asset class ?	
37	In a 2009 Rolling Stone magazine article, Matt Taibbi referred to which investment bank as a "great vampire squid wrapped around the face of humanity, relentlessly jamming its blood funnel into anything that smells like money."?	
38	Launched in November 2022, Bard is an artificial intelligence chatbot owned by which Internet giant ?	
39	Between them, how many times have Australia and New Zealand won the America's Cup?	
40	The full title of the hit Mumsnet podcast AIBU is "Am I Being... what "?	
41	Which four-word term is the best-known protocol of the Birkenhead Drill? It is named for the HMS Birkenhead, which sank off Capetown in 1852 with the loss of 400 souls.	
42	Maybe Someday, Confess, and It Ends With Us are among the works of which American author who primarily writes romance and young adult fiction?	
43	Which four-letter masculine name is used throughout Italy as a diminutive form of various longer names, including Antonino, Gaetano and Giovanni?	
44	Which country released a \$7 note in recognition of a Gold Medal achieved at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics?	
45	Which composer and songwriter did Cary Grant portray in the 1946 biopic Night & Day?	
46	The three-body problem attempts to take the mass and velocity of three objects and predict (with limited success) their subsequent movements according to Newton's laws of motion. The first specific three-body problem to receive extended study involved which THREE objects ?	
47	Frenchman Patrick Mouratoglou (b. 1970) is a leading coach in which sport ?	
48	Who is the only player to have appeared in a Super Bowl (1995 with the 49ers and 1996 for the Cowboys) and baseball World Series (1992 with the Braves)?	
49	Jamie Lee Curtis and Arnold Schwarzenegger co-starred in which 1994 James Cameron film ?	
50	Which director's films include The Fly (1986), Dead Ringers (1988) and A Dangerous Method (2011)?	
51	At the 2023 ceremony, Beyonce claimed her 32nd Grammy Award, taking her past the record of which Hungarian-British orchestral and operatic conductor ?	

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52	The boarding of the British merchant brig <i>Rebecca</i> by Spanish forces off Florida in 1731, and an assault on the ship's captain, was used as a pretext for which war that commenced eight years later?	
53	Which 1984 film picked up six Razzies (Golden Raspberries) from its nine nominations, including Worst Picture, Worst Director and Worst Actress. The director and actress were husband and wife at the time.	
54	Which ancient kingdom is known only from Ancient Egyptian trade records? Its possible locations include modern-day Somalia, Djibouti, Ethiopia and Sudan.	
55	Which 1987 U2 album shares its name with a National Park in California?	
56	Excluding junior competitions, which item of athletic equipment comes in five standard heights: 106.7 cm, 99.1 cm, 91.44 cm, 83.8 cm and 76.2 cm?	
57	What is the final line of this limerick? There was a young lady named Bright / Whose speed was much faster than light / She set out one day / In a relative way / ?	
58	When depicting a fraction, what is the horizontal line between the numerator and the denominator?	
59	Released in 1916, what was the first film sequel ? It was a follow-up to 1915 silent film <i>The Birth of a Nation</i> ?	
60	Ashmore Reef is located off the coast of which Australian state or territory ?	
61	The National Hockey League's first season began in 1917 with four teams, all from which country ?	
62	Sophie Devine and Suzy Bates represent which country in international cricket?	
63	Which pioneering American comedienne , actress, producer, writer and television host passed away in 2014 following complications during minor surgery?	
64	How many tines are on a standard dinner fork?	
65	Which term , predicted by some models of the Big Bang theory, refers to the point before the Big Bang and is thought to have contained all the energy and spacetime of the Universe?	
66	Located in the Hunter region of New South Wales and also known as Awaba and "Reid's Mistake", what is Australia's largest coastal saltwater lake ?	
67	With 12,471 runs, which Englishman is the leading Test run-scorer of the 21st C?	
68	The fictional planet Mongo is ruled by Ming the Merciless in which comic strip, book, film and TV universe that first appeared in 1934?	
69	Which Portuguese and Spanish word can mean beef, grilled meat, or a barbecue?	
70	According to Albert Einstein, the three great forces rule the world are stupidity, fear and which other ?	
71	Absolute magnitude (M) is a measure of the luminosity of a celestial object if it were viewed from a distance of 32.6 light years, or exactly how many parsecs ?	
72	As depicted in the 2020 Netflix mini-series <i>The English Game</i> , which Glaswegian moved to Blackburn in 1878 primarily to play, thereby becoming the first recognised professional footballer?	
73	According to the WHO constitution, "Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of x or y." Name either redacted term.	
74	What is the binary equivalent of the decimal number four?	
75	Queen Maud, Marie Byrd, Wilkes and Victoria and regions of which land mass ?	
76	The term "out of round" is most commonly applied to what everyday objects that have lost their perfectly round shape? Also know as "runout", it can lead to performance issues.	
77	Thelma Catherine Patricia Ryan (1912-93) was the wife of which US President ?	
78	Commonly used as a drinking toast, Sláinte means 'health' in which language ?	

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79	The original theme for the TV medical drama 'House' (aka 'House M.D.') was the 1998 track TearDrop recorded by which English trip-hop group ?	
80	In 2015, which two countries met in the final World Cups in three different sports? [BOTH countries needed]	
81	Jason Donovan portrayed which character in the Australian TV soap Neighbours from 1985 to 1989?	
82	Which two words complete the song title "Calling occupants of... <i>what</i> "? It was a hit for the Carpenters in 1976, and is the unofficial anthem of World Contact Day, whereby members attempt to send telepathic messages into space.	
83	Which two words refer to the prevailing winds on opposite sides of an island? [BOTH needed]	
84	In the Book of Revelation, how are Conquest, War, Hunger, and Death collectively known ? Your answer should contain at least three words!	
85	In the stage musical Hamilton, duels are held "across the river", because "everything is legal" in which US state ?	
86	When asked in old age what he had learned about life, American poet Robert Frost replied with what three words ?	
87	The 1957 biopic Man of a Thousand faces features James Cagney portraying which other actor ?	
88	Travelin' Band is a 2022 film documenting the 1960s origins of which American "swamp rock" band and their 1970 European tour? Ironically, the band in question hails from California!	
89	Which corporation was founded in 1916 as a manufacturer of aircraft engines? After the Treaty of Versailles forbade their production, it switched to automobiles instead.	
90	The 2016 musical War Paint focusses on the lives of two 20th-century female entrepreneurs , Elizabeth Arden and which bitter rival?	
91	In which Olympic sport is a team often referred to as an "Eight", even though it doesn't contain that number of teammates?	
92	Pawns being worth one, which chess piece is usually valued at five points?	
93	What links the fictional characters Carl Trask, Jim Stark and Jett Rink?	
94	Xavi Hernández represented which country in football (soccer)?	
95	How many former Australian Prime Ministers are still alive?	
96	Which sub-atomic particle is comprised of two up quarks and one down quark?	
97	Most commonly used in economics and law, what eight-letter adjective can mean goods contracted for without an individual specimen being specified; replaceable by another identical item; or mutually interchangeable?	
98	The name Canberra is derived from a Ngunawal word usually translated as "meeting place", but an alternative theory holds that it has what other meaning , possibly a symbolic reference to Mt Ainslie and Black Mountain?	
99	Which Canberra suburb contains streets named after explorers, such as Burke Crescent, Cunningham Street and Leichhardt Street?	
100	Who became the first female editor of a metropolitan daily newspaper in Australia when appointed to the Canberra Times in 1993? She is currently the chief political correspondent with The Conversation.	