"It looks like I have to answer these questions that the poet has listed here." Alice said to herself ruefully. "I am a big girl with lots of knowledge in all kinds of things. This shouldn’t be a problem", she proclaimed in a loud voice. "But I sure could use some help", she muttered in a much lower voice after making sure no one was around. "Maybe the good people of quizclub would be of help..."

1. This film features 8 pieces of classical music played by the Philadelphia Orchestra. The movie director heard the music played by the orchestra and really liked what he heard. However, he heard the playback from his recording engineers and hated it. So, he set out to develop a better sound system. Towards this end, his production company even got 8 oscillators from a small start-up named Hewlett-Packard becoming one of their first customers. The film won Oscar for best sound effect. Identify the movie.

2. His name means Swollen-Foot in Greek. His father kidnapped and raped a young boy and incurred a terrible curse that passed on to him. In his youth, he killed an unarmed man who refused to give him way and thus fulfilled his curse. I hate to tell you what they call him in Harlem. Identify him.

3. CE1 means there is no physical interaction with the environment. CE2 is a CE1 case that creates physical or electromagnetic interference. CE3 is a CE1 or CE2 event in which the actual entities are seen. This is a brief description of a classification system used in the case of which phenomenon?

4. There is a big flaw in the pivotal scene of this classic movie. If X is indeed the last word of the titular character and he died alone, how could anyone have possibly heard it? When asked about it by a reviewer, the director asked him never to tell anyone about it. What word is this?

5. Which chocolate company makers claim that their product is designed to look like this?

6. He is a regular character in Italian theater where he is cast as a servant. His name origin has several theories - a devil in Dante’s Inferno called Alichino, an English gentleman called Harlay or most likely a black-faced devil in French folklore. He often has a love interest in the person of Columbina. Identify this slow thinker who is usually clothed in red and black.

7. X was a creative and brilliant student. In 1821, he met a former soldier who shared with X his invention called night writing. It enabled him to communicate top-secret information with his soldiers and was formed of 12 raised dots. X improvised on this using his father’s awl to perfect a now famous system. Identify X.
8. He is described as being corpse-like with sunken eyes, cheeks and no nose. He is often described a walking skeleton with hands like that of a dead man. In Andrew Lloyd Webber’s musical adaptation of his story, only half of his face is deformed and covered with a mask giving rise to the now famous half-mask. What is his real name?

9. This drug was involved in the first ever death caused by deliberate product tampering. A cyanide-laced capsule of this drug caused the death of 7 people in Chicago in 1982. The perpetrator has never been caught. Which popular drug is this?

10. This American president enjoyed big game hunting. However, he refused to shoot down an injured old bear which had been lassoed. This incident was popularized by political cartoonists giving rise to this toy. Identify the toy.

11. His magnum opus was the model for Asimov’s Foundation Trilogy. He almost threw away the first volume of his work after 7 years of labour. However, after he published all 6 volumes, he received warm praise from contemporaries such as Adam Smith and David Hume. Identify this English historian.

12. The first form of X was devised in the 17th century by Blaise Pascal inspired by the idea of perpetual motion. In 1842, a Frenchman Blanc added a 0 to increase house odds. A legend says Blanc bargained with the devil to obtain X’s secrets because the numbers on X add up to 666 (the number of the beast). What is X?

13. In 2004, X was profoundly upset with Michael Moore because Moore used a documentary title that is a reference to X’s famous work. X even called Moore a horrible human being for stealing the title. Moore called X 2 weeks before the release of the documentary and apologized but refused to change the title. Who is X?

14. This airlines is without doubt the most secure airlines in the world. In every flight, there are 2 to 6 armed men disguised as passengers. The pilots are usually ex-fighter pilots and most air hosts/hostesses have served in the armed forces. Its also the only commercial airlines with anti-missile countermeasures. Which airline is this?

15. This holds the record for the man-made object that is farthest from earth. Enough said. What is it?

16. United Kingdom, Norway, Sweden, Myanmar, Austria, Peru, Ghana, South Korea - Fill up.

17. This is a name given to the seas between 40oS and 50oS because of the swirling winds that prevail there. The effect is mainly because of Coriolis forces due to earth’s rotation and presence of less landmass to slow them down. What is this region called?

18. This famous author wrote this play X where the title character takes a perverse fantasy for this Biblical character. But the Biblical character spurns her attentions. To exact revenge, she has him killed and in the final scene kisses his severed head. However, British law forbade depiction of Biblical characters on stage. So the playwright wrote the play in French and had it translated to English. Identify the play.

19. Described is a common algorithm used in computer operating systems for scheduling hard disk requests.

- keep going in the same direction while there are requests in that direction
- If there are no further requests in that direction, stop and become idle, or change direction if there are requests in the opposite direction

The algorithm takes its name from a common everyday device that uses the same algorithm. What is the name of the device that has also lent its name to the algorithm?