The definitive article

We ask a celebrity a set of devilishly probing questions – and only accept THE definitive answer. This week: England cricket captain Alastair Cook

The prized possession you value above all others... My collie, Tess. She works the sheep on my wife Alice’s family’s farm in Bedfordshire brilliantly.

The biggest regret you wish you could amend... Being run out first ball when I went for a second run in an England Under-15 match against India, which took place at Eton in 2000. The coach said, ‘You won’t do that again’. He was right!

The temptation you wish you could resist... The second or third bowl of ice cream. Nothing tastes as good as the first!

The film you can watch time and time again... Gone In 60 Seconds with Nicolas Cage. I can’t say it’s an all-time classic, but I’m a bit of a petrolhead and I like watching it for the cars.

The unfulfilled ambition that continues to nudge you... Scoring a century on my Test debut in India in 2006 after I was brought into the team at the last minute.

The pet hate that makes your blood boil... The temptation you wish you could resist…

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The philosophy that underpins your life... The harder you work, the luckier you get.

The figure from history for whom you'd most like to buy a pie and a pint... Nicholas Crake. I’d be in awe of him.

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