

Brain of Dublin 2019-20 qualifier (incl. answers)

Note: The percentages on the right show how many entrants answered each question correctly

Q1	First aired in 1990, what Irish TV show is the second-longest-running game show in Europe? (Behind only Channel 4's <i>Countdown</i>)	Winning Streak	87%
Q2	Located in Madeira's capital city Funchal, the CR7 Museum is dedicated to what famous living person ?	Cristiano Ronaldo	100%
Q3	The design of the GAA's Sam Maguire Cup and O'Duffy Cup are both based on what ornate 8th-9th century drinking vessel , found by two boys in 1868? It was buried in a potato field near a Co. Limerick village, from which it takes its name.	Ardagh Chalice	76%
Q4	Commonly used by radio stations around the world, the .fm Internet domain belongs to which island nation ?	Federated States of Micronesia	24%
Q5	In Irish mythology, by what collective name are the siblings Fionnghuala, Aodh, Fiachra and Conn better known?	The Children of Lir	85%
Q6	First performed in 1817, the Rossini opera <i>La Cenerentola</i> is based on which classic fairy tale ?	Cinderella	63%
Q7	Name the fictional pub in RTÉ's long-running TV soap <i>Fair City</i> ?	McCoy's	61%
Q8	Vladimir and Estragon are the two main characters in what major 20th century play ?	Waiting for Godot	78%
Q9	Out of the 7 independent countries formed from the breakup of Yugoslavia, only 2 are currently EU members. Name both countries ?	Croatia and Slovenia (need both)	65%
Q10	What letter or letters are coloured <u>green</u> in the Google logo?	L	41%
Q11	The Irish-language name for the month of September is <i>Meán Fomhair</i> , literally translating as " middle of... " what ?	Harvest (accept autumn)	93%
Q12	Held between May 30 th and July 14 th this year, the 2019 Cricket World Cup was hosted by which country or countries ?	England and Wales (accept UK)	67%
Q13	Grover Cleveland is the only US President to serve two non-consecutive terms in the White House. Which president served in between Cleveland's two terms? (in other words, from 1889-1893)	Benjamin Harrison	30%
Q14	@tomhappens is the Twitter account of what Irish radio presenter and rock band frontman?	Tom Dunne (lead singer of Something Happens)	72%

Q15	What charitable organisation was founded by a Methodist minister in East London in 1865, and was originally called the Christian Revival Society, then the East London Christian Mission, before receiving its much more well-known name?	The Salvation Army	74%
Q16	The name of which Leinster town , one of the largest towns in Ireland by population, comes from the Irish for “the cave”?	Navan (An Uaimh)	30%
Q17	Constance Reid is the title character’s maiden name in what controversial 20th century novel , first published in 1928?	Lady Chatterley’s Lover	67%
Q18	Founded in 1864 in Mountmellick, Co. Laois, what Irish chain of department stores is best known for their former advertising slogan “Almost Nationwide”, reflecting the fact that until the 1980s, their presence was confined to Munster and South Leinster?	Shaws	46%
Q19	Used as a staple food by millions of people in tropical countries, what edible starch is extracted from the roots of the cassava plant?	Tapioca	33%
Q20	Which Irish act headlined the first ever Slane concert in 1981?	Thin Lizzy	57%
Q21	With a capacity of over 81,000, the largest stadium in Germany is the Westfalenstadion (currently known as the Signal Iduna Park for sponsorship reasons). It is the home ground of which Bundesliga football club ?	Borussia Dortmund	67%
Q22	Which animal featured on the Irish 20 pence coin, introduced in 1986 and withdrawn when the euro was introduced in 2002? The same design had featured on the Irish half-crown coin used between 1928 and 1967.	Horse	65%
Q23	Damsons and greengages are both cultivars (cultivated varieties) of which fruit ?	Plums	43%
Q24	Which Dublin postal district includes Harold’s Cross, Templeogue, Kimmage and Terenure? It was created in the mid-1980s and was originally going to be called “Dublin 26” until residents objected due to fears over property devaluation.	Dublin 6W	61%
Q25	Lefkosia is the local-language name for which EU capital city ?	Nicosia	46%
Q26	Formed in Omagh in 1969, the Irish pop band Chips was fronted by what singer , who later went on to win the Eurovision Song Contest?	Linda Martin	50%
Q27	The Etruscan civilisation flourished from approximately the 8 th century BC to the 1 st century AD in which modern-day country ?	Italy	50%
Q28	Which Irish city was nicknamed "Linenopolis" in the 19th century, due to its being the world's largest producer of linen at the time?	Belfast	46%
Q29	Between 1995 and 1999, Dublin soccer club Home Farm FC entered into a sponsorship deal with an English Premier League team, leading them to temporarily change their name to what? (You can simply answer with the name of the Premier League team in question)	Home Farm Everton	65%

Q30	Making their first comic-book appearance in 1964, the Sinister Six are a team of super-villains who serve as a recurring adversary for which superhero? Three of the original six villains in the group were Electro, Kraven the Hunter, and Vulture.	Spider-Man	41%
Q31	$\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$ is the formula for calculating the volume of what three-dimensional shape , where <i>r</i> represents its radius?	Sphere	59%
Q32	Completed in 1953, Áras Mhic Dhiarmada is the official name of what major Dublin building , the majority of which contains the headquarters of the Department of Social Welfare? (a.k.a. the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection)	Busáras	20%
Q33	Adam, Benjamin, Caleb, Daniel, Ephraim, Frank and Gideon are all characters in what 1950s movie musical?	Seven Brides for Seven Brothers	65%
Q34	Ireland has a total of 6 national parks, covering 650 km ² in total, or just under 1% of the land area of the country. Three of them are The Burren, Connemara, and Wicklow Mountains National Park – name any of the other three?	Killarney, Ballycroy, Glenveagh (accept any)	65%
Q35	The Schlieffen Plan was name given to the German WWI plan to invade which two European countries? The execution of the plan led to Britain declaring war on Germany in August 1914.	France and Belgium (need both)	41%
Q36	A distinctive feature of Dublin's Grattan Bridge (also known as Capel Street Bridge) are ornate lamps featuring a hippocampus, a mythical creature consisting of a hybrid of what two animals?	Horse and fish (need both)	15%
Q37	With a population of approximately 1.2 million, Bulawayo is the second-largest city in which African country?	Zimbabwe	48%
Q38	An instrumental version of the 1965 hit single "To Whom it Concerns" by the English singer Chris Andrews is better known to the Irish public as the theme tune to what television programme?	The Late Late Show	72%
Q39	"Half a league, half a league, half a league onward" is the opening line to what famous 19th century poem by Alfred, Lord Tennyson?	The Charge of the Light Brigade	50%
Q40	Beating Castlebar Mitchels in the final on St Patrick's Day 2016, name the most recent Dublin GAA club to win the All-Ireland Senior Football Club Championships?	Ballyboden St. Enda's (accept either Ballyboden or St. Enda's)	24%
Q41	The IBRC (Irish Bank Resolution Corporation) was set up in 2011 as a merger between two bankrupt Irish financial institutions: Anglo Irish Bank, and what building society , founded in 1873?	Irish Nationwide (originally called Irish Industrial)	46%
Q42	Only two elements in the periodic table are named after women. One is curium, jointly named after Marie Curie and her husband Pierre. What is the other element? It is number 109 on the periodic table and named after a Vienna-born physicist who was a pioneer in the field of nuclear fission in the 1930s and 40s.	Meitnerium (named after Lise Meitner)	22%
Q43	Frequently the target of vandals since its unveiling in 1701, a bronze equestrian statue of what controversial monarch stood on Dublin's Dame Street for over two centuries until it was damaged by a bomb in 1928 and subsequently removed and melted down?	King William III (accept William of Orange)	43%

Q44	In Norse mythology, while Asgard is the name given to the realm of the gods, what name is given to the realm of humans? (i.e. Earth)	Midgard	28%
Q45	Approved in May 2019 by An Bord Pleanála, name the “new town” planned to be built in West Dublin in the coming years, containing over 10,000 new homes? The announcement came amid some controversy due to the lack of plans for upgraded transport infrastructure and other amenities.	Clonburris	2%
Q46	Name either of the Shakespeare plays which are set on the island of Sicily?	The Winter’s Tale or Much Ado About Nothing (accept either)	9%
Q47	Completed in 2018, name the residential and office building on Dublin’s Sir John Rogerson’s Quay which is currently the tallest building in the Republic of Ireland? With a height of 79 metres, it is 20 metres taller than Liberty Hall.	Capital Dock	9%
Q48	What geographical feature would be denoted by the word “Clon” or “Cloon” in an Irish place name? (For example, Clonskeagh or Cloonkeen) Both come from the Irish word <i>Cluain</i> .	Field (accept meadow or pasture)	24%
Q49	What is the second-largest city in Yemen , which also lends its name to the gulf between Yemen and Somalia?	Aden	37%
Q50	Now commemorated by a statue on O’Connell Street, name the Mayo-born doctor, politician and newspaper proprietor who oversaw the “Vartry scheme”, a new water supply system for Dublin which was credited with a major improvement to the city’s public health in the late 19 th century?	Sir John Gray	9%

Tie-breaker question (closest to the pin)

<p>In hectares, what is the total area of Dublin’s Phoenix Park, rounded to the nearest whole number?</p> <p>Remember that 1 hectare is a square measuring 100 metres on each side – in other words 10,000 m², or roughly 2½ acres.</p>	707
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