## BRAIN OF DUBLIN 2020

## SEMI-FINALS

## START OF QUIZ

Refer to the fixture sheet to determine order of players 1-4

| Round 1 | Question | Answer |  |
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| Q1 (Player 1) | Which Latin American country derives its name from the Spanish for "Little Venice"? The stilt <br> houses surrounding Lake Maracaibo were said to remind Italian navigator Amerigo Vespucci of the <br> city of Venice. | Venezuela |  |
| Q2 (Player 1) | A bronze bust of what Irish clergyman, who died in the 1980s, stands inside the terminal building <br> of Knock Airport in Co. Mayo? | (Monsignor) James Horan |  |
| Q3 (Player 2) | "Special Victims Unit" and "Criminal Intent" are both spin-offs from which long-running American <br> TV drama series, that first aired in 1990? | Law \& Order |  |
| Q4 (Player 2) | Which Pacific island nation was originally known as "The Friendly Islands" following the congenial <br> welcome shown to Captain Cook when he first visited there in 1773? | Tonga |  |
| Q5 (Player 3) | Born in Kent in 1130, Richard de Clare, 2nd Earl of Pembroke, was a leading figure in the Anglo- <br> Norman invasion of Ireland. He is most commonly referred to by what nickname? Although this <br> name appears to have come from a mistranslation of one of his family's titles, rather than from his <br> archery skills. | Strongbow |  |
| Q6 (Player 3) | In a similar manner to the Calcutta Cup between England and Scotland, since 2007 the winner of <br> the France vs. Italy fixture in the Six Nations Championship is presented with a cup named after <br> which significant figure in 19th century European history? | Giuseppi Garibaldi |  |
| Q7 (Player 4) | Brown Thomas's current location on Dublin's Grafton Street was the site of which former <br> department store, that traded there for over 150 years until it was taken over by Brown Thomas <br> in the 1990s? | Switzers |  |
| Q8 (Player 4) | Which of the 8 Ivy League colleges has the Latin motto Leges sine moribus vanae , meaning "Laws <br> without morals are useless"? Ironically, this college was Donald Trump's alma mater. | University of Pennsylvania <br> (accept Penn or UPenn) |  |


| Round 2 | Question | Answer |  |
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| Q1 (Player 1) | The TV shows "Torchwood" and "The Sarah Jane Adventures" are both spin-offs from which long- <br> running British TV drama series, that first aired in 1963? | Doctor Who |  |
| Q2 (Player 1) | The Gilbert Islands is a Pacific archipelago that makes up the majority of which island nation? The <br> modern-day name of this country comes from the local-language pronunciation of "Gilberts". | Kiribati |  |
| Q3 (Player 2) | Name either of the Earls who fled from Ulster to mainland Europe during the so-called Flight of <br> the Earls in 1607? You may answer with either their birth name or their title. | Hugh O'Neill / Earl of Tyrone / <br> Rory O'Donnell / Earl of <br> Tyrconnell (accept any) |  |
| Q4 (Player 2) | Given that each team plays each other once, how many matches are currently played every year <br> in the Six Nations championship? (exact number needed) | 15 |  |
| Q5 (Player 3) | Located on North Earl Street, around the corner from Clerys, what century-old Dublin department <br> store closed in 2016 -- less than a year after Clerys -- and is now a Sports Direct store? | Boyers |  |
| Q6 (Player 3) | The English motto of which of the Ivy League colleges is "I would found an institution where any <br> person can find instruction in any study"? The motto is an 1856 quotation by the person who co- <br> founded the college, and the person after whom it is named. | Cornell University |  |
| Q7 (Player 4) | The name of which African country translates as "land of honest men" or "land of upright <br> people"? The country had previously been named after a river which runs through it, before <br> adopting its current name in 1984. | Burkina Faso |  |
| Q8 (Player 4) | Although he spent most of his career in the UK, a bronze statue of which Irish TV presenter, who <br> died in the 1980s, stands in the reception of RTÉ's television studios in Donnybrook? | Eamonn Andrews |  |


| Round 3 | Question | Answer |  |
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| Q1 (Player 1) | Since the Six Nations rugby championship acquired its current name in 2000 with the addition of <br> Italy, only two of the six nations have failed to win the title -- Italy, and who else? | Scotland |  |
| Q2 (Player 1) | Born William Petty, the Marquess of Lansdowne was Prime Minister of Great Britain for 9 months <br> in 1782-1783, and notable as one of only two Irish-born British prime ministers. By which title is <br> he better known to history? | Earl of Shelburne |  |
| Q3 (Player 2) | Veritas -- which of course is Latin for "truth" -- is the single-word motto of which of the Ivy League <br> colleges? This college's famous crest consists of three open books with the letters of the word <br> "Veritas" inscribed across them. | Harvard |  |
| Q4 (Player 2) | With its slogan "Only 40 paces from O'Connell Bridge", name the Dublin department store located <br> on Aston Quay from the early 1900s until it closed in 1984? The building subsequently became a <br> Virgin Megastore in 1986, and is currently a SuperValu supermarket. | McBirney's |  |
| Q5 (Player 3) | A bronze statue of which Irish musician, who died in the 1980s, stands outside Bruxelles pub in <br> Dublin city centre? | Phil Lynott |  |
| Q6 (Player 3) | The name of which European country comes from a Serbian phrase meaning "field of blackbirds"? <br> The country is one of the few territories in Europe not to be a full member of the United Nations. | Kosovo |  |
| Q7 (Player 4) | Captain James Cook discovered what he called "The Sandwich Islands" in 1778, naming them after <br> his patron the Earl of Sandwich. By what name is this Pacific archipelago nowadays known? | Hawaii/ The Hawaiian Islands |  |
| Q8 (Player 4) | "Rock \& Chips" and "The Green Green Grass" are both spin-offs from which long-running British <br> TV comedy series, that first aired in 1981? | Only Fools and Horses |  |


| Round 4 | Question | Answer |  |
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| Q1 (Player 1) | The Latin motto of which of the Ivy League colleges is Vox clamantis in deserto, literally <br> translating as "A voice crying out in the wilderness"? The college in question is located in Hanover, <br> New Hampshire. | Dartmouth College |  |
| Q2 (Player 1) | Which Dublin department store, a mainstay of the Liberties, was located on Thomas Street from <br> 1892 until its closure in 2007? It has since been redeveloped as a student accommodation block. | Frawley's |  |
| Q3 (Player 2) | A bridge named after which Irish literary figure, who died in the 1980s, was opened in 2009 and <br> spans the River Liffey between Sir John Rogerson's Quay and North Wall Quay? | Samuel Beckett |  |
| Q4 (Player 2) | The name for which Asian country derives from the Turkic word for "forty", referring to their <br> legendary hero Manas, who united forty regional clans against their enemies? Appropriately, this <br> country's flag includes a sun surrounded by 40 rays. | Kyrgyzstan |  |
| Q5 (Player 3) | Most islands in the Pacific Ocean are divided broadly among three main sub-regions: Polynesia <br> and Micronesia are two -- what is the third? It includes the island of New Guinea, as well as Fiji, <br> Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands. | Melanesia |  |
| Q6 (Player 3) | The TV shows "Private Practice" and "Station 19" are both spin-offs from which long-running <br> American TV drama series, that first aired in 2005? | Grey's Anatomy |  |
| Q7 (Player 4) | What is currently the Six Nations began as the Home Nations Championship in 1883 with England, <br> Scotland, Wales and Ireland taking part. In what decade of the 20th century did the equivalent <br> Women's Home Nations championship begin, the precursor to today's Women's Six Nations <br> Championship? | 1990s (1996) |  |
| Q8 (Player 4) | Captain Charles Boycott, whose well-publicised ostracism by locals led to the word "boycott" <br> entering the English language in the 1880s, was at the time a land agent in County Mayo under <br> the employment of which Ulster-based Earl and landowner? | Earl Erne also accept Baron <br> Fermanagh or John Crichton) |  |


| Round 5 | Question | Answer |  |
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| Q1 (Player 1) | Which actor called Chris has played Thor in eight movies to date in the Marvel Cinematic <br> Universe, most recently "Avengers: Endgame"? His brothers Liam and Luke are also actors. | Chris Hemsworth |  |
| Q2 (Player 1) | Mayo-born author Sally Rooney is best known for her second novel "Normal People", adapted into <br> a highly successful 2020 TV series. What was the title of her debut novel, published in 2017? | Conversations With Friends |  |
|  | Q3 (Player 2) | In the metric system, the abbreviation for the prefix "milli" (meaning one-thousandth) is the letter <br> "m". As a result, the abbreviation for "micro" (meaning one-millionth) uses a Greek letter instead. <br> Which Greek letter? | Mu |
| Q4 (Player 2) | Which English band, named after its South African-born keyboard player, had both a UK and <br> Ireland no. 1 hit single in 1966 with "Pretty Flamingo"? | Manfred Mann |  |
| Q5 (Player 3) | Produced in limited quantities in 1966 to mark the 50th anniversary of the Easter Rising, the Irish <br> 10-shilling coin is notable as the only lrish coin produced since independence not to feature a harp <br> on its obverse side. Instead it featured a portrait of which of the Easter Rising leaders? | Pádraig Pearse |  |
| Q6 (Player 3) | The French name for which fruit is groseille à maquereau, literally translated as "mackerel <br> berries", due to their use in a sauce for mackerel in old French cuisine? | Gooseberry |  |
| Q7 (Player 4) | As all quizzers know, Beethoven only wrote one completed opera - Fidelio - but what notable <br> Russian composer also wrote only one completed opera: Boris Godunov, which premiered in St. <br> Petersburg in 1874? | Modest Mussorgsky |  |


| Round 6 | Question | Answer |  |
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| Q1 (Player 1) | Not to be confused with "deci" meaning "division by 10", what four-letter prefix is used in the <br> metric system to denote "multiplication by 10"? Please spell your answer. | Deca (or Deka) - spelling must <br> be correct |  |
| Q2 (Player 1) | The song "Rockin' Robin" is best-known via the cover version released by Michael Jackson in 1972. <br> However, which Texas-born rock 'n' roll singer was the first person to have a hit with the song, in <br> 1958? | Bobby Day (accept Robert <br> James Byrd) |  |
| Q3 (Player 2) | The Central Bank of Ireland faced an embarrassment in 2013 when a design error was spotted in a <br> collector's edition €10 silver coin they had produced. The coin featured a misquoted line from <br> which famous 20th century Irish literary work? | Ulysses |  |
| Q4 (Player 2) | In botany, what 5-letter name is given to a fleshy fruit with thin skin and a central stone <br> containing the fruit's seed? Common examples include plums, cherries, apricots and olives. | Drupe | Claude Debussy |
| Q5 (Player 3) | As all quizzers know, Beethoven only wrote one completed opera - Fidelio - but what notable <br> French composer also wrote only one completed opera: Pelléas et Mélisande, which premiered in <br> Paris in 1902? |  |  |
| Q6 (Player 3) | Although he didn't die of overeating, which notable 16th century astronomer is generally believed <br> to have died of a ruptured bladder, after attending a royal banquet in Prague? He had refused to <br> leave the banquet table to relieve himself, as he considered it a breach of etiquette. | Tycho Brahe |  |
| Q7 (Player 4) | Which actor called Chris first came to fame via the TV sitcom "Parks and Recreation", and <br> nowadays is best known for his starring roles in the "Guardians of the Galaxy" and "Jurassic <br> World" movie franchises? | Chris Pratt |  |
| Q8 (Player 4) | Although born in Vermont, which crime author has lived in Dublin since 1990 and has been <br> referred to as "The First Lady of Irish Crime"? Two of her novels formed the basis of the 2019 TV <br> series "Dublin Murders". | Tana French |  |


| Round 7 | Question | Answer |
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| Q1 (Player 1) | Meyer, Eureka and Lisbon are all varieties of what citrus fruit? | Lemon |
| Q2 (Player 1) | Introduced in 1928 and withdrawn in 1972 after decimalisation, which denomination of Irish coin <br> featured a design of a wolfhound? | Sixpence |
| Q3 (Player 2) | In Scandinavian culture, King Adolf Frederick is often referred to as "The King Who Ate Himself To <br> Death", dying age 60 of a digestive ailment, after consuming a huge Shrove Tuesday feast which <br> included no less than 14 helpings of dessert. He was king of what country from 1751 to 1771? | Sweden |
| Q4 (Player 2) | As all quizzers know, Beethoven only wrote one completed opera - Fidelio - but what notable <br> composer also wrote only one completed opera: Bluebeard's Castle, which premiered in Budapest <br> in 1918? | Bela Bartók |
| Q5 (Player 3) | Following Iris Murdoch in 1978, which Dublin-born writer became the second Irish female author <br> to win the Booker Prize in 2007, with her novel "The Gathering"? | Anne Enright |
| Q6 (Player 3) | Which actor called Chris has hosted the Academy Awards twice: in 2005 and 2016? He is also <br> known as a comedian, winning 4 Emmy awards, most recently in 2009 for his HBO comedy special <br> "Kill The Messenger". | Chris Rock |
| Q7 (Player 4) | The name of what seabird is also the name of Fleetwood Mac's only number-one hit in the UK <br> Singles Chart, released in 1968? | Albatross |
| Q8 (Player 4) | What prefix in the metric system comes from a Greek word meaning "monster" and corresponds <br> to multiplication by 10 to the power of 12, or one trillion? | Tera |


| Round 8 | Question | Answer |  |
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| Q1 (Player 1) | According to popular legend, King Henry I of England is said to have died from eating "a surfeit" <br> (or excessive amount) of what fish? With their scale-less elongated bodies, they superficially <br> resemble eels, though in fact they are unrelated to eels. | Lamprey |  |
| Q2 (Player 1) | As all quizzers know, Beethoven only wrote one completed opera - Fidelio - but what notable <br> composer also wrote only one completed opera: Don Sanche, or The Castle of Love, which <br> premiered in Paris in 1825 when the composer was only 13? | Franz Liszt |  |
| Q3 (Player 2) | Which 2018 novel by Belfast writer Anna Burns became the first novel by a Northern Irish author <br> to win the Booker Prize? | Milkman |  |
| Q4 (Player 2) | Which actor called Chris played Robin in the 1990s superhero movies "Batman Forever" and <br> "Batman \& Robin"? Since 2009 he has played the lead role of Special Agent Callen in the US TV <br> show "NCIS: Los Angeles". | Chris O'Donnell |  |
| Q5 (Player 3) | When released in 1984, "When Doves Cry" became Prince's first US number 1 hit. It was the lead <br> single from which of his albums -- the best-selling of Prince's career, with an estimated 20 million <br> copies sold worldwide? | Purple Rain |  |
| Q6 (Player 3) | Appropriately taken from the Danish word for "fifteen", what prefix in the metric system is <br> equivalent to 10 to the power of minus fifteen, or one quadrillionth? | Femto |  |
| Q7 (Player 4) | What hybrid fruit is a cross between blackberry and raspberry, and is named after the American <br> horticulturist who accidentally created it in 1881? | Loganberry |  |
| Q8 (Player 4) | The Irish farthing coin (1926-1966) and the 50 pence coin (1971-2002) both featured the same <br> bird design on the front. What species of wading bird was this? | (Eurasian) Woodcock |  |

## END OF QUIZ

## Tiebreaker round

Use only if necessary, e.g. where 2 or more players are tied for 2 nd place. Each player should write their 4 answers down on a sheet of paper - most correct answers wins.

| Question |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Located 13 km off the coast of County Cork, what uninhabited island is Ireland's most southerly <br> point? It is sometimes known as "Ireland's Teardrop", because it was the last part of Ireland that <br> 19th-century Irish emigrants saw as they sailed to North America. | Fastnet Rock |
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| Q2 | What name is given to an empty tomb or a monument erected in honour of a person or group of <br> people whose remains are elsewhere? The single-word name comes from the Greek for "empty <br> tomb": probably the most famous such monument is in London's Whitehall, memorialising the <br> casualties of the First World War. | Cenotaph |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Q3 | Considered one of the 13 letters of the Hawaiian alphabet is the "okina", which corresponds to <br> the glottal stop. In writing, it is represented not by a letter but by which punctuation mark? | Apostrophe (or single quote / <br> quotation mark / inverted <br> comma) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Q4 | Name the Republic of Ireland midfielder, at the time playing for Portsmouth, who in November <br> 1993 scored the equaliser against Northern Ireland at Windsor Park in a critical World Cup <br> qualifier, allowing the Republic to qualify for the 1994 World Cup? | Alan McLoughlin |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Nearest-the-pin tiebreaker

Use only if the previous tiebreaker round failed to break the tie. Each player should write their guess down on a sheet of paper - closest to the correct answer wins.

| Question | Answer |  |
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| Q1 | According to the Society of the Irish Motor Industry, how many new passenger cars were <br> registered in the Republic of Ireland in total during 2019? | $\mathbf{1 1 7 , 1 0 0}$ |

