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RUNNING ORDER + INDIVIDUAL QUESTIONS

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START OF QUIZ

Teams to toss a coin to determine A & B order

<u>Round 1 - Individual</u>	<u>Question</u>	<u>Answer</u>
Q1a (Team A Person 1)	Established in 1992, which Irish retailer operates a chain of petrol stations in Ireland, the UK and the US? As of 2021, this company runs 204 outlets in Ireland, the most notable being motorway service stations near Enfield on the M4 and Castlebellingham on the M1.	<u>Applegreen</u>
Q1b (Team B Person 1)	Born in 1960, which British media personality is best-known for co-hosting the UK TV game show <i>Countdown</i> for 26 years from 1982 until 2008? She got the job after her mother noticed a newspaper advertisement asking for "a woman with good mathematical skills".	Carol <u>Vorderman</u>
Q2a (Team A Person 2)	Coleopterology, a branch of entomology, is the scientific study of which type of insect?	<u>Beetles</u>
Q2b (Team B Person 2)	What was the name of the elite infantry units that formed the Ottoman Sultan's household troops? Its numbers were filled by the <i>devshirme</i> system of child levy, under which Armenians, Bulgarians, Greeks and natives of the Balkan lands were taken and converted to Islam.	<u>Janissaries</u>
Q3a (Team A Person 3)	Which word, the formal name for the act of "dubbing" or conferring knighthood in the Middle Ages, is now used much more generally to mean an award, honour or praise?	<u>Accolade</u>
Q3b (Team B Person 3)	The son of two emigrants from Kiltimagh, County Mayo, name the American professional boxer who became world heavyweight champion after defeating Jack Dempsey in 1926 and retired undefeated as a heavyweight two years later?	Gene <u>Tunney</u>
Q4a (Team A Person 4)	Which song, written in 1953 by Johnny Cash and released two years later, begins with these lines? " <i>I hear the train a-comin' / It's rollin' 'round the bend / And I ain't seen the sunshine / Since I don't know when</i> "	<u>Folsom Prison Blues</u>
Q4b (Team B Person 4)	The abrupt disappearance from public view in November 2021 of which Chinese tennis player has led to a campaign seeking proof of her safety, involving not just the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) but also Amnesty International and the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights? She is the winner of two Grand Slam doubles titles: Wimbledon 2013 and the French Open 2014.	<u>Peng Shuai</u>

Round 2 - Team

Team A to pick a topic first

Team B to pick a topic second

Round 3 - Individual	Question	Answer
Q1a (Team B Person 1)	<i>Black Circle</i> , <i>Red Square</i> , <i>Black Square</i> and <i>Black Cross</i> are all works by which Russian avant-garde artist and art theorist (1879-1935)? This man founded the Suprematism art movement in 1913.	Kazimir <u>Malevich</u>
Q1b (Team A Person 1)	In 1931, Eamon de Valera founded which Irish national daily newspaper? Although successful for many years, this newspaper ceased publication in 1995 due to long-running financial troubles, though the immediate cause of the closure was an industrial dispute over the sacking of the group business editor, Colm Rapple. Irish historian Tim Pat Coogan served as editor of this paper from 1968 to 1987.	Irish <u>Press</u> (accept <u>Evening Press</u>)
Q2a (Team B Person 2)	In June 2021, the Legislative Assembly of which Central American country approved legislation to make the digital currency Bitcoin legal tender?	<u>El Salvador</u>
Q2b (Team A Person 2)	Which American musician, who since 2015 has served as bandleader and musical director on US TV's <i>The Late Show with Stephen Colbert</i> , received the most nominations (11) for the upcoming 64th Grammy Awards? Along with Trent Reznor and Atticus Ross, he shared the Academy Award for Best Original Score in 2021, for the Pixar movie <i>Soul</i> .	Jon <u>Batiste</u>
Q3a (Team B Person 3)	American singer songwriter Henry John Deutschendorf Jr. (1943-1997) performed under what stage name? His only number one single in Ireland was <i>Annie's Song</i> (1974) and not, surprisingly, <i>Take Me Home Country Roads</i> (1971).	John <u>Denver</u>
Q3b (Team A Person 3)	Which city, one of the smallest capital cities in Europe with a population of just over 4,000, is located on the slopes of its nation's highest point Monte Titano (Mount Titan)?	City of <u>San Marino</u> (accept <u>Città</u>)
Q4a (Team B Person 4)	Portrayed on screen by actors such as Christopher Lee, Richard E. Grant and Mark Gatiss, what is the first name of the elder brother of detective Sherlock Holmes, a British government official and a founding member of the fictional Diogenes Club?	<u>Mycroft</u>
Q4b (Team A Person 4)	The oratorio <i>Solomon</i> by George Frideric Handel was first performed in 1749. The most famous section from this oratorio is a short and lively instrumental passage for two oboes and strings in Act Three, which is named for the "arrival" of which Biblical character? Modern historians identify this person's country of origin as being in present-day Yemen.	The <u>Queen of Sheba</u>

Round 4 - Team

Team B to pick a topic first

Team A to pick a topic second

Round 5 - Individual	Question	Answer
Q1a (Team A Person 1)	The members of which military unit, which existed from the tenth to the 14th centuries, served as personal bodyguards to the Byzantine emperors? This unit was known for being primarily composed of recruits from northern Europe, including mainly Norsemen from Scandinavia but also Anglo-Saxons from England.	<u>Varangian</u> Guard
Q1b (Team B Person 1)	Since 2018, the chain of Irish filling stations that over the years has variously been known as Statoil, Shell and Topaz, has traded under what branding, that of an international chain of convenience stores owned by the Canadian multinational Alimentation Couche-Tard?	<u>Circle K</u>
Q2a (Team A Person 2)	Which American singer-songwriter, born in Brooklyn in 1941, has only had one number one single in Ireland? This was the 1971 song <i>I Am I Said</i> and not, surprisingly, his 1969 signature song <i>Sweet Caroline</i> .	Neil <u>Diamond</u>
Q2b (Team B Person 2)	Melittology (also known as apicology) is a branch of entomology concerning the scientific study of which type of insect?	<u>Bees</u> (do <u>not</u> accept wasps)
Q3a (Team A Person 3)	In February 2021, the Canton of Zug started accepting digital currencies Bitcoin and Ethereum for personal and company taxes. Which European country contains the Canton of Zug?	<u>Switzerland</u>
Q3b (Team B Person 3)	Which American singer and songwriter is one of three acts (alongside Doja Cat and Justin Bieber) who have received eight nominations for the upcoming 64th Grammy Awards? Earlier this year she received the Academy Award for Best Original Song, for the song <i>Fight For You</i> , from <i>Jesus and the Black Messiah</i> .	<u>H.E.R.</u> / Gabriella <u>Wilson</u>
Q4a (Team A Person 4)	Which American professional boxer and World Heavyweight Champion, best known as the only man who ever defeated the great John L. Sullivan, was the son of two Irish emigrants: a father from Ballinrobe, County Mayo, and a mother from Dublin?	James J. <u>Corbett</u>
Q4b (Team B Person 4)	<i>The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba (in Galway)</i> , a Celtic folk version of the Handel piece, was a Top 30 hit in the Irish singles chart in 1983. It was released by which Irish folk group, founded in 1975 by Frankie Gavin, Alec Finn, Johnny McDonagh and Charlie Piggott? Singers who have been members of this group through the years include Dolores Keane and Mary Black.	<u>De Dannan</u>

Round 6 - Team

Team A to pick a topic first

Team B to pick a topic second

Round 7 - Individual	Question	Answer
Q1a (Team B Person 1)	Which song, written by Shel Silverstein but made famous by a 1969 Johnny Cash recording, begins with these lines? <i>"Well, my daddy left home when I was three / Didn't leave very much to my mom and me / Except this old guitar and an empty bottle of booze"</i>	A <u>Boy Named Sue</u>
Q1b (Team A Person 1)	Born in 1982 in Wuhan, which Chinese tennis player achieved a career-high WTA ranking of world No. 2 in February 2014, after winning the Ladies Singles title at the Australian Open? That was her second Grand Slam victory, following the 2011 French Open.	<u>Li Na</u>
Q2a (Team B Person 2)	In 1980, journalist John Mulcahy founded which Irish national weekly newspaper? This publication closed in 1982 but was subsequently bought by Vincent Browne, who relaunched it in 1983 and became its editor. It finally closed for good in 2011 after entering receivership.	The Sunday <u>Tribune</u>
Q2b (Team A Person 2)	Portrayed on screen by actors such as Simon Callow, Rupert Graves and Eddie Marsan, what is the name of the determined but conventional Scotland Yard detective who consults Sherlock Holmes on many cases? The character appeared in 13 Holmes stories, the first being the novel <i>A Study in Scarlet</i> (1887).	Inspector G. <u>Lestrade</u>
Q3a (Team B Person 3)	Which word, the formal name for the removal of a knighthood or other honour, is now used much more generally to mean a lowering in dignity or estimation, or to bring into contempt?	<u>Degradation</u> (accept <u>degrade</u>)
Q3b (Team A Person 3)	Who succeeded Carol Vorderman as the co-host of UK TV game show <i>Countdown</i> in 2009, a role she still holds today? A maths graduate, she too says she was encouraged to apply for the job by her mother.	Rachel <u>Riley</u>
Q4a (Team B Person 4)	Which city, one of the smallest capital cities in Europe with a population of less than 6,000, stands on the banks of the river Rhine? In fact, it is the only current capital city located on the Rhine.	<u>Vaduz</u>
Q4b (Team A Person 4)	<i>Women With Rakes</i> , <i>Bluebells</i> , and <i>Cyclist</i> are all works by which Russian avant-garde artist, costume designer and set designer (1881-1962), who was the lifelong partner of fellow artist Mikhail Larionov?	Natalia <u>Goncharova</u>

Round 8 - Team

Team B to pick a topic first

Team A to use last remaining topic

END OF QUIZ

**Spare questions
(only use if necessary)**

Question	Answer
Prior to Joe Biden, who was the last Vice President of the United States to go on to become president?	<u>George H.W. Bush</u> (accept <u>Bush Senior</u> , prompt on "Bush")
Which military unit began during the Roman Republic as an escort for high-rank political officials before it was adopted by Caesar Augustus as his personal security escort? This unit became known for its palace intrigues and was eventually disbanded by Constantine in the year 312.	<u>Praetorian</u> Guard
Who scored the equalising goal in the Republic of Ireland ladies football team's 1-1 draw with Slovakia last week?	Katie <u>McCabe</u>
The late Irish musicians Seamus Ennis, Liam Óg Ó Floinn and Paddy Maloney were all expert performers on which instrument?	<u>Uilleann pipes</u>

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Fictional singers

Q1 Drummer Ringo Starr, in the role of fictional singer Billy Shears, performed the vocal for the song <i>With a Little Help from my Friends</i> on which iconic 1967 album by The Beatles?	Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band
Q2 <i>The Life of Chris Gaines</i> , a 1999 album that reached number 2 in the US album charts, was released by which bewilderingly popular US country singer, performing as the eponymous fictional rock star?	Garth Brooks
Q3 <i>The Return of Bruno</i> was the 1987 debut album by which American performer, best known as an actor? This R&B album, released in conjunction with a mockumentary film about his fictitious alter-ego Bruno Radolini, was reasonably successful, spawning two UK Top 10 singles: <i>Respect Yourself</i> and <i>Under the Boardwalk</i> .	Bruce Willis
Q4 The name of US rock group The Killers is derived from a logo on the bass drum of a fictitious band portrayed in the music video for the 2001 song <i>Crystal</i> , a single by which British group?	New Order

Names of Irish schools

Q1 Over 50 pre-school facilities throughout Ireland bear the name of which Italian physician and educator (1870-1952), best known for the philosophy of education that bears her name?	Maria Montessori
Q2 Which educational charity was founded in 1984 to act as the patron body for the new multidenominational schools that opened after the establishment of the Dalkey School Project? As of 2019, it was the patron of 90 primary schools in the Republic of Ireland. In 2014 it opened its first school outside Ireland, in Bristol in the United Kingdom.	Educate Together
Q3 Many of the educational institutions in Ireland that were established by the Christian Brothers religious order, are named in honour of which man, who founded the group in Waterford in 1820?	Edmund Rice
Q4 The Congregation of the Christian Brothers are sometimes confused with another order, also involved in education: the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools. This order was founded in France in 1725 by which priest and reformer, whose name is often given to their schools? Ten of the 15 schools they established on the island of Ireland use this name.	Jean-Baptiste de La Salle

Russian politicians

Q1 In January 2020, which former president of Russia resigned as Prime Minister, along with the rest of his government, to allow Vladimir Putin to make sweeping constitutional changes? On the same day, Putin appointed this man to the newly-created role of deputy chairman of the Security Council of the Russian Federation.	Dmitry <u>Medvedev</u>
Q2 Which political party currently dominates Russian politics? As of 2021 it holds 326 (or 72%) of the 450 seats in the State Duma, having constituted the majority in the chamber since 2007. Vladimir Putin, despite not holding the title officially, operates as its de facto leader.	<u>United Russia</u> / Единая Россия
Q3 Which diplomat, politician and member of United Russia, has served as the Foreign Minister of Russia since 2004?	Sergey <u>Lavrov</u>
Q4 Which politician and economist succeeded Dmitry Medvedev as Prime Minister of Russia in January 2020? Later that year, he announced that he had caught COVID-19 and had to stand down for two months in favour of his deputy, Andrey Belousov.	Mikhail <u>Mishustin</u>

Speakers at joint sessions of the Oireachtas

Q1 Which President of the United States addressed a joint session of Dáil Éireann and Seanad Éireann, the two houses of the Oireachtas [<i>pronounced "o-rock-thas"</i>] or parliament of Ireland, in June 1963?	John F <u>Kennedy</u> / <u>JFK</u>
Q2 Which iconic South African politician spoke to a joint session of the Dáil and Seanad in July 1990, about five months after he had been released from prison?	Nelson <u>Mandela</u>
Q3 Described as an "exchange of views" rather than a formal address by him, which French politician spoke to the Dáil and Seanad in May 2017? Without doubt, the main topic of conversation would have related to his role as the EU's Chief Negotiator on Brexit.	Michel <u>Barnier</u>
Q4 Prior to John F. Kennedy, no-one had addressed a joint session of the Oireachtas for almost 40 years. Which Irish politician, the first Governor-General of the Irish Free State, had made the previous address in 1923, modelled on the British "speech from the throne"?	Tim <u>Healy</u>

Irish bays

Q1 The Whiddy Island disaster, also known as the Betelgeuse incident, occurred in January 1979, when the oil tanker Betelgeuse exploded at the offshore jetty for the oil terminal in which County Cork bay?	<u>Bantry</u> Bay
Q2 One of a pair of twin beacons, the Metal Man is a freestanding painted cast-iron statue of a Royal Navy petty officer that was erected in 1819. It is situated between Rosses Point and Oyster Island, in which Connacht bay?	<u>Sligo</u> Bay
Q3 The second Metal Man statue is set atop the central of three pillars on Newtown Head, which overlooks the entrance to which bay, the namesake of the County Waterford town that is located on it?	<u>Tramore</u> Bay
Q4 Since 2002, which north-facing natural bay in County Mayo, stretching 8 km east from Erris Head, has been the site of the Corrib gas controversy? In 2008 protests took place after Royal Dutch Shell sent the large pipelaying Solitaire into this bay to lay an offshore section of gas pipeline.	<u>Broadhaven</u> Bay

Rugby outhalves

Q1 Which now-retired New Zealand rugby union player is the highest point scorer in test match rugby history, with 1,598 points? In the 2015 Rugby World Cup final against Australia, he kicked four penalties, two conversions and a drop goal, and was named the man of the match.	Dan <u>Carter</u>
Q2 Which Irish rugby player, a doctor in the days of amateur rugby, was named the Greatest Ever Irish Rugby Player by the Irish Rugby Football Union in 2002? He is best known for leading Ireland to a grand slam in the 1948 Five Nations Championship.	Jack <u>Kyle</u>
Q3 Which player was the first choice No 10 for the Wales national Rugby team from 1969 to 1978? He was known for his flair and range of tricks, including a famous sidestep and swerve that he used twice at the start of the move which led to what is often described as "the greatest try of all time", for the Barbarians against New Zealand in 1973.	Phil <u>Bennett</u>
Q4 Which legend of Argentine rugby played 58 times for Los Pumas in the 1970s and 80s, captaining them on 34 occasions, including leading the side at the first Rugby World Cup in 1987?	Hugo <u>Porta</u>

2021 Irish Book Awards

Q1 At the 2021 Irish Book Awards, <i>[BLANK] and the City</i> , by Emer McLysaght and Sarah Breen, was awarded Popular Fiction Book of the Year. What Irish female given name fills in the blank? This is the fourth book published by these authors since 2017, all of which feature the same female name in their titles.	<u>Aisling</u>
Q2 The winner of the Children's Book of the Year senior category at the 2021 Irish Book Awards was <i>The Summer I Robbed a Bank</i> , by which keyboard-playing comedian and author, born in Dublin in 1975?	David <u>O'Doherty</u>
Q3 Which Irish author, who has been short-listed for the Booker Prize for his novels <i>A Long Long Way</i> (2005) and <i>The Secret Scripture</i> (2008), was awarded the Bob Hughes Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2021 Irish Book Awards?	Sebastian <u>Barry</u>
Q4 Which novel, the third by Mayo-born author Sally Rooney, won the Eason Novel of the Year Award at the 2021 Irish Book Awards? An exact 5-word answer is required.	<u>Beautiful World, Where Are You</u> (all words need to be correct)

Female leaders

Q1 Which politician, born in Kiev in 1898, served as the fourth prime minister of Israel between 1969 and 1974?	Golda <u>Meir / Mabovitch / Myerson</u>
Q2 Milka Planinc (1924-2010) was the first female head of government of a diplomatically recognized Communist state in Europe. In which country did she serve as Prime Minister from 1982 to 1986?	<u>Yugoslavia</u>
Q3 The wife of an assassinated senator, and the mother of a future president of the nation, which politician was president of the Philippines between 1986 and 1992? We require both her first <u>and</u> last names.	<u>Corazon Aquino</u> (accept <u>Cory Aquino</u>) - first <u>and</u> last name required
Q4 Elisabeth Domitien (1925-2005) was the first woman to serve as prime minister of an African nation, when she led which country between January 1975 and April 1976?	<u>Central African Republic</u>