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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

Round 1 - Individual	Question	Answer
Q1a (Team A Person 1)	On the periodic table, what single letter is the chemical symbol for potassium? Note that this letter is nowhere to be found in the word "potassium".	<u>K</u>
Q1b (Team B Person 1)	In <i>The Planets</i> suite by Gustav Holst, which planet in our solar system is given the epithet "The Bringer of Old Age"?	<u>Saturn</u>
Q2a (Team A Person 2)	There are only two national flags which currently feature the colour purple. Which Caribbean island nation is one of these? The purple comes from the sisserou parrot depicted on the flag, which has a mixture of green and purple plumage.	<u>Dominica</u>
Q2b (Team B Person 2)	Released in November 2021 and immediately reaching Number One in both the UK and Irish album charts, what is the title of Adele's latest studio album, her first in six years?	<u>30</u>
Q3a (Team A Person 3)	What island off the coast of County Cork is uniquely connected by the Irish mainland by cable car? Opened in 1969, this is currently the only cable car in Ireland, and also the only cable car in Europe which crosses the open sea.	<u>Dursey</u> Island
Q3b (Team B Person 3)	What monarch of the House of Stuart was on the English throne at the time of the 1707 Act of Union, under which the kingdoms of England and Scotland were combined into a single Kingdom of Great Britain?	Queen <u>Anne</u>
Q4a (Team A Person 4)	From the Latin name for this creature, what mammal is represented by the Southern hemisphere constellation Delphinus?	<u>Dolphin</u>
Q4b (Team B Person 4)	Born in Dublin in 1935, who served as the first State Pathologist of Ireland, a role he held from 1974 until his retirement in 2004?	Professor John <u>Harbison</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)	Noted for novels such as <i>Paradise</i> (1994) and <i>By the Sea</i> (2001), what author, born in Zanzibar in 1948, was awarded the 2021 Nobel Prize for Literature?	Abdulrazak <u>Gurnah</u>
Q1b (Team A Person 1)	Which Leinster county's GAA colours are green, white and gold, mimicking the Irish flag? Perhaps the patriotic colour scheme helps explain why this is one of only three Leinster counties to have won All-Ireland senior titles in both hurling and football.	<u>Offaly</u>
Q2a (Team B Person 2)	In the history of the Academy Awards, only 12 performers have received two acting nominations in the same year. Who was the most recent person to achieve this? In 2020 she was nominated for Best Actress in <i>Marriage Story</i> and Best Supporting Actress in <i>Jojo Rabbit</i> .	Scarlett <u>Johansson</u>
Q2b (Team A Person 2)	"The year is 1987, and NASA launches the last of America's deep space probes." These are the opening lines to each episode of which classic sci-fi TV show, broadcast from 1979-81? The voiceover goes on to describe how the title character and his spacecraft " <i>are blown out of their trajectory into an orbit which freezes his life support systems</i> ", thus explaining the premise of the show.	<u>Buck Rogers</u> in the 25th Century
Q3a (Team B Person 3)	Dominating the Belfast skyline and considered icons of the city since the 1970s, the two shipbuilding cranes that stand in Belfast docks are both named after Biblical figures from the Old Testament known for their size and/or strength. Name <u>both</u> .	<u>Samson / Goliath</u> (need both)
Q3b (Team A Person 3)	Named after the container in which it is baked, though it also sounds like the French word for "bread", which type of loaf is the most common style of bread consumed in Ireland?	Sliced <u>pan</u>
Q4a (Team B Person 4)	Name the Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry who has served as the Irish Minister for Education since June 2020?	Norma <u>Foley</u>
Q4b (Team A Person 4)	Released in 2001, the album <i>Fantasies & Delusions: Music for Solo Piano</i> contains classical piano pieces composed by which hugely successful American musician, born in New York in 1949? It is the only studio album he has released since "retiring" from writing pop music in 1993, though he continues to tour regularly.	Billy <u>Joel</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)	Released in November 2021 and immediately reaching Number One in both the UK and Irish album charts, what is the title of ABBA's latest studio album, their first since 1981?	<u>Voyage</u>
Q1b (Team B Person 1)	On the periodic table, what single letter is the chemical symbol for tungsten? Note that this letter is nowhere to be found in the word "tungsten".	<u>W</u>
Q2a (Team A Person 2)	The Samson and Goliath cranes stand in which Belfast shipyard, founded in 1861 and most famous as being the shipyard where the Titanic was built?	<u>Harland and Wolff</u>
Q2b (Team B Person 2)	There are only two national flags which currently feature the colour purple. Which Central American nation is the other of these? The purple comes from a rainbow featured in this country's triangular coat of arms, seen on the centre of the flag.	<u>Nicaragua</u>
Q3a (Team A Person 3)	In the history of the Academy Awards, only 12 performers have received two acting nominations in the same year. Who is the second-most recent person to achieve this? In 2008 she was nominated for Best Actress in <i>Elizabeth: The Golden Age</i> and Best Supporting Actress in <i>I'm Not There</i> .	Cate <u>Blanchett</u>
Q3b (Team B Person 3)	<i>"A shadowy flight into the dangerous world of a man who does not exist"</i> is how the intro to each episode described which classic American action/crime drama series, broadcast from 1982-86? The voiceover goes on to describe the main character as <i>"a young loner on a crusade to champion the cause of the innocent, the helpless, the powerless, in a world of criminals who operate above the law."</i>	<u>Knight Rider</u>
Q4a (Team A Person 4)	What monarch of the House of Hanover was on the British throne at the time of the 1801 Act of Union, under which the kingdoms of Great Britain and Ireland were combined into the newly-created United Kingdom?	King <u>George III</u> (prompt on "George")
Q4b (Team B Person 4)	Released in 1991, <i>Liverpool Oratorio</i> was the first major classical work by which hugely successful English musician, born in Liverpool in 1942? He has since released 4 other classical albums, in between his "pop" albums and regular touring which continue to this day.	Paul <u>McCartney</u>

Round 6 - Team

Team A to pick a topic first

Team B to pick a topic second

<u>Round 7 - Individual</u>	Question	Answer
Q1a (Team B Person 1)	From the Latin name for this creature, what reptile is represented by the northern hemisphere constellation Lacerta?	<u>Lizard</u>
Q1b (Team A Person 1)	Born in Scotland in 1951, who succeeded John Harbison as State Pathologist of Ireland in 2004? She held the role until her retirement in 2018, and two years later wrote the bestselling book <i>Beyond the Tape</i> about her experiences.	Professor Marie <u>Cassidy</u>
Q2a (Team B Person 2)	Apart from Offaly, the only other Irish county to have three GAA county colours is which Leinster county, who play in red, yellow and green? Perhaps this eye-watering combination is one reason why this county has never won a senior All-Ireland title in either hurling or football.	<u>Carlow</u>
Q2b (Team A Person 2)	Name the Fine Gael TD for Cavan-Monaghan who has served as the Irish Minister for Social Protection since June 2020?	Heather <u>Humphreys</u>
Q3a (Team B Person 3)	A tourist attraction for two decades until it closed in the 1970s, the top of which 214 metre-high promontory in County Wicklow was formerly connected to the seafront by a ski resort-style chairlift?	<u>Bray Head</u>
Q3b (Team A Person 3)	In <i>The Planets</i> suite by Gustav Holst, which planet in our solar system is given the epithet "The Mystic"?	<u>Neptune</u>
Q4a (Team B Person 4)	Distinct from pan loaves, what other type of bread popular in Ireland takes its name from its method of production, where many loaves are baked together in one large tray, only being separated after baking? This method means that most slices only have crusts on the top and bottom, not on the sides.	<u>Batch</u> (also accept the Scottish term <u>plain</u>)
Q4b (Team A Person 4)	Noted for poetry collections such as <i>The Triumph of Achilles</i> (1985) and <i>The Wild Iris</i> (1992), what poet, born in New York in 1943, was awarded the 2020 Nobel Prize for Literature?	Louise <u>Glück</u> [pronounced "glick"]

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
In American football, the Super Bowl is traditionally played on what day of the week?	<u>Sunday</u>
Topeka is the capital of what midwestern US state?	<u>Kansas</u>
Name the English singer who has had three of her albums top the UK charts since 2010: <i>Lights</i> , <i>Halcyon</i> and <i>Brightest Blue</i> ?	Ellie <u>Goulding</u>
Since 1353, the Archbishop of which Ulster archdiocese has been titled Primate of All Ireland? This is still true today for both the Roman Catholic Church and the Church of Ireland.	<u>Armagh</u>

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The Bard

Q1 To which Shakespeare tragedy are these the opening lines? " <i>Two households, both alike in dignity / In fair Verona, where we lay our scene</i> ".	Romeo & Juliet
Q2 The only Shakespeare play to win the Oscar for Best Picture was <i>Hamlet</i> in 1948, an adaptation directed by and starring which renowned British actor?	Laurence Olivier
Q3 The 2016 novel <i>Hag-Seed</i> is a modern retelling of Shakespeare's <i>The Tempest</i> , set in present-day Canada. It was written by which author, a two-time winner of the Booker Prize?	Margaret Atwood
Q4 Only two characters make an appearance in four separate Shakespeare plays - name <u>either</u> ? One is the fictional inn-keeper of the Boar's Head Tavern in London, the other is the real-life widow of King Henry VI. (Don't be tempted to answer "Falstaff" for this question - he only appears in three Shakespeare plays, though he is mentioned in a fourth)	Mistress Quickly / Queen Margaret of Anjou - accept <u>either</u>

US geography namesakes

Q1 The longest river entirely within Texas, and the river that flows through the Grand Canyon both share what name - one they also share with the state whose capital is Denver?	Colorado
Q2 The largest cities by population in both Maine and Oregon share what name?	Portland
Q3 The state capital of West Virginia and the largest city by population in South Carolina both share what name?	Charleston
Q4 The largest cities by population in the US states of Alabama and New Hampshire both share their names with two of the largest cities in what country?	UK / England (the cities are Birmingham and Manchester)

How many?

<i>For each of these 4 questions, the answer is a number. The <u>exact</u> answer is required for each!</i>	
Q1 How many samurai are referenced in the title of the 1954 film by Akira Kurosawa, frequently cited as one of the most influential films of all time?	<u>7</u>
Q2 How many goals did the Republic of Ireland ladies' football team score in their World Cup qualifier against Georgia last week? The goals tally set a new record for the biggest-ever win by an Irish international team - male or female.	<u>11</u>
Q3 How many laps of a standard athletics track are run during a 5,000 metre race? Be warned that the answer to this question is <u>not</u> a whole number!	<u>12½ / 12.5</u>
Q4 How many stars feature on the flag of Brazil? Much like the US flag, each star represents one of Brazil's states, plus an additional star for the Federal District, which contains the country's capital Brasilia.	<u>27</u>

Novelty singles

Q1 Which Irish actor, well known for playing Father Jack Hackett in <i>Father Ted</i> , had a hit in both the Irish and UK singles charts in the early 1980s with the novelty song <i>Christmas Countdown</i> , a humorous version of <i>The 12 Days of Christmas</i> ?	Frank <u>Kelly</u>
Q2 Co-written by Michael Jackson (who also supplied uncredited backing vocals), what novelty song, performed by Nancy Cartwright in-character as Bart Simpson, reached Number 1 in both the UK and Ireland singles charts in 1990?	<u>Do the Bartman</u>
Q3 Despite releasing over 60 albums in his lifetime, Frank Zappa only ever had one US top 40 hit single, with which 1982 novelty song? Released as a duet with his daughter Moon, the song is a parody of a particular type of youth culture that originated in early 1980s Los Angeles.	<u>Valley Girl</u>
Q4 The Irish Christmas No. 1 single in 1985 was which novelty song by <i>Father Ted</i> star Dermot Morgan, featuring his impressions of Barry McGuigan, Bob Geldof, Pope John Paul II and Ronald Reagan? You can simply answer by giving the surname of Barry McGuigan's boxing promoter, who is name-checked in the title of the song.	Thank You Very Much Mr. <u>Eastwood</u>

Statues

Q1 In Ireland as in many countries, women are shockingly unrepresented when it comes to statues. However, what woman is depicted in no less than three Dublin statues: a bust in St. Stephen's Green, a statue of her with her dog on Townsend Street, and a statue in military uniform on the grounds of Leinster House - where she served as the first female cabinet minister in Europe between 1919 and 1922?	Constance <u>Markievicz</u> (accept <u>Countess Markievicz</u> / Constance <u>Gore-Booth</u>)
Q2 In which British city would you find statues of Minnie the Minx and Desperate Dan - iconic characters from the comics <i>The Beano</i> and <i>The Dandy</i> , both published by the company DC Thomson, based in this city?	<u>Dundee</u>
Q3 Since 2018, the world's tallest statue has been the 182 metre-tall Statue of Unity in the Indian state of Gujarat. It depicts what Indian statesman, the first Vice-President of India following independence?	Sardar <u>Patel</u> (born Vallabhbhai Patel)
Q4 One of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, the Colossus of Rhodes stood at the harbour mouth in the Greek city of Rhodes until destroyed by an earthquake in 226 BC. The "colossus" was a statue of which Greek god? This deity was the offspring of Hyperion and Theia and a sibling to Selene and Eos.	<u>Helios</u>

Champions of Europe

Q1 What Spanish football team won the European Cup in 1992, the last team to do so before the tournament was rebranded as the UEFA Champions League later that year? This club's win came 2 months before the 1992 Summer Olympics were held in the same city.	<u>Barcelona</u>
Q2 Currently considered by many to be the world's strongest women's football team, what French club has won the UEFA Women's Champions League the most times: 7 in total, including 5 in a row from 2016-2020? By comparison, the men's version of this team have never won the Champions League, though they did reach the 2020 semi-final before losing 3-0 to Bayern Munich.	Olympique <u>Lyonnais</u> (accept <u>Lyon</u>)
Q3 Apart from Bayern Munich and Borussia Dortmund, who are the only other German football club to have won the European Cup or Champions League? This team's only win in either competition was the 1983 European Cup, where they beat Juventus 1-0 in the final.	<u>Hamburg</u> (accept <u>Hamburger SV</u> or <u>HSV</u>)
Q4 Prior to the Champions League era, 4 English football managers won the European Cup, all within a 7-year stretch from 1977 to 1984. Three of them were Bob Paisley, Joe Fagan and Brian Clough. Who was the fourth? This manager guided Aston Villa to the 1982 title, a mere 3 months after taking over from Ron Saunders who resigned unexpectedly in February of that year.	Tony <u>Barton</u>

It's a lottery

Q1 Not without controversy due to the lack of Lotto jackpot wins in recent months, the Irish National Lottery is currently part-owned by the Teachers' Pension Plan of which Canadian province? This organisation, one of the world's largest institutional investors, also owns the company Camelot, who runs the UK National Lottery.	<u>Ontario</u>
Q2 What pioneering public lottery was set up in 1930 by the Irish government to help fund the country's health service? It was particularly popular in the UK and US in the mid-20th century, before state lotteries were legalised in either country. This lottery ended in 1986 amid declining revenues and allegations of corruption.	Irish Hospital <u>Sweepstakes</u> - accept any answer mentioning <u>Sweepstakes</u> , <u>Sweep</u> , or <u>Sweeps</u>
Q3 Another unexpected casualty of COVID was RTÉ's long-running lottery TV game show <i>Winning Streak</i> , whose last episode aired in March 2020 after 30 years on the air. Since 2013, who had been the co-host of the show alongside Marty Whelan?	Sinead <u>Kennedy</u>
Q4 Who currently hosts the Irish lottery TV game show <i>Telly Bingo</i> three times a week? When he began hosting the show in 2001 he did so under his drag queen persona Shirley Temple Bar, however since 2004 he has mostly hosted as himself.	Declan <u>Buckley</u>

Quiz show title origins

Q1 What 1956 movie, starring Glenn Ford and Sidney Poitier and set in an interracial inner-city school, later gave its name to a popular RTÉ TV quiz show of the 1990s, hosted by Ray D'Arcy?	<u>Blackboard Jungle</u>
Q2 Though strictly speaking not a quiz show, the long-running UK comedy panel show <i>8 Out of 10 Cats</i> adapted its name from a classic advertising slogan for what brand of pet food?	<u>Whiskas</u>
Q3 "Only connect the prose and the passion, and both will be exalted". This quote inspired the name of the popular BBC quiz show <i>Only Connect</i> , and comes from which 1910 novel by E.M. Forster?	<u>Howard's End</u>
Q4 Later giving its title to the hugely successful TV quiz show, <i>Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?</i> was a song written by Cole Porter for what 1956 movie musical, starring Bing Crosby, Grace Kelly and Frank Sinatra?	<u>High Society</u>