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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)	First declared a variant of concern by the World Health Organization on 26th of November 2021, the variant of COVID-19 technically known as lineage B.1.1.529 is officially referred to by which letter of the Greek alphabet?	<u>Omicron</u>
Q1b (Team B Person 1)	The international rules for which sport state that its playing surface must be 2.74 m (9 ft) long, 1.525 m (5 ft) wide, and 76 cm (2.5 ft) above the ground? While its governing body approves only surfaces made of wood (or derivative materials), the rules say it can be any surface that yields a uniform specified bounce for a standard ball.	<u>Table Tennis</u> (accept <u>ping pong</u>)
Q2a (Team A Person 2)	Which American religious leader published <i>The Book of Mormon</i> in 1830, at the age of 24? This man served as President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints until his death in 1844.	Joseph <u>Smith</u> Jr.
Q2b (Team B Person 2)	Ranked the 15th largest island in the world by land area, what is the name of the largest and most populous island in the Philippines? It is home to the capital Manila, as well as Quezon City, the country's most populous.	<u>Luzon</u>
Q3a (Team A Person 3)	Known for its satirical social commentary, pop culture references and character catchphrases, which 1990s cartoon series took the form of a variety show, with short skits featuring a large cast of characters? Some of these included: Yakko, Wakko, Dot, The Goodfeathers, Pinky and the Brain.	<u>Animaniacs</u>
Q3b (Team B Person 3)	Pražká Šunka, Lacón Gallego and Speck Alto Adige are examples of which type of food? All have some level of protected designation of their unique characteristics, usually relating to their method of preservation or location of production or processing.	<u>Ham</u>
Q4a (Team A Person 4)	Which small European country is unique among all existing monarchies, as it is a diarchy, with the co-princes being shared by the president of France and the bishop of Urgell?	<u>Andorra</u>
Q4b (Team B Person 4)	Which doctor, one of the first female medical graduates from University College Dublin, was chief medical officer of the Irish Citizen Army during the 1916 Easter Rising? Earlier in her life she had been an active campaigner for women's suffrage and also operated a soup kitchen in Liberty Hall during the Dublin Lockout of 1913.	Kathleen <u>Lynn</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)	The Meeting of Waters is the confluence between the dark (blackwater) Rio Negro and the pale sandy-colored (whitewater) Amazon River. For 6 km the two rivers' waters run side by side without mixing. It is one of the main tourist attractions of which city, the site of four matches in the 2014 FIFA World Cup?	<u>Manaus</u>
Q1b (Team A Person 1)	The IMDb one-line summary of which 1988 Christmas movie is: " <i>An NYPD officer tries to save his wife and several others taken hostage by German terrorists during a Christmas party at the Nakatomi Plaza in Los Angeles</i> " ?	<u>Die Hard</u>
Q2a (Team B Person 2)	Which Irish sports star, best known nationally as a gaelic footballer (and winner of three GAA All Star awards), was part of the Tralee Warriors basketball team that won the 2018–19 Irish Super League?	Kieran <u>Donaghy</u> (of Kerry)
Q2b (Team A Person 2)	The opera <i>The Cunning Little Vixen</i> (1924), the <i>Sinfonietta</i> (1926) and the rhapsody <i>Taras Bulba</i> (1921) are amongst the most famous works by which Czech composer (1854 – 1928)?	Leoš <u>Janáček</u> [pronounced "yanna-check"]
Q3a (Team B Person 3)	If the first L in the popular internet slang term LOL stands for "laugh", what do the O and second L represent?	<u>Out Loud</u>
Q3b (Team A Person 3)	On the 30th of November 2021, Sandra Mason replaced Queen Elizabeth as the head of state of which island in the Caribbean, signalling its transition to a republic?	<u>Barbados</u>
Q4a (Team B Person 4)	Featuring in stories set during and after the French Revolution, which fictional character, created in 1903 by Hungarian-born British novelist and playwright Emma Orczy, shares his name with <i>Anagallis arvensis</i> , a very common small annual plant?	The <u>Scarlet Pimpernel</u>
Q4b (Team A Person 4)	Which 2010 American war drama miniseries, produced by HBO, Playtone and DreamWorks, is a companion piece to the 2001 miniseries <i>Band of Brothers</i> and focuses on the United States Marine Corps' actions taking on the Empire of Japan?	The <u>Pacific</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)	Ranked the 43rd largest island in the world by land area, almost half the population of which island live in the metropolitan area of Victoria, the capital city of the Canadian province of British Columbia?	<u>Vancouver</u>
Q1b (Team B Person 1)	First discovered in India in October 2020 but ultimately spreading to at least 185 countries, the variant of COVID-19 technically known as lineage B.1.617.2 is officially referred to by which letter of the Greek alphabet?	<u>Delta</u>
Q2a (Team A Person 2)	If the L in the popular internet slang term ROFL stands for "laughing", what do the first three letters represent?	<u>Rolling On</u> (the <u>Floor</u>)
Q2b (Team B Person 2)	Which American religious leader ultimately succeeded Joseph Smith as President of the Latter Day Saints Church, a role he held until 1877? During that time he also served as the first Governor of Utah Territory (1851-58).	Brigham <u>Young</u>
Q3a (Team A Person 3)	Which Irish sports star, best known nationally as a gaelic footballer (and winner of four GAA All Star awards), received the Player of the Year award in the 2021 Nicky Rackard Cup in hurling?	Keith <u>Higgins</u> (of Mayo)
Q3b (Team B Person 3)	The opera The Bartered Bride (1866) and the symphonic cycle Má vlast ("My Fatherland", 1875-80), which contains the famous symphonic poem 'Vltava', are amongst the works of which Czech composer (1824 – 1884)?	Bedřich <u>Smetana</u>
Q4a (Team A Person 4)	Cabrales, Gorgonzola and Roquefort are examples of which type of food? All have European protected designation of origin, meaning they can bear the name only if they have been made in a particular region. A <u>two word</u> answer is required.	<u>Blue cheese</u>
Q4b (Team B Person 4)	What is the name of the upcoming American war drama miniseries based on the actions of the Eighth Air Force of the United States Army Air Forces during World War II? It is being produced by Playtone, which also made its precursors <i>Band of Brothers</i> and <i>The Pacific</i> .	<u>Masters of the Air</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 small European country is a rare example of an elected monarchy? Upon the death (or retirement) of the ruling monarch, a meeting called a Conclave is convened to elect a successor.	<u>Vatican</u> City / <u>Holy See</u>
Q1b (Team A Person 1)	Which nurse, a member of the Irish paramilitary organisation Cumann na mBan, delivered the message of surrender to Brigadier General William Lowe at the end of the 1916 Easter Rising? In 2016 a stamp bearing her photo, alongside Kathleen Lynn, was issued by An Post.	Elizabeth <u>O'Farrell</u>
Q2a (Team B Person 2)	The somewhat ungrammatical IMDb one-line summary of which 2003 Christmas movie is: " <i>Follows the lives of eight very different couples in dealing with their love lives in various loosely interrelated tales all set during a frantic month before Christmas in London, England</i> "?	<u>Love Actually</u>
Q2b (Team A Person 2)	Featuring in stories set during the era of Spanish California (1769–1821), which fictional character, created in 1919 by American writer Johnston McCulley, shares his name with the Spanish word for fox?	<u>Zorro</u>
Q3a (Team B Person 3)	Featuring characters such as Babs and Buster Bunny, Montana Max and Plucky Duck, which 1990s cartoon series followed the adventures of a group attending Acme Looniversity, hoping to become the next generation of characters in the Looney Tunes series?	<u>Tiny Toon</u> Adventures
Q3b (Team A Person 3)	The international rules for which sport state that its playing surface must be 3.569m (11 feet 8.5 inches) by 1.778m (5 ft 10 in) with a tolerance of $\pm 13\text{mm}$ (0.5 in)? The playing surface is a bed of slate covered by a coarse woollen cloth, similar in texture to felt, called baize.	<u>Snooker</u>
Q4a (Team B Person 4)	One of the first acts carried out by Government of Barbados on its first day as a republic was to declare which singer, actress and fashion designer, born on the island in 1988, as a National Hero?	<u>Rihanna</u> / Robyn Rihanna <u>Fenty</u>
Q4b (Team A Person 4)	Which African capital city is located at the confluence of the White Nile, flowing north from Lake Victoria, and the Blue Nile, flowing west from Lake Tana in Ethiopia?	<u>Khartoum</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
The metal silver is traditionally used to mark which anniversary?	<u>25th</u>
Which species of South American camelid mammal is similar to, and often confused with, the llama? However, this species is noticeably smaller than llamas.	<u>Alpaca</u>
On the 2021 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix on December 12th, who became the first Dutch driver to win the Formula One World Championship?	Max <u>Verstappen</u>
Who resigned from her position as British government spokesperson for the COP26 summit on December 8th after footage was released of her joking with colleagues about a Christmas party which took place during the COVID-19 lockdown in December 2020?	Allegra <u>Stratton</u>

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TEAM QUESTIONS

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The 1926 Imperial Conference

<i>The fifth Imperial Conference, bringing together the prime ministers of the then-British Empire, took place in London in 1926. Identify the countries represented at the conference by the following heads of government:</i>	
Q1 Which country was represented by William T. Cosgrave, a former freedom fighter, who served as its President of the Executive Council from 1922 to 1932?	<u>Irish Free State</u> (accept <u>Ireland</u>)
Q2 Which country was represented by its Prime Minister William Mackenzie King? He was the dominant politician in this country during both the interwar period and World War II, serving three non-consecutive terms as PM (1921-26, 1926-30 and 1935-48).	<u>Canada</u>
Q3 Which country was represented by its Prime Minister Barry Hertzog who, like W.T. Cosgrave also had a history of fighting against the British Empire, having been a general in a conflict that took place between 1899 and 1902?	<u>South Africa</u>
Q4 Which country was represented by its Prime Minister Walter Monroe, a man born in Dublin in 1871? This is the only country to attend the conference that no longer exists today, having joined its much larger western neighbour in 1949.	<u>Newfoundland</u>

The Spice Girls

Q1 The Spice Girls' career was launched on the back of which massively-successful debut single, released in 1996?	<u>Wannabe</u>
Q2 At the height of their fame, the Spice Girls starred in which 1997 British musical comedy film, alongside Richard E. Grant, Alan Cumming and Roger Moore among others?	<u>Spice World</u>
Q3 "Spice World" was also the name of the Spice Girls' fourth concert tour, which commenced in May 2019 in Dublin. During this tour, the group performed as a four piece, after which member declined to take part?	<u>Victoria</u> / Victoria <u>Beckham</u> / Victoria <u>Adams</u> / <u>Posh</u>
Q4 Which British film and television producer is often referred to as the mastermind behind the group's success, having been their manager through their initial rise to fame, from 1995-97? This person has also managed artists such as Annie Lennox, Kelly Clarkson and Amy Winehouse.	Simon <u>Fuller</u>

Banned in Ireland

Q1 Which book, the most famous by American author JD Salinger, was banned by the Irish Censorship of Publications Board in 1951?	<u>Catcher in the Rye</u>
Q2 Which 1958 autobiographical book by Brendan Behan was banned by the board in 1958, for its critique of Irish republicanism and the Catholic Church, and its depiction of adolescent sexuality?	<u>Borstal Boy</u>
Q3 Which book, the debut novel by Irish author Edna O'Brien, was banned in Ireland immediately upon publication in 1960? Such was the power of the board that O'Brien later wrote about how her own mother had gone through her own copy of the book, censoring any offending words with black ink, and hiding the book in an outhouse.	The <u>Country Girls</u>
Q4 Almost 30 years before Edna O'Brien, another debut novel by a female author had been banned by the board: what book was this, written by Stella Gibbons in 1932? It featured characters such as Flora Poste and Ada Doom, who constantly complains of having seen "something nasty in the woodshed" when she was a girl.	<u>Cold Comfort Farm</u>

Ceramics

Q1 What substance, taking its name from the Italian for "baked earth", is a clay-based ceramic where the fired body is porous? This substance was used to create a famous example of funerary art, buried with the Chinese Emperor Qin Shi Huang, circa 210 BCE.	<u>Terracotta</u>
Q2 Which ceramic material is made by heating substances, such as kaolinite, in a kiln to temperatures between 1200 and 1400 °C? The strength and translucence of this material, relative to other types of pottery, arises mainly from vitrification and formation of the mineral mullite at these high temperatures.	<u>Porcelain</u>
Q3 The ceramic Jasperware, named after the mineral jasper, is produced in a variety of different colours, of which the most common and best known is a pale blue named after which potter and entrepreneur, who first developed it in the 1770s?	Josiah <u>Wedgwood</u>
Q4 Which Irish pottery firm, named after the town in County Fermanagh where it was formed in 1884, is now the parent company for other artisanal brands such as Galway Crystal, Aynsley China and Donegal Parian China?	<u>Belleek</u> Pottery

Reeling in the Years

Q1	In which year were the seven minute version of <i>Riverdance</i> and Wet Wet Wet's version of <i>Love is All Around</i> the top-selling singles on the Irish charts?	<u>1994</u>
Q2	In what year were <i>God's Plan</i> by Drake and <i>One Kiss</i> by Calvin Harris and Dua Lipa the top-selling singles on the Irish charts?	<u>2018</u>
Q3	In what year did was The Saw Doctor's <i>I Useta Love Her</i> the top-selling single on the Irish charts? That same year, <i>Hold On</i> by Wilson Phillips was the best-selling song in the US whilst in the UK it was a re-release of <i>Unchained Melody</i> by The Righteous Brothers.	<u>1990</u>
Q4	In which year was <i>Hanging by a Moment</i> by rock band Lifehouse the top-selling single on the US Billboard charts? Having peaked at #2, it became only the third song in the history of the Hot 100 to be named the number one single of the year without making it to the top of the chart. In both the UK and Ireland that year, the top-selling song was Shaggy's <i>It Wasn't Me</i> .	<u>2001</u>

Irish SPOTY female nominees

<i>Six of the eight nominees who made the RTÉ Sportsperson of the Year 2021 shortlist are female. Here are questions on four of them:</i>		
Q1	Which of the nominees is a jockey who grew up in Killenaule, Co. Tipperary? In 2021, she became the first female jockey to win the Aintree Grand National.	Rachael <u>Blackmore</u>
Q2	In 2021, which County Cavan sportsperson, one half of a pair of professional golfing twins, became the first Irish player to compete in the Solheim Cup? At that event, she scored a total of 4.5 points, which helped Europe to win the cup.	Leona <u>Maguire</u>
Q3	Which Gaelic footballer from Dunboyne was player of the match in the 2021 Ladies' All-Ireland final, where her Meath team produced a stunning performance to defeat Dublin and win the county's first ever senior All-Ireland Ladies Football title? She also won the Senior Player of the Year award for 2021.	Vikki <u>Wall</u>
Q4	Appearing at her fourth Paralympic Games in 2021, which Irish swimmer won her first gold medal, delivering a superb performance in the SB8 100m breaststroke final?	Ellen <u>Keane</u>

Northern Irish politicians

Q1 Which politician, the MP for Lagan Valley since 1997, has served as leader of the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) since June 2021?	Jeffrey <u>Donaldson</u>
Q2 Which politician has served as deputy First Minister of Northern Ireland since 2020? The MLA for Mid-Ulster since 2007, she has been Vice President of Sinn Féin since 2018.	Michelle <u>O'Neill</u>
Q3 Which former Lord Mayor of Belfast, has served as Minister of Justice in the Northern Ireland Executive since January 2020 and leader of the Alliance Party since 2016?	Naomi <u>Long</u>
Q4 Which DUP politician, the MLA for Lagan Valley since 2010, has served as First Minister of Northern Ireland since the 17th June 2021?	Paul <u>Givan</u>

Glaciers

Q1 Several parts of Africa were glaciated during the Last Glacial Maximum, approximately 20,000 years ago. Now, the only remaining glaciers on the continent exist in three locations, all roughly equidistant from Lake Victoria. Name any <u>one</u> of these three locations? It may help you to know that two of them are the tallest mountains in Africa.	Mount <u>Kilimanjaro</u> / Mount <u>Kenya</u> / <u>Rwenzori</u> Mountains (accept <u>any</u>)
Q2 One of the largest and most voluminous glaciers in Europe is Vatnajökull (sometimes translated as "Vatna Glacier" in English) which is in the south-east of which island nation, covering approximately 8% of the country?	<u>Iceland</u>
Q3 With 7,253 known glaciers, which Asian country contains more glacial ice than any other country on earth outside the polar regions? Almost all of them are located in the northern regions of Gilgit-Baltistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.	<u>Pakistan</u>
Q4 The Fedchenko Glacier, currently measuring 77 kilometres in length and covering over 700 square km, is the longest glacier in the world outside of the polar regions. It is located in the Pamir Mountains, of the Gorno-Badakhshan province in which country?	<u>Tajikistan</u>