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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)	Doctor Astro and Sneaky Snake were two of the main villains in which long-running Irish children's TV show, that first aired in 1967 and carried on until the early 1980s?	<u>Wanderly Wagon</u>
Q1b (Team B Person 1)	Name the Wicklow-born artist who painted the 1864 work <i>The Meeting on the Turret Stairs</i> , depicting a medieval romantic encounter between the Danish noblewoman Hellelil and her personal guard Hildebrand? Currently hanging in the National Gallery of Ireland, it was voted Ireland's Favourite Painting in a 2012 survey.	Frederic William <u>Burton</u>
Q2a (Team A Person 2)	What American actress, born 1952, is name-checked in the lyrics of the hit singles <i>Riptide</i> by Vance Joy and <i>Uptown Funk</i> by Mark Ronson & Bruno Mars?	Michelle <u>Pfeiffer</u>
Q2b (Team B Person 2)	The gemstones ruby and sapphire are both varieties of what mineral - a crystalline form of aluminium oxide which defines the value of 9 on the Mohs scale of hardness?	<u>Corundum</u>
Q3a (Team A Person 3)	An Irish favourite for over a century, what iconic biscuit produced by Jacob's consists of two round soft ginger-flavoured biscuits with a soft marshmallow filling encrusted with sugar? Ignoring a one-letter difference in spelling, it shares its name with the largest city in South Africa's Northern Cape Province.	<u>Kimberly</u>
Q3b (Team B Person 3)	Mumbai (formerly Bombay) is by far the largest city in which state, the second-most-populous in India?	<u>Maharashtra</u>
Q4a (Team A Person 4)	The world's first ever paid television commercial aired in the US on 1st July 1941, on the opening day of New York local channel WNBT. It advertised Bulova, a then-popular brand of what everyday consumer product?	<u>Watches</u> (accept <u>clocks</u>)
Q4b (Team B Person 4)	Name the Belarusian tennis player who is currently World no. 2 in the WTA singles rankings, behind only Ashleigh Barty? Although yet to win any Grand Slam singles titles, this player has won two Grand Slam women's doubles titles: the 2019 US Open and the 2021 Australian Open.	Aryna <u>Sabalenka</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)	Leicester City won the FA Cup in 2021, their first-ever win in the competition. Which English team were the next most recent "debut winners" of the FA Cup? They won the tournament in 2013, also becoming the first team to win the Cup and be relegated in the same season.	<u>Wigan</u> Athletic
Q1b (Team A Person 1)	In the mid 17th century, the US state (and city) of New York was named after the then-Duke of York, who is better known to history as which English king? Name <u>and</u> regnal number required.	James II (accept James VII of Scotland)
Q2a (Team B Person 2)	Under construction since 2007, the city of Sejong is intended to take over as the capital city of which Asian country in 2030?	<u>South Korea</u>
Q2b (Team A Person 2)	The largest of the Ionian Islands in western Greece, and overall the 6th largest Greek island, what island was the primary setting for the best-selling novel <i>Captain Corelli's Mandolin</i> , as well as its 2001 movie adaptation?	<u>Cephalonia</u>
Q3a (Team B Person 3)	Released in November 2021, what is the single-word subtitle of the latest movie in the <i>Ghostbusters</i> franchise?	<u>Afterlife</u>
Q3b (Team A Person 3)	Name the Belfast-born striker who holds the record for youngest player to take part in a FIFA World Cup? He played for Northern Ireland at the 1982 tournament aged 17 years and 41 days. The following year he also set the record for youngest player to score in an FA Cup final.	Norman <u>Whiteside</u>
Q4a (Team B Person 4)	Most of which 2011 Tony Award-winning musical is set in Uganda, where the show's protagonists are attempting to convert the locals to their religion with the help of the title scripture?	The <u>Book of Mormon</u>
Q4b (Team A Person 4)	Originating in China, a tam-tam is a variety of what specific percussion instrument?	<u>Gong</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)	Prior to Leicester City and Wigan Athletic, the previous two "debut winners" of the FA Cup occurred in consecutive years: 1987 and 1988, in both cases victories by unfancied teams who defeated heavy favourites by a single goal (Tottenham Hotspur and Liverpool respectively). Name <u>both</u> teams?	Coventry City and Wimbledon (need both)
Q1b (Team B Person 1)	Sofar Sogood and Slightly Bonkers were the two sidekicks of which Irish children's TV character, who first appeared on <i>Wanderly Wagon</i> but was given his own series in the mid-1980s?	Fortycoats
Q2a (Team A Person 2)	The gemstones amethyst and citrine are both varieties of what mineral - a crystalline form of silicon dioxide which defines the value of 7 on the Mohs scale of hardness?	Quartz
Q2b (Team B Person 2)	The US state of Maryland is named after the 17th century English queen Henrietta Maria (also known as Queen Mary), who was the wife of which English king? Name <u>and</u> regnal number required.	Charles I
Q3a (Team A Person 3)	Who partnered Aryna Sabalenka in both of her Grand Slam women's doubles titles to date? This Belgian player also won the 2021 women's doubles at Wimbledon alongside Hsieh Su-wei [<i>pronounced "Sheh Su-way"</i>] and has spent 12 weeks as World No. 1 in the WTA doubles rankings so far this year.	Elise Mertens
Q3b (Team B Person 3)	Grace Kelly is one of multiple iconic movie stars name-checked in the lyrics of <i>Vogue</i> by Madonna - her name is also the title of a 2007 UK Number One single: the biggest hit to date for which Lebanese-born British singer?	Mika (Michael Holbrook Penniman Jr.)
Q4a (Team A Person 4)	Released in December 2021, what is the three-word subtitle of the latest movie in the <i>Spider-Man</i> franchise?	No Way Home
Q4b (Team B Person 4)	22nd September 1955 saw the first commercial ever shown on British television, on the opening night of ITV. It advertised Gibbs SR, a then-popular brand of what everyday consumer product?	Toothpaste

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)	Name the Belfast-born striker who was among the highest scorers at the 1982 FIFA World Cup, including the only goal of the game when Northern Ireland memorably beat tournament hosts Spain 1-0?	Gerry <u>Armstrong</u>
Q1b (Team A Person 1)	Which classic Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, first staged in 1942, is set in a small town in Maine, and centres around the titular fairground attraction?	<u>Carousel</u>
Q2a (Team B Person 2)	Originating in Africa, a marimba is a variety of what specific percussion instrument?	<u>Xylophone</u>
Q2b (Team A Person 2)	Under construction since 2015, Ciudad de la Paz (Spanish for "City of Peace") is intended to take over as the capital of which African country in the next few years?	<u>Equatorial Guinea</u>
Q3a (Team B Person 3)	Of all the islands that make up the country of Malta, only three are inhabited: Malta Island, Gozo and which other? It takes its name from a flowering plant which used to be widespread on the island, whose seeds are ground to make a namesake spice, widely used in the cuisines of many cultures.	<u>Comino</u> (prompt on "cumin") - also accept <u>Ephaestia</u>
Q3b (Team A Person 3)	Another shortlistee for the "Ireland's Favourite Painting" survey in 2012 was the 1913 oil painting <i>A Convent Garden</i> , depicting a group of French nuns in the titular location. It was the work of which Dublin-born artist? (1881-1968) It was believed for decades that the famous painting <i>The Goose Girl</i> was also by this artist, before it was reattributed to his contemporary Stanley Royle.	William John <u>Leech</u>
Q4a (Team B Person 4)	An Irish favourite for over a century, what iconic biscuit produced by Jacob's consists of a rectangular soft biscuit topped with marshmallow, raspberry jam and a sprinkling of coconut? It shares its name with an obsolete term for the Japanese emperor, which also features in the title of a famous 19th century comic opera.	<u>Mikado</u>
Q4b (Team A Person 4)	Chennai (formerly Madras) is by far the largest city in which state, the most southerly in India?	<u>Tamil Nadu</u>

Round 8 - Team

Team B to pick a topic first

Team A to use last remaining topic

END OF QUIZ

Tiebreaker round

(only use if necessary)

	Question	Answer
Q1a (Team A Person 1)	In Rudyard Kipling's <i>The Jungle Book</i> (as well as both of its Disney movie adaptations), the character of Baloo is what kind of animal?	<u>Bear</u>
Q1b (Team B Person 1)	In both Ireland and the UK, what is the code name of the form traditionally required to be given by employers to a departing employee, providing details of their tax and earnings to their next employer? Although the paper form still exists in the UK, it was abolished in 2019 in Ireland due to improved IT capabilities.	<u>P45</u> (accept <u>pink slip</u>)
Q2a (Team A Person 2)	Which Eastern European capital city stands on the banks of the Dâmbovița river, a tributary of the Danube?	<u>Bucharest</u>
Q2b (Team B Person 2)	In May 1967, which Scottish football team beat Inter Milan to become the first British team ever to win the European Cup?	(Glasgow) <u>Celtic</u>
Q3a (Team A Person 3)	Run from 1952 to 1969, Project Blue Book was the code name for an initiative by the United States Air Force to systematically study what phenomenon?	<u>UFOs / Unidentified Flying Objects</u> (accept <u>flying saucers</u>)
Q3b (Team B Person 3)	Not to be confused with nephrology (the study of kidneys), nephology is the study of what natural phenomenon?	<u>Clouds</u>
Q4a (Team A Person 4)	The reign of which English King, which lasted from 1135 to 1154, was marked by a civil war with his cousin and rival, the Empress Matilda?	King <u>Stephen</u>
Q4b (Team B Person 4)	Which 19th-century English poet owned a pet cocker spaniel named Flush? In 1933, Virginia Woolf wrote a fictionalised "biography" of the dog.	Elizabeth <u>Barrett Browning</u> (accept <u>either</u> surname)
Nearest-the-pin	Broadcast between 1994 and 2004, in total how many episodes comprise the globally-successful sitcom <i>Friends</i> according to Wikipedia? (Note, this does <u>not</u> include the 2021 Reunion Special)	<u>236</u>

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TEAM QUESTIONS

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Teams from somewhere else

Q1 What is the only non-Irish team to have ever won a senior All-Ireland title in either Gaelic football or hurling? This English "county" beat Cork to win the 1901 All-Ireland Senior Hurling championship.	<u>London</u>
Q2 Which Austrian football team won the German league championship in 1941, while Austria was under Nazi occupation? This club is the most successful in the history of the Austrian league, having won 32 championships.	<u>Rapid Vienna</u> (SK <u>Rapid Wien</u>) - prompt on "Vienna"
Q3 Of all the countries and territories represented by the West Indies cricket team, only one is not a Caribbean island but instead is a country on the mainland of the Americas. What country?	<u>Guyana</u>
Q4 The Toronto Blue Jays are famously the only Canadian team currently playing in US Major League Baseball, as well as the only non-American team ever to win the World Series. What is the name of their home stadium? Located in downtown Toronto next to the CN Tower, it was the world's first stadium with a fully retractable motorised roof when it opened in 1989.	<u>Rogers Centre</u> (accept <u>SkyDome</u> or <u>Pan-Am Dome</u>)

'Tis the Season

Q1 Currently at No. 1 in the UK singles chart and No. 3 in Ireland is a seasonal duet by Ed Sheeran and Elton John with what extremely generic name?	<u>Merry Christmas</u> (do not accept Happy Christmas)
Q2 Perhaps surprisingly, only two of the four New Testament gospels contain an account of the birth of Jesus. Name <u>both</u> .	<u>Matthew and Luke</u> (need both)
Q3 Two traditional Irish songs are mentioned in the lyrics of the Christmas classic <i>Fairytale of New York</i> : most prominently <i>Galway Bay</i> (as sung by the boys in the NYPD choir). What is the other song? it is mentioned in the first verse as being sung by an old man in the drunk tank.	The <u>Rare Old Mountain Dew</u>
Q4 <i>A Visit from St. Nicholas</i> , more commonly known as <i>'Twas the Night Before Christmas</i> after its opening line, is surely the most well-known Christmas poem. It was originally published anonymously in 1823 but is most commonly credited to an American writer and professor of ancient languages, born in New York in 1779. Name him?	Clement Clarke <u>Moore</u>

The Deep

Q1 Part of the Brownson Deep on the floor of the Puerto Rico Trench, what is the deepest point in the Atlantic Ocean? It is named after the US battleship which discovered it in 1943 - the ship in turn was named after the US city which is the home of the Harley Davidson motorcycle company.	<u>Milwaukee</u> Deep
Q2 Native to the western Pacific and eastern Indian Ocean, the wobbegong is a common term for several species of what type of ocean creature? Its unusual name is believed to come from an Australian Aboriginal term meaning "shaggy beard", referring to the small tendrils that surround their mouths.	<u>Shark</u> (prompt on "fish")
Q3 Located in the South Pacific, the "oceanic pole of inaccessibility" is the place on Earth which is farthest from land -- over 2600 km in every direction. It is most commonly referred to by what name, taken from the Latin for "no one"? The name is also shared with a well-known 19th-century literary character and a 21st century animated film character.	Point <u>Nemo</u>
Q4 One of the top 10 highest-grossing films in the US in 1977 was <i>The Deep</i> starring Robert Shaw and Jacqueline Bisset. It was based on the bestselling novel of the same name by what American author? This author is much better known for another novel previously adapted into a major Hollywood movie - coincidentally this movie also starred Robert Shaw.	Peter <u>Benchley</u> (author of <i>Jaws</i>)

TV soaps

Q1 First broadcast in 1972, the long-running British TV soap opera now known as <i>Emmerdale</i> had what additional word in its title until 1989?	<u>Farm</u>
Q2 Broadcast between 1964 and 1968, what was the name of Ireland's first television soap opera? Based on a play by Maura Laverty, the title of the programme refers to the fictional Dublin street where it was set.	<u>Tolka Row</u>
Q3 Created in 1965 as a rural counterpart to <i>Tolka Row</i> , what was the name of the popular Irish TV soap opera centred around a County Kilkenny farming family? Highly innovative in its day due to its extensive use of location filming, it is said to have directly inspired Yorkshire Television's creation of <i>Emmerdale Farm</i> several years later.	The <u>Riordans</u>
Q4 What American series holds the record for the world's longest-running soap opera? It began on radio in 1937, then on television in 1952 and ran until 2009 for a total of over 15,000 TV episodes.	<u>Guiding Light</u>

There Is Nothing Like a Dame**Answer**

Q1 Name the Australian comedian (born 1934) who originated the long-running comedic character Dame Edna Everage?	Barry Humphries
Q2 Name the English yachtswoman who in 2005 sailed around the world in 71 days, breaking the world record for the fastest solo circumnavigation of the globe? She was made a Dame later that year for her achievement - aged 28 at the time, she is believed to be the youngest person ever to receive a damehood.	Ellen MacArthur
Q3 The song that gives this round its name, <i>There Is Nothing Like a Dame</i> , comes from what 1949 Rodgers and Hammerstein musical?	South Pacific
Q4 Well known for their "Fighting Irish" college football team, the University of Notre Dame is located just north of what city, the fourth largest in Indiana?	South Bend

Double prizewinners

Q1 Teddy McCarthy is the only GAA player ever to have won All-Ireland senior hurling and football medals in the same year. For which county did he achieve this remarkable feat in 1990?	Cork
Q2 What German-born novelist (1927-2013) is the only person to have won both a Booker Prize and an Academy Award? In fact she has 2 Oscar wins - both Best Screenplay - for <i>A Room with a View</i> in 1986 and <i>Howards End</i> in 1992. Her Booker Prize win was for <i>Heat and Dust</i> in 1975.	Ruth Praver Jhabvala (accept <u>either</u> surname)
Q3 In 2016 Bob Dylan received the Nobel Prize for Literature, famously making him only the second person (after George Bernard Shaw) to win both an Oscar and a Nobel Prize. Dylan won his Oscar for writing the song <i>Things Have Changed</i> for what 2000 film starring Michael Douglas and Tobey Maguire?	Wonder Boys
Q4 Name the British politician and diplomat (1889-1982) who is the only person to win an Olympic medal and a Nobel Prize? He won the silver medal for the 1500m at the 1920 Summer Olympics, and received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1959 for his advocacy of multilateral nuclear disarmament.	Philip Noel- Baker

Which common surname?

The answers to this round are all among the top 10 most common surnames in the country mentioned in each question. So if all else fails, just guess a common surname!

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| Q1 Name the bestselling Swedish author (1954-2004) who created the character of Lisbeth Salander? | Stieg <u>Larsson</u> |
| Q2 What German physicist (1804-1891) jointly invented the electromagnetic telegraph in 1833 along with Carl Friedrich Gauss? He is also the namesake of an SI derived unit. | Wilhelm Eduard <u>Weber</u> |
| Q3 Born in Pennsylvania in 1934, name the American actress who won the Best Supporting Actress Oscar in 1961 for her role alongside Burt Lancaster in <i>Elmer Gantry</i> ? She is best known to 1970s TV viewers for playing the matriarch of the titular musical clan in <i>The Partridge Family</i> . | Shirley <u>Jones</u> |
| Q4 Name the Irish footballer who in 1975 became the first Irish player to receive the "Goal of the Season" award on the BBC's <i>Match of the Day</i> ? Spending most of his career at Blackpool and Porto, he was capped 21 times for the Republic of Ireland in the 1970s and 1980s and memorably scored the winner against the Soviet Union during a 1984 World Cup qualifier. | Mickey <u>Walsh</u> |

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| Q1 On 12th December 2021, what Pacific island territory voted overwhelmingly against independence, in its third such referendum in the last 3 years? This archipelago in the south-western Pacific is an overseas territory of France, not Scotland as you might assume from its name. | <u>New Caledonia</u> |
| Q2 On 7th December 2021, what Middle Eastern country announced it was officially implementing a four-and-a-half day working week (Monday morning to Friday lunchtime), making it the first nation in the world to legislate a shorter-than-five-day working week? | <u>United Arab Emirates / UAE</u> |
| Q3 Name the Italian-born British modernist architect, who passed away on 18th December 2021, known for designing the Millennium Dome and Lloyd's building in London, as well as co-designing the Pompidou Centre in Paris? | Richard <u>Rogers</u> |
| Q4 Triggering yet another crisis for Boris Johnson, on 16th December 2021 what English Liberal Democrat politician comfortably won the North Shropshire by-election caused by the resignation of Owen Paterson? The result was a particular surprise since the constituency had voted 60% in favour of Brexit and had continuously returned a Conservative MP at every election since 1906. | Helen <u>Morgan</u> |