



# Irish Quiz Organisation

## Irish Open Quiz 2022 – Part 1 (Media, World, Sport & Games, History)

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2022

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### Rules:

- **Please do not turn your paper over until instructed.**
- The overall quiz consists of eight written rounds, each of 30 questions, for a total of 240 questions.
- The quiz is split into two halves, four rounds per half and with **60 minutes** allowed per half.
- **All eight rounds** count towards a player's overall score.
- Where asked for a person's name, a **surname by itself** will suffice, unless specifically asked for given names. Remember that a correct surname with an incorrect given name is a wrong answer!
- This is **not** a spelling contest, so be reasonably lenient on spelling when marking other people's answers.

### Part 1 topics:

- **Media:** Film, Language, Literature, Comic strips, Comic books, Graphic novels
- **World:** Cities, Human Geography, Physical Geography, Inventions, Space, Technology, Transport
- **Sport & Games:** Sports, Hobbies & Pastimes, Board games, Video games, Records & achievements
- **History:** Civilisations, Current Affairs, Exploration, Famous People, Ancient History, Modern

### Part 2 topics:

- *Sciences: Exact sciences (Chemistry, Physics etc.), Fauna, Flora, Social sciences*
- *Entertainment: Ballet, Classical music, Film Music, Jazz & World Music, Opera, Pop music, Radio, Television, Theatre*
- *Lifestyle: Costume, Design, Fashion, Food & Drink, Handicrafts, Health & Fitness, Human Body, New Age beliefs, Products & Brands, Tourism*
- *Culture: Architecture, Fine art, Museums, Mythology, Philosophy, Religion, World cultures*

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# Media

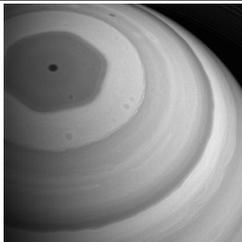
<p><b>Q1.</b> <i>Cric e Croc</i> (Italian), <i>Flip i Flap</i> (Polish) and <i>Dick und Doof</i> (German) are some of the foreign-language names given to <b>what iconic comedy duo</b>, known in most other countries simply by their real names?</p>	
<p><b>Q2.</b> Devised in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, the IPA is a system of notation which aims to capture a standardised representation of speech sounds in written form. <b>What do the letters</b> “IPA” stand for?</p>	
<p><b>Q3.</b> Born in 1981, <b>name the Irish author</b> whose father served as Taoiseach (Irish Prime Minister) between 1997 and 2008? She has sold over 25 million books worldwide, including such bestsellers as <i>P.S. I Love You</i> and <i>Where Rainbows End</i>.</p>	
<p><b>Q4.</b> Wade Wilson is the alter ego of <b>what Marvel Comics character</b>, first introduced in 1991 and nicknamed “The Merc with a Mouth”? The character made his first on-screen appearance in the critically-panned 2009 film <i>X-Men Origins: Wolverine</i>, though his two subsequent cinematic outings were far more successful.</p>	
<p><b>Q5.</b> Although they never met, <b>what American poet</b> was a great admirer of Abraham Lincoln and wrote multiple elegiac poems after Lincoln’s death – including <i>O Captain! My Captain!</i> and <i>When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloom’d</i>?</p>	
<p><b>Q6.</b> Seen in the end credits of practically every Hollywood movie, this is the logo of <b>which organisation?</b> Founded in 1922, it is a trade association representing the five major film studios of the United States (and since 2019, the video streaming service Netflix). It is probably best-known among the general public for administering the United States film rating system: PG-13, R, etc.</p>	
<p><b>Q7.</b> <i>The Last Wish</i> (Polish title: <i>Ostatnie życzenie</i>) by Andrzej Sapkowski is a 1993 collection of fantasy tales introducing <b>which character</b>, later the subject of a 5-novel fantasy saga, a bestselling trilogy of video games, and a big-budget Netflix TV series? You may either give the character’s name <b>or</b> his fictional occupation, which is also the title of the video games and TV series.</p>	
<p><b>Q8.</b> For reasons that should hopefully be obvious, the French word for a paperclip is also the name of <b>what musical instrument?</b></p>	
<p><b>Q9.</b> “Many years later, as he faced the firing squad, Colonel Aureliano Buendía was to remember that distant afternoon when his father took him to discover ice.” One of the most famous opening lines in all of literature, this is the first sentence from <b>what Spanish-language book</b>, first published in 1967?</p>	

<p><b>Q10. What 2011 buddy comedy/drama film</b> starring François Cluzet and Omar Sy is based on the true story of quadriplegic businessman Philippe Pozzo di Borgo and his caregiver Abdel Sellou? At the time of its release, it broke box-office records as the most-viewed French film of all time, and since 2014 it has consistently been among the top 50 highest-rated movies on IMDb.</p>		
<p><b>Q11.</b> The Alfred Hitchcock movies <i>Jamaica Inn</i> (1939), <i>Rebecca</i> (1940) and <i>The Birds</i> (1963) were all based on novels or short stories by <b>what English author</b> (1907-1989)?</p>		
<p><b>Q12.</b> The famous line “<i>the love that dare not speak its name</i>” originates from the 1894 poem <i>Two Loves</i>, <b>written by whom?</b> The line is often misattributed to Oscar Wilde, although the writer is someone who was closely associated with Wilde.</p>		
<p><b>Q13.</b> The 2006 Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie novel <i>Half of a Yellow Sun</i> is set during <b>what 1967-70 conflict?</b> The title of the book refers to the flag of a breakaway republic that was one of the combatants in this war.</p>		
<p><b>Q14.</b> In Rudyard Kipling’s <i>The Jungle Book</i>, the character Hathi is <b>what species of animal?</b> Like multiple other characters in the book, the name is simply the Hindi word for the animal in question. In case you haven’t read the book, the character also appears in the 1967 Disney animated adaptation, where he is referred to as “Colonel Hathi”.</p>		
<p><b>Q15.</b> Two of the short stories in Haruki Murakami’s 2014 collection <i>Men Without Women</i> are named after Beatles songs: <i>Yesterday</i> is one – <b>what is the other</b>, adapted into a critically-acclaimed 2021 film?</p>		
<p><b>Q16.</b> In March 2022, Hollywood icon Bruce Willis announced his retirement from acting after being diagnosed with <b>what disease?</b> This disorder is caused by damage to the area of the brain that controls language expression and comprehension, severely affecting Willis’s ability to remember lines.</p>		
<p><b>Q17.</b> When released in March 2022, it broke the opening-day box-office record for an Indian movie. <b>Name the Telugu-language action film</b> which tells a fictional story about two real-life Indian revolutionaries (Alluri Sitarama Raju and Komaram Bheem) and their fight against the British Raj? It received widespread critical acclaim – particularly from Western reviewers – for its epic scope and over-the-top action sequences.</p>		

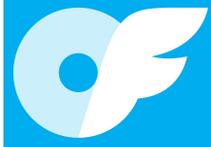
<p><b>Q18.</b> One of the best-selling manga of all time, <b>what Japanese manga series</b> follows a boy called Izuku as he enrolls in a prestigious high school for superheroes-in-training?</p>		
<p><b>Q19.</b> <b>What country</b> holds the unwanted record for most Oscar nominations for Best Foreign Language Film (now known as Best International Film) <u>without</u> ever winning the award? This country has had 10 unsuccessful nominations, the two most recent being <i>Ajami</i> (2009) and <i>Footnote</i> (2011).</p>		
<p><b>Q20.</b> Considered the archetype of the “gentleman thief”, the character of A.J. Raffles was created in 1898 by <b>what English author</b>? The stories were heavily influenced by Arthur Conan Doyle’s <i>Sherlock Holmes</i> – perhaps unsurprisingly, since the author was Doyle’s brother-in-law.</p>		
<p><b>Q21.</b> <i>The Short-Timers</i> is a 1979 semi-autobiographical Vietnam war novel by U.S. Marine Corps veteran Gustav Hasford, describing the experiences of a group of recruits during their training and their actual tour of duty. The book is best known via its acclaimed film adaptation, released 8 years later – <b>name the film</b>?</p>		
<p><b>Q22.</b> Written by Jerry Holkins and drawn by Mike Krahuik, <b>what webcomic series</b>, focused on video games and video game culture, is one of the longest-running and most popular webcomics on the Internet? First published in 1998, the comic has spun off into a highly successful series of gaming conventions, held every year in the US since 2004 and Australia since 2013.</p>		
<p><b>Q23.</b> Inspired by more famous nicknames like Bollywood, Nollywood, etc, the term “Hollywood” refers to the film industry in <b>what African country</b>? The name is a reference to the country’s nickname “Land of a Thousand Hills”.</p>		
<p><b>Q24.</b> <b>What extinct language</b>, a member of the Arawakan family, was the most common language throughout the Caribbean at the time of Columbus’s discovery of the New World? It disappeared within a century due to European colonisation, however traces of it live on via English loanwords such as <i>barbecue</i>, <i>hurricane</i>, <i>hammock</i> and <i>tobacco</i>.</p>		
<p><b>Q25.</b> <b>Name the debut novel</b> by Indian author Aravind Adiga, which won the Man Booker Prize in 2008? It was adapted into a Netflix film of the same name in 2021, which was subsequently Oscar-nominated for Best Adapted Screenplay.</p>		
<p><b>Q26.</b> To date, <b>who is the only person</b> to have won Academy Awards for both acting <b>and</b> songwriting? This person received their acting award in 1969 and their songwriting award (co-writing and performing Best Song) in 1977.</p>		
<p><b>Q27.</b> <b>What is the two-word title</b> of the 1994 novel by Joseph Heller, a sequel to his best-selling <i>Catch-22</i>, published over 30 years earlier?</p>		

<p><b>Q28. Name this American bodybuilder and actor?</b> (1926-2000) During the peak of his acting career, it is claimed he was the highest-paid actor in Europe, starring in multiple Italian-made “sword and sandal” films of the 1950s and 60s such as <i>Hercules</i>, <i>Goliath and the Barbarians</i> and <i>The Thief of Baghdad</i>.</p>		
<p><b>Q29. What English writer</b> (born 1994) created the bestselling 2019 graphic novel series <i>Heartstopper</i>? Telling the story of two gay teenagers falling in love, the series was adapted into an acclaimed Netflix TV series in 2022.</p>		
<p><b>Q30.</b> In 2017, it was announced that Studio Ghibli co-founder Hayao Miyazaki had come out of retirement to direct one last animated movie. Consisting of a 4-word question, <b>what is the name of this forthcoming film</b>, based on a 1937 children’s book of the same name by Yoshino Genzaburō?</p>		

## World

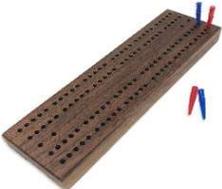
<p><b>Q1.</b> Prominently featured in the famous “massacre” scene from Sergei Eisenstein’s 1925 film <i>Battleship Potemkin</i>, the 142-metre-long Potemkin Stairs (formerly the Primorsky Stairs) are a notable landmark in <b>what Ukrainian city?</b></p>		
<p><b>Q2.</b> Manufactured in Dunmurry, Northern Ireland between 1981 and 1982, the DMC-12 (so called because it was originally planned to cost \$12,000) was the only product ever produced by <b>which company?</b> The product is usually referred to simply by the name of the company.</p>		
<p><b>Q3. Which planet</b> in our solar system has a namesake “hexagon” at its north pole, discovered in 1981? The unusual polygonal formation is believed to be caused by a turbulent stream of atmospheric gases moving at a much greater speed than the surrounding atmosphere. The hexagon rotates once every 10½ hours and is 29,000 km wide – more than twice the diameter of the Earth.</p>		
<p><b>Q4.</b> Erected in 2018 and located in the Indian state of Gujarat, the world’s tallest statue is the 182-metre <i>Statue of Unity</i>. It depicts <b>what Indian statesman</b> and independence activist (1875-1950), the first Deputy Prime Minister of independent India?</p>		
<p><b>Q5.</b> Unveiled in 1967, <i>Järnpojke</i>, also known as “the Iron Boy” or “Little Boy Looking at the Moon” is one of the smallest outdoor statues in the world, at a mere 15cm (6 inches) tall. It can be found in <b>which European capital city?</b></p>		

<p><b>Q6. Which is the only one</b> of New York City’s five boroughs <b>not</b> to be connected to the city’s subway network?</p>	
<p><b>Q7.</b> First introduced in 2003, <b>what is the name</b> of Apple’s Web browser, installed by default on all Macintosh computers, iPhones and iPads? After Google Chrome, it is currently the world’s second most-used Web browser.</p>	
<p><b>Q8.</b> The world’s smallest flightless bird is the Inaccessible Island rail, which as the name suggests is native to Inaccessible Island – located in <b>which archipelago</b> in the South Atlantic, part of a British Overseas Territory?</p>	
<p><b>Q9.</b> The three most recent African countries to gain independence (Namibia, Eritrea and South Sudan) all did so from fellow African countries – Namibia from South Africa, and so on. <b>What was the most recent African country</b> to gain independence from a European colonial power? This country ceased to be a British colony in 1980.</p>	
<p><b>Q10.</b> Opening in 2016 at a cost of approximately €10 billion, the 57 km-long GBT runs through the Central Swiss Alps and is currently the world’s longest railway tunnel. <b>What does the abbreviation</b> GBT stand for?</p>	
<p><b>Q11. Which two</b> of the American Great Lakes are, hydrologically speaking, considered to be a single body of water, separated only by the 5km-wide Straits of Mackinac?</p>	
<p><b>Q12.</b> Topped off in October 2020, the Thamrin Nine Tower 1 skyscraper, also known as “Autograph Tower”, is 385 metres tall, making it the tallest building in the Southern Hemisphere. It is located in <b>what capital city</b>?</p>	
<p><b>Q13.</b> Defined by the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) in order to replace vague descriptions such as “waterproof”, the IP Code is a two-digit number that denotes the level to which electronic equipment can withstand exposure to either moisture or foreign bodies (such as dust or grit). <b>What do the letters “IP”</b> stand for?</p>	
<p><b>Q14.</b> With a population of approximately 120, the small exclave called the “Northwest Angle” is the only part of the contiguous United States that lies above the 49<sup>th</sup> parallel, which elsewhere forms much of the border between the US and Canada. It is located in <b>which US state</b>? Due to a misunderstanding of local geography, it was mistakenly assigned as US territory after the 1793 Treaty of Paris.</p>	

<p><b>Q15.</b> At 646 metres high, the world’s tallest structure during the 1980s was a radio mast named after <b>what European capital city</b> – though in fact the mast was located 80km away, near the town of Gąbin? The size and power of the mast meant it was able to broadcast longwave radio signals to virtually the entire globe – sadly it was never rebuilt after collapsing during a botched repair project in 1991.</p>		
<p><b>Q16.</b> Completed in 1981, the Executive Wing of <b>which country’s</b> parliament building is commonly referred to as “The Beehive”, due to its shape?</p>		
<p><b>Q17.</b> Often nicknamed the “pepper grinder” because it was operated by a small hand-turned crank on top, the Curta was a handheld mechanical device that performed <b>what function?</b> Invented in the 1930s, it was produced for almost four decades until technological advances made it obsolete.</p>		
<p><b>Q18.</b> What is the <b>largest city</b> and commercial centre of Palau – also formerly the capital of the country until it was replaced by Ngerulmud in 2006? Its population of approximately 11,000 means it contains over 60% of Palau’s total population.</p>		
<p><b>Q19.</b> This is the logo of <b>what Internet content subscription service</b>, founded in London in 2016 and currently claiming to host 2 million content creators and 130 million users? The list of content creators includes chefs, fitness trainers, and musicians – however an estimated 90% are sex workers who produce pornographic content for their subscribers.</p>		
<p><b>Q20.</b> A disputed territory since the end of World War II, the Kuril (or Kurile) Islands are a volcanic archipelago in the Pacific consisting of 56 islands stretching over 1,300 km between <b>which two countries?</b></p>		
<p><b>Q21.</b> Located in Rio de Janeiro, <b>what is the name</b> of the largest and most famous Brazilian <i>favela</i> (i.e. slum or shanty town)? With a population of approximately 70,000, its name means “little farm” in Portuguese.</p>		
<p><b>Q22.</b> In internal combustion engines, <b>what name</b> is given to a device that mixes air and fuel in the correct ratio needed for combustion? Although still a common feature of smaller engines – such as those found in dirt bikes and lawnmowers – the advent of fuel injection has rendered these devices obsolete in modern cars.</p>		

<p><b>Q23.</b> Formed by the construction of the Akosombo Dam in the 1960s, <b>what 8,500 km<sup>2</sup> body of water</b> in Ghana is the world’s largest artificial reservoir by surface area?</p>	
<p><b>Q24.</b> <b>What term</b> describes bodies of water which do <u>not</u> have any outflow to other external bodies of water, such as rivers or oceans? Well-known examples include the Caspian Sea, Dead Sea and Utah’s Great Salt Lake.</p>	
<p><b>Q25.</b> To date, the only humans to have died in outer space were Georgy Dobrovolsky, Vladislav Volkov and Viktor Patsayev, the three crew members of <b>which Soviet space mission?</b> (Name <b>and</b> number required.) In April 1971 they became the first crew to board the world’s first space station, Salyut 1, but tragically died when a valve failure depressurised their capsule during preparations for re-entry.</p>	
<p><b>Q26.</b> With a population of 2.7 million, <b>what city</b> on the southern coast of Taiwan is the country’s third-largest city by population and is also Taiwan’s largest and busiest port?</p>	
<p><b>Q27.</b> Erected in 1844, Maclear’s Beacon is a 5-metre-tall pile of rocks situated on top of <b>which world-famous mountain?</b> It is named after the Irish-born 19<sup>th</sup> century astronomer Thomas Maclear, who ordered it to be built in 1844 as a triangulation marker to assist with his efforts to measure the circumference of the Earth.</p>	
<p><b>Q28.</b> The Bohol Sea, the Camotes Sea and the Visayan Sea are three of the named bodies of water located within the territory of <b>what island country?</b></p>	
<p><b>Q29.</b> Invented by its namesake French engineer in the early 18<sup>th</sup> century, <b>what device</b> for measuring fluid flow velocity is the primary sensor used to calculate airspeed in modern aircraft? Multiple major air crashes have resulted from these devices malfunctioning, for example if they are obstructed by ice at high altitudes.</p>	
<p><b>Q30.</b> <b>What Peruvian mountain range</b>, part of the Andes, is the world’s largest tropical ice-covered mountain range? Among its notable peaks are Huascarán, the tallest mountain located in Earth’s tropics, and Alpamayo (pictured), which has been described as “the most beautiful mountain in the world”. A <b>two-word</b> answer is required.</p>	

# Sport & Games

<p><b>Q1.</b> In California in the early 1970s, a new cycle sport was invented when groups of children began racing their bicycles on dirt tracks, inspired by the motocross stars of the time. Becoming a global craze a decade later, the sport was officially called “bicycle motocross”, but colloquially referred to by <b>what much shorter name?</b></p>	
<p><b>Q2.</b> In soccer, the technique of taking a penalty by softly chipping the ball into the middle of the goal is named after <b>which Czechoslovakian midfielder</b>, who used this method to score the winning penalty in the 1976 UEFA European Championships final against West Germany?</p>	
<p><b>Q3.</b> Originating as a parlour game in Victorian England, <b>what tabletop game</b> involves using plastic discs known as “squidgers” to propel smaller discs into a pot or other target?</p>	
<p><b>Q4. Who is this retired Swedish table tennis player</b>, nicknamed “the Mozart of table tennis”? He is one of only 5 male players in history (and the only non-Chinese male) to achieve a career grand slam in singles, namely winning gold medals at the World Championships, World Cup and Olympics. He is also the only person representing a non-Asian country ever to win an Olympic table tennis gold medal.</p>	
<p><b>Q5.</b> Located in Dublin and boasting a capacity of 82,300, <b>what Irish sporting venue</b> is the fourth-largest stadium in Europe, and the largest <u>not</u> to be used for soccer? The headquarters of the Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA), it is primarily used for the sports of hurling and Gaelic football.</p>	
<p><b>Q6. Name this British racing driver</b> (1934-2017), the only person ever to have won World Championships on both two and four wheels? He was 500cc motorcycle World Champion 4 times between 1956 and 1960, and Formula 1 World Champion in 1964.</p>	
<p><b>Q7.</b> The Argentinian national rugby union team are famously nicknamed the Pumas (<i>Los Pumas</i> in Spanish). But <b>which other South American national rugby team</b> are nicknamed the Condors (<i>Los Cóndores</i>)?</p>	
<p><b>Q8.</b> In 2018, the International Cricket Council expanded the list of first-class cricket nations from 10 to 12 by granting Test status to Ireland and <b>which Asian country?</b></p>	
<p><b>Q9.</b> Traditionally, <b>what card game</b> uses a distinctive scoreboard, on which each player’s points are tallied using small wooden pegs? The game was invented in England in the early 17<sup>th</sup> century as a derivation of the older card game “noddy”.</p>	

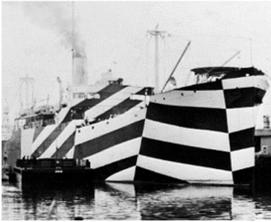
<p><b>Q10.</b> In July 2021, <b>what Southern Hemisphere city</b> was officially confirmed as the host of the 2032 Summer Olympics?</p>	
<p><b>Q11.</b> Born in Alabama in 1962, <b>who is this American sportsman</b> – the first athlete in the modern era to play professional baseball and American football in the same year, and the only professional ever be named an All-Star in both the NFL and MLB? He was also the subject of a memorable 1989-1990 Nike ad campaign which highlighted his proficiency in multiple sports.</p>	
<p><b>Q12. Name this Tunisian tennis player?</b> In June 2022 she reached no. 2 in the WTA rankings, the highest rank ever achieved by an African or Arab tennis player of either gender. The following month, she reached her first Grand Slam final at Wimbledon, where she lost to Elena Rybakina.</p>	
<p><b>Q13.</b> 2019 NBA champions the Toronto Raptors are notable for being the only current NBA team based in Canada. <b>What was the name</b> of the only other Canadian NBA team? They played in Canada from 1995-2001 before relocating to Memphis, where they remain to this day. (City <b>and</b> team name required)</p>	
<p><b>Q14. Which is the only one</b> of the standard netball positions to have a one-word name? You may simply answer with its one-letter abbreviation.</p>	
<p><b>Q15. What popular Nintendo video game franchise</b> involves “ink battles” between two teams, with the objective being to paint as much as possible of the arena with your team’s colour? First released for the Wii U console in 2015, the third game in the franchise was released earlier this month for the Nintendo Switch.</p>	
<p><b>Q16.</b> Headquartered in Sofia, Bulgaria, the WAF is the governing body of <b>what individual sport?</b> It has never been an Olympic event, although the WAF made an unsuccessful attempt to have it added to the Paris 2024 Paralympics. One of the rare movies to prominently feature this sport is the 1987 Sylvester Stallone film <i>Over the Top</i>.</p>	
<p><b>Q17.</b> Men’s lacrosse (but <u>not</u> women’s) and slow-pitch softball (but <u>not</u> fastpitch) are two of the very small number of sports with <b>how many players</b> on each team?</p>	
<p><b>Q18. Name this footballer</b>, currently playing as a midfielder for Olympique Lyonnais, who has been captain of the French national women’s team since 2017? In May of this year, she scored the opening goal for Lyon in the UEFA Women’s Champions League Final as they beat Barcelona 3-1.</p>	

<p><b>Q19.</b> The only new addition to the Formula 1 calendar in 2023 will be a street circuit race in <b>what American city?</b> It won't be this city's first time hosting an F1 race – a famous entertainment venue in this city hosted a Grand Prix for two years in the early 1980s, at a temporary track set up in its car park.</p>	
<p><b>Q20.</b> <b>What board game</b>, designed by Randy Flynn, won the Best Game prize at the 2022 Spiel des Jahres? The game shares its name with an alternative title for North America's Pacific Northwest region, and requires players to create a harmonious ecosystem by combining different habitats and wildlife.</p>	
<p><b>Q21.</b> In baseball, <b>what name</b> is given to a style of delivery where pitchers lean their upper body at an angle and release the ball with the hand close to the ground? Not to be confused with a simple underhand pitch (where the torso remains upright), this technique is more like an “upside down” version of a standard overarm pitch, hence is more powerful than throwing underhand.</p>	
<p><b>Q22.</b> Name <b>this video game character</b>, the macho, wise-cracking hero of an eponymous series of 4 action games released between 1991 and 2011? Although the first three entries had been well received, the fourth game (subtitled <i>Forever</i>) had an unusually long development time of more than 14 years, and is frequently cited as one of the worst video games of all time.</p>	
<p><b>Q23.</b> The hobby of tegestology involves collecting <b>what disposable items</b>, invented in their current form in Germany in the 1880s?</p>	
<p><b>Q24.</b> The most decorated figure skaters in Olympic history are this pair of Canadian skaters, who each won five medals (3 gold, 2 silver) in the ice dance &amp; team events between 2010 and 2018. Name <b>either of them?</b></p>	
<p><b>Q25.</b> Dating back to at least the 12<sup>th</sup> century CE, <b>what traditional sport</b> from the Indian subcontinent involves a gymnast performing aerial yoga or other acrobatics on a vertical pole or rope?</p>	
<p><b>Q26.</b> Name the <b>British Royal Air Force pilot</b> who has held the world land speed record since 1997? Driving the Thrust SSC jet car at the Black Rock Desert in Nevada, he averaged 1,228 km/h (763 mph) over the one-mile course – also making him the first and only person to break the sound barrier on land.</p>	

<p><b>Q27. What name is given</b> to the two-wheeled cart pulled behind a horse in the sport of harness racing? Its most common name in English is said to derive from its single-person capacity – since somebody who rides in one may not be in the mood for other people’s company.</p>		
<p><b>Q28.</b> Sometimes called “jump training”, in <b>what form of jumping exercises</b> do muscles exert maximum force in short intervals of time, with the goal of building power? They are primarily used as training or warm-up exercises by athletes, especially martial artists, sprinters and high jumpers.</p>		
<p><b>Q29.</b> Originating in Japan in the mid-1980s, Yukigassen is a competitive version of <b>what seasonal activity?</b> In most countries, it is usually thought of as an informal playtime activity for children, however annual championships in this activity are nowadays held in 9 countries, including Armenia, Australia, Canada and Sweden. The Indian region of Jammu and Kashmir also hosts their own version of this activity with differing rules, named SheenAab Jung.</p>		
<p><b>Q30.</b> The only living female athlete to currently hold multiple world records at Olympic distances, <b>who is this Ethiopian long-distance runner?</b> She is the current holder of the 5,000 and 10,000 metres world records, set in 2020 and 2021 respectively. Although not an Olympic event, she also set a new world half-marathon record at the 2021 Valencia Half-Marathon, beating the old mark by more than a minute.</p>		

## History

<p><b>Q1.</b> Harald Gormsson, king of Denmark in the late 10<sup>th</sup> century, is better known nowadays by <b>what nickname?</b> The nickname was borrowed for a modern technology protocol used for sharing data between devices, based on the analogy that the technology would unite devices the way that this king united the tribes of Denmark into a single kingdom.</p>		
<p><b>Q2.</b> Regularly mentioned on social media when people express surprise that he is still alive aged 99, <b>who is this German-born diplomat and politician,</b> a prominent member of the US government in the 1970s who served as US Secretary of State and National Security Advisor in the Nixon and Ford administrations? He received the 1973 Nobel Peace Prize under controversial circumstances, with two members of the Nobel committee resigning in protest.</p>		
<p><b>Q3.</b> The Anindilyakwa, based on Groote Eylandt, and the Bininj, in the Western part of Arnhem Land, are just two of over 400 known indigenous peoples of <b>what modern-day country?</b></p>		

<p><b>Q4.</b> Assuming that Prince William does succeed his father as British monarch and keeps “William” as his regnal name, <b>what would be his regnal number?</b></p>	
<p><b>Q5.</b> Defeating the incumbent Igor Dodon by a 58-42 margin, in December 2020 Maia Sandu became the first ever female president of <b>which European country?</b></p>	
<p><b>Q6.</b> <b>What two-word term</b> is given to the series of regular radio addresses given by Franklin D. Roosevelt to the American public between 1933 and 1944? Although it is often assumed these broadcasts were weekly, in fact there were only 30 over an 11-year period, averaging one every four months or so.</p>	
<p><b>Q7.</b> Its name coming from the Arabic for “liberation”, <b>what public square</b> in Cairo served as a focal point for the 2011 Egyptian revolution?</p>	
<p><b>Q8.</b> Born in the town of Foxford, County Mayo in 1777, <b>what Irishman</b> is frequently referred to as “founder of the Argentine navy”? Considered a national hero in Argentina, over 1,200 streets and 300 schools across the country are named after him.</p>	
<p><b>Q9.</b> Toniná and Yaxchilán were two of the major cities of <b>what Mesoamerican civilisation</b> during its “Classic period” from the mid-3<sup>rd</sup> century to the early 10<sup>th</sup> century AD?</p>	
<p><b>Q10.</b> <b>What international organisation</b>, representing the interests of developing nations, has 120 member countries, making it the second-largest grouping of states worldwide, behind only the United Nations? Established in 1961 by Indian Prime Minister Nehru and Yugoslav President Tito, the organisation’s name references the fact that its member countries were not part of either NATO or the Eastern Bloc during the Cold War.</p>	
<p><b>Q11.</b> Used by the British and American navies in both world wars, <b>what name</b> is given to a type of camouflage consisting of complex patterns of geometric shapes in contrasting colours? Unlike traditional camouflage, its intention is not to conceal but to confuse, by making it difficult for enemies to estimate a target’s range, speed, and heading.</p>	
<p><b>Q12.</b> No fewer than three former inmates of the Robben Island Maximum Security Prison went on to serve as President of South Africa. Nelson Mandela and Jacob Zuma were two of them – <b>who was the third?</b> This man became president in September 2008 after Thabo Mbeki’s resignation, but served less than 8 months until the election of Jacob Zuma in May 2009. Thereafter, he served a full five-year term as Zuma’s deputy president.</p>	

<p><b>Q13.</b> Believed to be the earliest surviving photograph of a US president, <b>who</b> is the subject of this daguerreotype? It was taken in 1843, nearly 15 years after he left office.</p>		
<p><b>Q14.</b> Liz Truss recently became the third female British Prime Minister – and the first of the three to be known by her birth name, since her two predecessors both adopted their husband’s surname after getting married. <b>What was the maiden name</b> of <u>either</u> Margaret Thatcher or Theresa May?</p>		
<p><b>Q15.</b> Under the direction of King John II, <b>which Portuguese explorer</b> (1452-1486) led two notable expeditions along the west coast of Africa in the 1480s, during which he became the first European to discover the Congo River?</p>		
<p><b>Q16. Who</b> is this American nurse, writer and social reformer (1879-1966)? In 1916, she opened the first birth control clinic in the United States, which led to her arrest for distributing information on contraception. In order to promote reproductive health care, in 1921 she founded the American Birth Control League, later known as Planned Parenthood.</p>		
<p><b>Q17. What word</b>, meaning “king” or “emperor” in the Mandinka and Eastern Maninka languages, is customarily used to refer to the rulers of the Malian Empire?</p>		
<p><b>Q18. What Italian ocean liner</b> was involved in the worst post-war maritime disaster to occur in US waters? On the night of 26<sup>th</sup> July 1956, it sank off the coast of Massachusetts with the loss of 46 lives, after colliding with Swedish vessel MS Stockholm in thick fog. The liner was named after a 16<sup>th</sup> century Genoese admiral considered the foremost naval leader of his time.</p>		
<p><b>Q19. Who is this Chinese noblewoman</b> (1835-1908), former concubine of the Xianfeng Emperor, who became the <i>de facto</i> ruler of the Qing Dynasty after the Emperor’s death in 1861, alongside the emperor’s widow Ci’an?</p>		
<p><b>Q20.</b> Constituted as a province in AD 193 under Septimius Severus, the Roman province of Numidia lay within the territory of <b>what modern-day country</b>?</p>		
<p><b>Q21. Name the current Argentinian Vice-President</b>, who made global headlines earlier this month when she was the subject of an attempted assassination? Luckily, the gun jammed, no shots were fired, and the would-be assassin was immediately arrested.</p>		
<p><b>Q22.</b> Established in 1740, the <i>Pour le Mérite</i> medal (literally “For Merit”) was among the highest military and civil honours awarded by the Kingdom of Prussia. It is more widely referred to by <b>what nickname</b>, referencing the name of the first German flying ace to receive the medal in WWI?</p>		

<p><b>Q23.</b> Occurring from 430-426 BC during the Peloponnesian War, the “Plague of Athens” is one of the earliest known epidemics, during which a quarter of the Athenian population died. Scientific research in the early 2000s has discovered that it was an epidemic of <b>what infectious disease</b>, now preventable by vaccine but which still kills over 100,000 people globally per annum?</p>	
<p><b>Q24.</b> Subsequently adopted as a motto by the House of Habsburg, the letters “AEIOU” were extensively used as the personal monogram of <b>which 15<sup>th</sup> century Holy Roman Emperor?</b> (Name <u>and</u> regnal number required.) Its exact meaning is still disputed, but the most common interpretation is that it stood for “All the world is subject to Austria” – <i>Alles Erdreich ist Österreich untertan</i> in German.</p>	
<p><b>Q25.</b> <b>What method of punishment</b>, used in England and other European countries up to the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, consisted of a wooden or metal framework erected on a post, with holes for securing the head and hands? They are often confused with stocks, which were similar but lower to the ground, for restraining the feet or ankles instead. The name for this device is still used in English as a verb meaning “to attack or ridicule publicly”.</p>	
<p><b>Q26.</b> <b>Name the Roman historian</b> who wrote the landmark biographical work <i>De vita Caesarum</i>, more commonly called <i>The Twelve Caesars</i>? Written while the author was the personal secretary to Emperor Hadrian, the book chronicled the lives of Julius Caesar plus the first eleven Roman Emperors, from Augustus to Domitian.</p>	
<p><b>Q27.</b> Belgium had two colonial possessions in Africa – by far the largest was the Belgian Congo, nowadays the Democratic Republic of the Congo. <b>What was the name</b> of their other colony? Ruled by Belgium from 1916 to 1962, it was broken up after independence to form two modern-day countries. Appropriately, the hyphenated name of the colony was also broken in two to form the names of the two new countries.</p>	
<p><b>Q28.</b> Literally meaning “self-publishing” in Russian, <b>what form of dissident activity</b> during the Cold War involved individuals reproducing censored books or publishing underground newsletters, often writing each copy by hand or using smuggled (and hence untraceable) typewriters?</p>	
<p><b>Q29.</b> <b>What 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> century Siamese kingdom</b> is considered to be the primary precursor of modern Thailand? The kingdom was centred around its namesake city, located 80 km north of Bangkok – the end of this kingdom occurred in 1767 when the Burmese army overthrew the city.</p>	
<p><b>Q30.</b> This 62-metre-high step pyramid at the Saqqara necropolis was the earliest colossal stone building in ancient Egypt – pre-dating the Pyramids at Giza by several decades. Its construction was ordered in the 27<sup>th</sup> century BC by <b>what Egyptian pharaoh</b>, after whom the pyramid is named?</p>	

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