



Irish Quiz Organisation

Irish Open Quiz 2023 – Part 1 (Media, World, Sport & Games, History)

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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>Q1. Dom DeLillo’s <i>Noise</i>, Zadie Smith’s <i>Teeth</i> and Jack London’s <i>Fang</i> – what adjective can be added in front of all three of these nouns to complete the title of novels by these authors?</p>	
<p>Q2. Name this Irish actor, known for his roles in <i>28 Days Later</i> and <i>Peaky Blinders</i>, who has recently received critical acclaim for playing the title character in Christopher Nolan’s 2023 film <i>Oppenheimer</i>?</p>	
<p>Q3. Keri Hulme (for <i>The Bone People</i> in 1985) and Eleanor Catton (for <i>The Luminaries</i> in 2013) are the only two authors from what country to have won the Booker Prize?</p>	
<p>Q4. Grossing a combined US\$32 billion worldwide since 2008, the <i>MCU</i> is an ongoing superhero movie franchise consisting of 32 films to date, most recently <i>Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3</i>, released in May 2023. What does the initialism “MCU” stand for?</p>	
<p>Q5. The “a” in <i>about</i>, the “e” in <i>taken</i> and the “i” in <i>family</i> are three examples in English of a vowel sound known by what name?</p> <p>Represented by an upside-down lowercase “e” in the International Phonetic Alphabet, this is the sound produced when the lips, tongue, and jaw are completely relaxed and is the most common vowel sound in English.</p>	
<p>Q6. One of the most iconic movie scenes of the 1970s, John Travolta’s solo dance in <i>Saturday Night Fever</i> was accompanied on-screen by what song by the Bee Gees?</p> <p>Perhaps surprisingly, it was <u>not</u> one of the songs written for the movie soundtrack, but an existing Bee Gees song that had been a US Number 1 hit over a year before the release of the film.</p>	
<p>Q7. Nicknamed “The Ghost Who Walks”, name this crime-fighting character, the titular hero of a daily American newspaper strip which has run continuously since 1936?</p> <p>Created by Lee Falk, this character is considered one of the first superheroes, although (like Batman) he does not have superpowers, instead relying on his wits and physical skills to battle evildoers.</p>	



<p>Q8. The highly admired and influential book <i>The Art of War</i> was written in the 5th century BCE by what Chinese philosopher and military strategist?</p>	
<p>Q9. Established in 1954 and named after an English-language movie magazine which is still published to this day, the Filmfare awards are one of the most prestigious cinema awards in what country?</p>	
<p>Q10. A possessed ventriloquist dummy named Slappy is a recurring character in what series of children’s horror novels?</p> <p>Written by American author R.L. Stine, the series currently comprises 240 books and have sold a combined 400 million copies since their introduction in 1992.</p>	
<p>Q11. Written by Erich Maria Remarque, the 1929 German novel <i>Im Westen nichts Neues</i> (literally “Nothing New in the West”) is better known in the English-speaking world by what title, under which it has been adapted for film more than once?</p>	
<p>Q12. The highest-grossing Indian movie of all time is <i>Dangal</i> (2016), a Hindi drama based on a true story about a man who trains his daughters to be champions in what sport?</p> <p>Hollywood films which feature other forms of this ancient sport include <i>Vision Quest</i> (1985) and <i>Paradise Alley</i> (1978). A <u>one-word</u> answer will suffice.</p>	
<p>Q13. Named after the ancient writers who employed them: Menippean, Juvenalian and Horatian are three of the primary modes of which genre of writing, usually humorous, in which vices, follies, abuses, and shortcomings are held up to ridicule?</p>	
<p>Q14. The lead character of the 1967 comedy/musical Western <i>The Fastest Guitar Alive</i> is a Confederate spy who carries a rather unusual bullet-shooting guitar.</p> <p>He was played by what American singer, in his only starring role as an actor?</p>	
<p>Q15. An instant bestseller upon its publication in 1982, what was the debut novel by Chilean author Isabel Allende?</p> <p>It tells the epic story of the Trueba family across four generations in an unnamed South American country – heavily inspired by Chile under the Pinochet regime.</p>	





<p>Q16. American author Gregory Mcdonald (1937-2008) is best known for a series of crime novels featuring what character?</p> <p>This wisecracking investigative reporter has been played on the silver screen by Chevy Chase (1985 and 1989) and Jon Hamm (2022).</p>	
<p>Q17. Pictured is the word “question” written in what language?</p> <p>Spoken by over 75 million people worldwide, this is one of the official languages of Singapore and Sri Lanka – not to mention the southernmost state in India, which partly shares its name with this language (and the people who speak it).</p>	
<p>Q18. Only four writers have won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction more than once: Booth Tarkington, John Updike, Colson Whitehead and which other author?</p> <p>He is the only one of the four to have also won the Nobel Prize for Literature, doing so in 1949.</p>	
<p>Q19. Famously used as a yardstick of female representation in movies, the so-called “Bechdel Test” was devised by American cartoonist Alison Bechdel in a 1985 edition of what comic strip, which ran weekly from 1983 to 2008?</p>	
<p>Q20. Directed by Georges Franju, what cult 1960 French horror film concerns a plastic surgeon who murders young women to serve as face transplant donors for his daughter, who wears a mask after being disfigured in a car accident?</p> <p>The film inspired a 1984 hit single by Billy Idol whose chorus mentions both the film’s French and English-language titles – you may answer with <u>either</u>.</p>	
<p>Q21. Published in serial form between 1989 and 1998, what acclaimed graphic novel by writer Alan Moore and artist Eddie Campbell is a fictionalised retelling of the Jack the Ripper murders?</p> <p>Its two-word title is also the opening of an infamous 1888 letter supposedly written by the murderer.</p>	
<p>Q22. Released in 2022 to highly positive reviews, what is the title of the fifth film in the <i>Predator</i> franchise?</p> <p>It stars Amber Midthunder as a young Comanche warrior who protects her tribe against an alien Predator who lands in early 18th century America.</p>	

<p>Q23. Name this Hong Kong-born actress, arguably best known for playing the female lead in Wong Kar-Wai's highly-acclaimed <i>In The Mood For Love</i> (2000)?</p> <p>For her role in <i>Clean</i> (2004) alongside Nick Nolte, she became the first Asian performer to win Best Actress at the Cannes Film Festival.</p>		
<p>Q24. First published in 9 volumes between 1759 and 1767, the picaresque novel <i>The Life and Opinions of Tristram Shandy, Gentleman</i> (often simply referred to as <i>Tristram Shandy</i>) is the best known work of what Anglo-Irish author and Anglican cleric, born in Tipperary in 1713?</p>		
<p>Q25. Only two African-born filmmakers have ever been nominated for Best Director at the Oscars. The first nomination was in 1997 for the Ugandan-born Australian director of <i>Shine</i>, while the second was a year later for the Egyptian-born Canadian director of <i>The Sweet Hereafter</i>. Name either of these directors?</p>		
<p>Q26. Published in 1910, <i>The Machine Stops</i> is a dystopian science fiction short story written by which English author?</p> <p>It is notable for its depictions of technology resembling videoconferencing and the Internet, several decades before their invention – although its author is not generally regarded as a science fiction writer: three of his best-known novels were adapted into Oscar-winning period dramas in the 1980s and 1990s.</p>		
<p>Q27. The subject of one of Japan's longest-running media franchises, what is the name of this fictional character?</p> <p>A blind swordsman who wields his weapons with a distinctive reverse grip, he was the main character in a series of 26 movies released between 1962 and 1989, plus a 1970s TV series and two modern movie remakes in the 2000s.</p>		
<p>Q28. The title characters in the movies <i>Mandy</i> (2018), <i>Nancy</i> (2018) and <i>To Leslie</i> (2022) were all played by what English actress, born in Tyneside in 1981?</p> <p>She was the subject of some controversy in early 2023 following the unorthodox celebrity-driven social media campaign that was used to secure her first Oscar nomination (for <i>To Leslie</i>).</p>		

<p>Q29. Born in 1986, name this Nigerian author, whose two published novels <i>The Fishermen</i> (2015) and <i>An Orchestra of Minorities</i> (2019) were both shortlisted for the Booker Prize?</p>		
<p>Q30. Selling an estimated 30 million copies since its first volume in 2019, what Japanese manga series concerns an espionage agent who unwittingly marries an undercover assassin and adopts a daughter with telepathic abilities?</p>		




World

<p>Q1. Flowing eastwards over the north of the country and over 650 km in length, what is the longest river in Italy? It shares its name with one of the Teletubbies.</p>	
<p>Q2. Adopted after independence in 1966, the flag of which African country features distinctive black-and-white stripes across the centre?</p> <p>The stripes are said to represent the country's racial diversity, as well as being a nod to the country's national animal, the plains zebra.</p>	
<p>Q3. One of the longest defined coastal routes in the world, what is the three-word name of the meandering 2,500 km road which stretches along Ireland's western coast, from Donegal to Cork?</p> <p>Taking in many of the country's most scenic sites, it has provided a significant boost to Ireland's tourism industry since its introduction in 2014.</p>	
<p>Q4. In 1973, the Chevrolet Impala became the first car to offer what safety feature?</p> <p>Although Ford and General Motors spent much of the late 70s and early 80s lobbying the US government against making them mandatory, today they are a standard feature of practically all new cars sold globally, and have been credited with a noticeable reduction in car crash fatalities since the 1990s.</p>	

<p>Q5. Denoted by a double purple line on the Tube map, what is the name of the latest and most expensive line on the London Underground?</p> <p>Opened to passengers in May 2022, it stretches 117 km and cost an estimated £18.8bn.</p>		
<p>Q6. Bounded by Russia to the east, Ukraine to the north-west, and Crimea to the south-west, what body of water lies to the north-east of the Black Sea, and is connected to it by the 4km-wide Kerch Strait?</p> <p>With an average depth of 7 metres, it is the shallowest sea in the world.</p>		
<p>Q7. The ancient Babylonians in the 14th century BCE, the Chinese in the 2nd century BCE and the Italian Camillo Torello in 1566 all invented versions of what item of agricultural equipment, which enables greater efficiency when sowing crops and helps improve crop yields?</p> <p>Perhaps the most famous version of this device was that invented by Englishman Jethro Tull in 1701.</p>		
<p>Q8. 887 metres tall, the dormant volcano Mount Scenery makes up the majority of what small Caribbean island, one of the Leeward Islands in the Lesser Antilles?</p> <p>This island is a special municipality of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, making Mount Scenery technically the highest point in the Netherlands.</p>		
<p>Q9. <i>The Guardians of Traffic</i> are a set of eight large Art Deco monuments which adorn the Hope Memorial Bridge in what US city?</p> <p>In 2021, a professional sports team whose stadium sits next to the bridge adopted a new name inspired by the statues.</p>		
<p>Q10. An island often described as having the shape of a musket, and with a population of nearly 250,000, New Ireland is one of the 22 provinces of what country in Oceania?</p>		
<p>Q11. Produced in 1980 as a collaboration between Philips and Sony, the so-called “Red Book” is a document that defines the technical specifications of what consumer home media format?</p>		






<p>Q12. What is the name of the geocultural region shown on the map?</p> <p>Some of its boundaries are not rigidly defined, but it is generally agreed to consist of parts of south-eastern Turkey, northern Iraq, north-western Iran and northern Syria.</p>		
<p>Q13. Opening in 2010 at a cost of €6 billion and consisting of three 57-storey towers topped by a 340-metre-long skyway, what is the name of this landmark casino and resort in Singapore? A <u>three-word</u> answer is required.</p>		
<p>Q14. Most time zones in use around the world are defined as a whole number of hours offset from GMT (a.k.a. UTC). What Canadian province is the only part of the Americas which does <u>not</u> use a “whole number” time zone? This province is 3½ hours behind UTC in winter and 2½ hours in summer.</p>		
<p>Q15. The 15th century Citadel of Qaitbay stands on the site of which of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World?</p> <p>After the wonder in question was destroyed by a series of earthquakes between the 10th and 14th centuries, some of the stone ruins were used in the construction of the citadel.</p>		
<p>Q16. One of the world’s busiest airports, Pudong is the main international airport serving what Asian city?</p>		
<p>Q17. Over 10,000km² in area, Salar de Uyuni is the world’s largest salt flat, located in which South American country?</p> <p>Estimated to contain one of the largest lithium deposits in the world, the exceptional flatness of the surface is also used to calibrate the altimeters of Earth observation satellites.</p>		
<p>Q18. Nowadays part of the larger Nouvelle-Aquitaine region, the traditional region of France highlighted on the map is the origin of the name of what specific type of vehicle?</p> <p>While there is debate over the exact reason this name was used, the prevailing theory is that early examples of this vehicle used a hood or roof that physically resembled the raised hood of traditional cloaks worn by shepherds in this region.</p>		

<p>Q19. First invented in the late 1990s, what acronym refers to a test designed to be easy to solve for a human but difficult for machines?</p> <p>Such tests are commonly used as a security measure on websites, to prevent undesired access by bots or other automation scripts.</p>		
<p>Q20. Unguja Island and Pemba Island are the two largest islands in which African archipelago, located in the Indian Ocean and a semi-autonomous region of the country to which it belongs?</p>		
<p>Q21. Located in the Bavarian municipality of Schwangau, what is the name of this German castle?</p> <p>Built in the 1860s as a retreat for King Ludwig II of Bavaria, it served as Walt Disney’s inspiration for Sleeping Beauty’s Castle, familiar as the centrepiece of the Disneyland theme parks and also serving as the Walt Disney Pictures logo.</p>		
<p>Q22. Recently increasing in popularity due to the boom in artificial intelligence research, the .ai internet domain belongs to what Caribbean island, a British Overseas Territory?</p>		
<p>Q23. Due to be adopted in March 2024, this is the new flag of what US state?</p> <p>The beehive depicted on the flag references the state’s official nickname.</p>		
<p>Q24. Nicknamed “The Paris of The Tropics”, what city is the capital of Amazonas, Brazil’s largest state?</p> <p>Located in the heart of the Amazon rainforest, the city’s small number of external road connections means that its 2.6 million inhabitants mainly rely on river or air transport when travelling elsewhere in Brazil.</p>		
<p>Q25. What American astronaut (born 1928) is the only person to have flown to the Moon twice but never landed there?</p> <p>He was the command module pilot of Apollo 8 and more famously the commander of the aborted Apollo 13 mission.</p>		


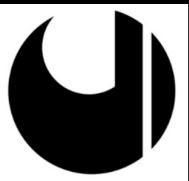



<p>Q26. In existence between 335 and 200 million years ago, Pangaea is the most recent of Earth’s supercontinents. What was the name of the ocean that surrounded it?</p>	
<p>Q27. One of the most photographed attractions in New Zealand is the statue of Pania of the Reef, erected in 1954 and based on the Māori legend of the same name.</p> <p>It is located in which city on New Zealand’s North Island, sometimes referred to as the “Nice of the Pacific”?</p>	
<p>Q28. Under construction since 2022 on the east coast of Borneo, what new city is due to be inaugurated as the capital of Indonesia in August 2024, replacing Jakarta?</p>	
<p>Q29. Sometimes called a “cold cathode display”, what is the more common name of these electronic devices, used for displaying numbers via a series of ten digit-shaped wire filaments which can be individually lit?</p> <p>Invented in 1955, they have long been superseded by other technologies such as LEDs, though they retain a cult following among electronics enthusiasts and are nowadays most often used to build retro-style digital clocks.</p>	
<p>Q30. What is the fifth-largest of Saturn’s moons? With a density of 0.98 g/cm³, it is the least-dense major moon in the solar system, due to it being composed almost entirely of ice.</p> <p>Appropriately, the moon is named after a female Greek Titan who was heavily associated with water: she was the wife of Oceanus and the mother of the river gods.</p>	





Sport & Games

<p>Q1. Contested by men at every Winter Olympics to date and finally due to be added for women in 2026, “Nordic combined” consists of two events: cross-country skiing and what other discipline – also a Winter Olympic event in its own right?</p>	
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<p>Q2. Name the Northern Irish jockey (born 1974) who holds the all-time record for races won in the UK National Hunt, having ridden 4,358 winners between 1995 and 2015?</p> <p>He also holds the remarkable record of being awarded Champion Jockey (i.e., most races won per season) in every single one of the 20 seasons for which he was a professional jockey.</p>		
<p>Q3. On a standard Monopoly board, the squares which display this symbol are known by what two-word name?</p>		
<p>Q4. The Perth Scorchers and the Sydney Sixers are two of the most successful teams in what Australian cricket league? Established in 2011, it is one of the top 10 domestic sporting leagues in the world when measured by total weekly attendance.</p>		
<p>Q5. With 190 goals in total, what Canadian soccer player is the world's all-time leader for international goals scored, for either men or women? She is also only one of three players of either gender have scored at five different FIFA World Cup tournaments (the others being Marta and Cristiano Ronaldo).</p> <p>She would have claimed the record for herself but missed a penalty against Nigeria at this year's FIFA Women's World Cup, the sixth World Cup at which she played.</p>		
<p>Q6. Although this may shortly change with the 2023 final being played next month, who are currently the only country to have reached the men's Rugby World Cup final without ever winning the tournament?</p> <p>To date they have contested three finals: losing to New Zealand in 1987 and 2011, and to Australia in 1999.</p>		
<p>Q7. Formerly nicknamed "The Flying Tomato" due to his long red hair, who is this American snowboarder?</p> <p>He is the only person to have won 3 Olympic gold medals in snowboarding, winning the halfpipe event in 2006, 2010 and 2018.</p>		
<p>Q8. What is the two-word title of this mobile video game, in which players guide the titular creature between obstacles without hitting them?</p> <p>Released in 2013, the game's rampant popularity caused its Vietnamese programmer Dong Nguyen to remove it from both Apple and Google app stores in early 2014, though many unauthorised clones have since appeared.</p>		

<p>Q9. Name this Ethiopian-born Dutch runner? She is noted for her world-leading performances in widely disparate distances, including three Olympic medals at Tokyo 2020: gold at 5,000 and 10,000 metres and bronze at 1,500 metres.</p> <p>She was also the female winner of the 2023 London Marathon and until August 2023 had held the female world record for the mile for four years.</p>		
<p>Q10. Its name being a portmanteau of the Spanish words for “football” and “indoor”, what indoor variant of soccer was invented in Uruguay in the 1930s?</p> <p>It is played on a hard-court surface, but unlike five-a-side and other forms of indoor football, the edges of the court are simply marked by lines (i.e. walls or boards are <u>not</u> used). The ball is also smaller and harder than a regulation soccer ball.</p>		
<p>Q11. Who is this Florida-born basketball player, a former shooting guard and small forward? Beginning his career with the Toronto Raptors in 1998, and retiring age 42 in 2020 while at the Atlanta Hawks, he is the only person in NBA history to play in four different calendar decades (1990s to 2020s inclusive)</p>		
<p>Q12. The Super Eagles (men) and Super Falcons (women) are the nicknames of what country’s international football team?</p> <p>Reaching 5th place in 1994, the men’s team hold the record for highest FIFA ranking for any African country, while the women’s team have won the Africa Cup of Nations a record 11 times.</p>		
<p>Q13. Primarily used by mountaineers, what is the name of this piece of sporting equipment?</p>		
<p>Q14. The oldest surviving motorcycle race in the world and for many years regarded as the most prestigious, the annual Isle of Man TT was first held in 1907. What do the letters “TT” stand for?</p>		
<p>Q15. In 1956, what American tennis player became the first African-American to win a Grand Slam tournament when she won the ladies’ singles at the French Championships (nowadays known as the French Open)?</p> <p>In the early 1960s she also became the first Black player to compete on the Women’s Professional Golf Tour.</p>		



<p>Q16. <i>Punto banco</i> and <i>Chemin de fer</i> are two forms of what card game, most frequently played in casinos?</p>	
<p>Q17. What German-born Austrian driver is the only person to posthumously win the Formula 1 Drivers Championship?</p> <p>Leading the table four races from the end of the season, he died in a crash during the practice session for the 1970 Italian Grand Prix.</p>	
<p>Q18. The Tokyo 2020 Olympics saw the introduction of the first ever mixed athletic event, in which both men and women compete in the same race. What was the name of this event? A precise answer (including distance) is required.</p>	
<p>Q19. Founded in 1948, this is the logo of what German sportswear company? Although their product range includes soccer balls, jerseys and kit bags, they are best known for producing goalkeeper gloves.</p>	
<p>Q20. Born in Budapest in 1976, what Hungarian chess player is usually cited as the strongest female chess player of all time?</p> <p>First entering the FIDE Top 100 at age 12 – the youngest player of either gender ever to do so – in 1996 she became the first woman to reach the world top ten, and in 2002 defeated Garry Kasparov to become the first woman to beat a reigning world champion. Her sisters Sofia and Susan are also noted chess players.</p>	
<p>Q21. Pictured are two of the cards from what bestselling card game, in which players must race to find a symbol visible on both cards of a pair?</p> <p>The full game consists of a deck of 55 cards, with the symbols mathematically distributed so that each randomly-chosen pair of cards has one and only one symbol in common.</p>	
<p>Q22. When Michael Phelps broke the world record for most Olympic medals won, he succeeded what Soviet gymnast, who had held the record for almost half a century?</p> <p>Born in present-day Ukraine in 1934, she won 18 medals in total (14 individual and 4 team) between 1956 and 1964, nine of which were gold medals.</p>	
<p>Q23. Not to be confused with philatelists or stamp collectors, the term “phillumenist” describes collectors of what other widely available, inexpensive items?</p>	




<p>Q24. Introduced in 2008, <i>Fast5</i> is a modified variant of what team sport? As the name suggests, this features shorter matches and only 5 players per team, instead of the usual 7.</p> <p>Although this sport’s governing body gained Olympic recognition in 1995, this sport has never been played at the Summer Olympics to date.</p>	
<p>Q25. The closest winning margin in the history of the Tour de France occurred in 1989, when Greg LeMond mounted an astonishing comeback in the final stage to beat which French cyclist by a mere eight seconds?</p> <p>Later aerodynamic analysis suggests this man would have won if he had cut off his drag-causing ponytail.</p>	
<p>Q26. Self-described “mighty pirate” Guybrush Threepwood is the protagonist of what series of point-and-click adventure video games, developed by LucasArts?</p> <p>The first instalment was titled <i>The Secret of [BLANK]</i> in 1990 and the most recent was <i>Return to [BLANK]</i> in 2022 – the blanks in both cases being the two-word answer required.</p>	
<p>Q27. In a baseball context, the phrase “the shot heard round the world” describes a famous home run scored by Bobby Thomson of what MLB team as they beat the Brooklyn Dodgers to win the 1951 National League pennant?</p> <p>You may answer with the team’s name at the time (identical to a still-current NFL team from the same city) <u>or</u> the team’s current name, post their 1957 relocation. Either way, <u>city and franchise</u> name is required.</p>	
<p>Q28. In 1975, what Japanese mountaineer became the first woman to reach the summit of Mount Everest? In 1992 she also became the first woman to complete the so-called “Seven Summits” challenge, having climbed the highest peak in each of the seven continents.</p>	
<p>Q29. <i>Gasing pangkah</i> (Malaysia/Brunei) or <i>Pambaram</i> (India/Bangladesh) are competitive games for two or more players involving what objects, more usually regarded as traditional toys for children?</p>	
<p>Q30. Name the former Google executive who holds the current record for the world’s highest skydive?</p> <p>In 2014, he jumped from a gas balloon at an altitude of 41.4km (135,000 feet), over 2km higher than Felix Baumgartner’s highly-publicised 2012 jump.</p>	

History

<p>Q1. Born circa 1162 in the Khentii mountain range in modern-day Mongolia, Temüjin was the birth name of what ruler, founder of the Mongol Empire? Please give a <u>two-word</u> answer.</p>	
<p>Q2. A key milestone in the Northern Ireland peace process, this is the front page of which political agreement, signed in April 1998 by the British and Irish governments?</p> <p>Although officially called the “Belfast Agreement”, please answer with its more common colloquial name, which references the religious feast day on which the agreement was signed.</p>	
<p>Q3. Developed in Italy in the late 15th century, what is the name of this type of weapon? Notable for its long slender blade with a needle-like point, it was primarily intended only for stabbing, hence usually did not possess a cutting edge, unlike most knives or daggers.</p> <p>In modern times, this weapon has lent its name to a specific feature of women’s apparel which it superficially resembles.</p>	
<p>Q4. This famous photograph, taken at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina on 17th December 1903, shows the world’s first powered heavier-than-air flight.</p> <p>What is the full name (first <u>and</u> last name required) of the man piloting the plane?</p>	
<p>Q5. Described as “the most significant event in the history of Catholicism since the Protestant Reformation”, name the gathering first convened by Pope John XXIII in 1962, which met on a periodic basis until 1965?</p> <p>Among the reforms enacted by this body were an end to Mass being read in Latin and removing the requirement for Catholics to abstain from eating meat every Friday.</p>	
<p>Q6. In 1920, Woodrow Wilson received the Nobel Peace Prize for being the leading architect of what intergovernmental organisation?</p> <p>Ironically, even though Wilson was US President at the time this organisation was founded, the US never actually joined in the 26 years of its existence.</p>	

<p>Q7. Since the death of the UK's Queen Elizabeth II in 2022, who is the world's only reigning female monarch? Having acceded to the throne in 1972, she is also the world's current longest-serving female head of state.</p> <p>You may answer with just her <u>name</u> and <u>country</u>. (Regnal number <u>not</u> required)</p>		
<p>Q8. The Battle of Heartbreak Ridge and the Battle of Pork Chop Hill both took place during what 20th century conflict?</p>		
<p>Q9. Name this former US First Lady, the namesake of a famous addiction treatment centre near Palm Springs, California which opened in 1982?</p>		
<p>Q10. What four-word phrase has been used intermittently over the past 150 years to describe any European nation experiencing disproportionate economic difficulties, social unrest or impoverishment relative to the rest of the continent?</p> <p>Emperor Nicholas I of Russia is cited as the first to use this phrase, to describe the Ottoman Empire in the mid-19th century. Since then, it has been used to refer to (among others) post-war France in the 1950s, post-unification Germany in the 1990s and post-Brexit Britain in the 2020s.</p>		
<p>Q11. “The Fat”, “The Bald” and “The Simple” were all epithets of 9th century French monarchs with what regnal name?</p>		
<p>Q12. Name this disgraced American financier (born 1992), the founder and CEO of cryptocurrency exchange FTX?</p> <p>He is currently awaiting trial on fraud charges relating to the sudden bankruptcy of FTX in late 2022. Prior to that, he had been the 60th richest person in the world, with a peak fortune of US\$26 billion. You may answer with his name <u>or</u> the three-letter initialism by which he is frequently referred.</p>		
<p>Q13. In power for 62 years until his death in 1989, Hirohito was the longest-reigning Japanese emperor in history, surpassing the previous record held by which emperor, his grandfather, who sat on the Chrysanthemum Throne for 45 years between 1867 and 1912?</p>		
<p>Q14. Australia's first and only military coup, the so-called “Rum Rebellion” took place in 1808 when the New South Wales Corps of the British Army overthrew which Governor of New South Wales following his attempts to clamp down on the army's illicit rum trading?</p> <p>This man is better known to history via a maritime incident that occurred almost two decades previously.</p>		

<p>Q15. Makeda in Ethiopian tradition and Bilqīs in Arabic are alternate names for what Biblical monarch?</p> <p>She is generally regarded as having been the ruler of a south Arabian province – although whether she actually existed is debated by scholars. The Old Testament contains an account of her paying a royal visit to King Solomon bearing a lavish array of gifts.</p>	
<p>Q16. Often regarded as the greatest admiral in Chinese history, what explorer commanded the so-called “Ming treasure voyages”, a series of 7 major expeditions around the Indian Ocean and South China Sea in the early 15th century?</p>	
<p>Q17. When Lady Diana Spencer married Prince Charles in 1981, she surprisingly became the first Englishwoman to marry the first-in-line to the English throne since Anne Hyde married what future monarch over 300 years earlier? (Name <u>and</u> regnal number needed)</p> <p>Ironically, like Diana, Anne passed away without ever becoming Queen – she died of cancer in 1671 aged 34, more than a decade before her husband acceded to the throne.</p>	
<p>Q18. Its name an abbreviation of a Russian phrase meaning “death to spies”, what umbrella body for Russian counter-espionage was established by Joseph Stalin in 1943?</p> <p>Although it was disbanded shortly after WWII, its name lives on in popular culture due to featuring in several of the early James Bond novels, before Ian Fleming created the fictional SPECTRE to serve as 007’s antagonist instead.</p>	
<p>Q19. If, as expected, the 2024 US presidential election ends up being a re-run of Joe Biden vs Donald Trump, it would be only the 7th such “presidential rematch” in American history, and the first since 1956, when Dwight D. Eisenhower defeated what Democratic nominee in a landslide, just as he had 4 years earlier?</p> <p>This former Illinois governor went on to serve as US Ambassador to the United Nations until his sudden death in 1965.</p>	
<p>Q20. The first female Prime Minister in Africa was Elisabeth Domitien, who held office between January 1975 and April 1976 in what country?</p> <p>She belonged to MESAN, a now-dissolved political party founded in 1949 to campaign for the independence of Ubangi-Shari, the French colony which was the predecessor of this modern-day country.</p>	
<p>Q21. Believed to have arrived there from the Philippines in roughly 1500 BCE, the Chamorro are the indigenous people of what Pacific archipelago?</p> <p>It may help you to know that this archipelago is divided into two geographic entities, although <u>neither</u> of them is a sovereign country.</p>	

<p>Q22. The War of Jenkin’s Ear and King George’s War are both considered part of what wider conflict of the 1740s, which pitted France, Prussia, Spain and their allies against the Habsburg monarchy and Great Britain?</p>	
<p>Q23. It’s not Simón Bolivar, but who is this Argentine general (1778-1850) who helped lead the revolutions against Spanish rule in Argentina (1812), Chile (1818), and Peru (1821)?</p> <p>He earned the nickname “Hannibal of the Andes” following an 1817 incident where he led 5,000 troops in a 20-day, 480 km march across perilously steep mountain trails to mount a successful surprise attack on Spanish troops.</p>	
<p>Q24. Name this Georgian politician (1928-2014)? Serving as Soviet Minister of Foreign Affairs under Mikhail Gorbachev, he was a strong advocate of the reform policies of glasnost and perestroika and played a key role in the ending of the Cold War.</p> <p>After the breakup of the Soviet Union, he served as the President of Georgia from 1995 to 2003.</p>	
<p>Q25. Among the best-preserved Roman sites in the Mediterranean, the ancient city of Leptis Magna (known to the Greeks as Neápolis) is located in which modern-day country?</p> <p>Founded by the Phoenicians in the 7th century BCE, it was greatly expanded in the early 3rd century CE by Roman Emperor Septimius Severus, who was born in the city.</p>	
<p>Q26. Taking place during the second Persian invasion of Greece, in what battle of 480 BCE did a fleet of 371 Greek ships defeat a Persian fleet which was two to three times larger?</p> <p>In terms of the number of ships involved, this is estimated to have been the largest naval battle of all time.</p>	
<p>Q27. What Portuguese royal house was founded by King John I in 1385?</p> <p>Lasting for nearly two hundred years, monarchs of this dynasty oversaw the many significant Portuguese voyages which occurred during this period, including those of Bartolomeu Dias and Vasco da Gama.</p>	
<p>Q28. Sometimes referred to as “Dahomey Amazons”, what was the name of the elite female warrior unit of the former West African kingdom of Dahomey?</p> <p>In existence between the 17th and 19th centuries, they have been described as the only all-female army in modern history and were the subject of the 2022 film <i>The Woman King</i> starring Viola Davis.</p>	

Q29. Name this former Malaysian Prime Minister, who ruled the country from 2009 to 2018?

His time in office came to an abrupt end when he was implicated in the 1MDB investment scandal and sentenced to 12 years in prison for corruption.



Q30. Pre-dating other societies such as the Nazca and Moche, what extinct South American civilisation flourished in the northern Andean highlands of Peru from 900 BCE to 200 BCE?

They are considered the earliest highly-developed culture in pre-Columbian Peru, and are notable for having the first widespread, recognisable artistic style seen in any Andean civilisation.



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