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1. Allied conferences Q1	In February 1945, at which resort city on the south coast of the Crimean Peninsula did a major conference take place between the heads of government of the United States, the United Kingdom and the Soviet Union to discuss the postwar reorganisation of Germany and Europe?	YALTA
1. Allied conferences Q2	At which location did an Allied Conference take place between July 17th and August 2nd 1945? This conference had to be paused for two days, starting on July 25th, to allow for Clement Attlee to replace Winston Churchill as the UK representative.	POTSDAM
1. Allied conferences Q3	In which capital city did the first of the World War II conferences featuring the "Big Three" Allied leaders take place, between 28th November and 1st December 1943?	TEHRAN
2. Cathal O'Shannon Q1	In July 1972 early Irish TV star Cathal O'Shannon recorded a notable television interview with which boxer, who was in Dublin to fight against Al Lewis at Croke Park?	MUHAMMAD ALI
2. Cathal O'Shannon Q2	Cathal O'Shannon received a Jacob's Award for his 1976 TV documentary, Even the Olives are Bleeding, which detailed the activities of the Irish volunteer soliders in which conflict?	SPANISH CIVIL WAR
2. Cathal O'Shannon Q3	In 1978, O'Shannon surprised the Irish media world when he quit RTÉ to become head of PR for Canadian company Alcan which was setting up an aluminium plant in Limerick. On which former island (now a peninsula) in the Shannon estuary is this facility, Europe's largest bauxite refinery, located?	AUGHINISH (Aughinish Alumina)
3. I predict a riot Q1	Riots occurred in Dublin in January 1907 during and following the opening performance of which play by John Millington Synge?	The PLAYBOY OF THE WESTERN WORLD
3. I predict a riot Q2	Upon arriving to the theatre in 1926 for the fourth performance of which play by Sean O'Casey, and finding a riot ongoing, did WB Yeats declare to the Dublin crowd "I thought you had tired of this... but you have disgraced yourselves again. "	The PLOUGH AND THE STARS
3. I predict a riot Q3	Riot was the name of a controversial variety review starring Panti Bliss that premiered at the Dublin Fringe Festival in 2016, where it won the Best New Production award. It was the creation of which Irish theatre company, which claims to "rip up the space between popular culture, counter culture, queer culture and high art"?	THISISPOPBABY
4. Good Friday agreement Q1	As the name makes clear, the pair of agreements also known as the Belfast Agreement were signed on Good Friday, the 10th April. In which year?	1998
4. Good Friday agreement Q2	There were four signatories to the Good Friday Agreement, two from the Irish Government and two from the UK Government. Who was the UK representative, alongside Prime Minister Tony Blair? Included in this woman's signature on the document is the nickname by which she was best known.	Marjorie (Mo) MOWLAM
4. Good Friday agreement Q3	Who was the second Irish signatory of the Good Friday Agreement, along with Taoiseach Bertie Ahern? This Fianna Fáil politician was in his second spell as Minister for Foreign Affairs in 1998. During his 37 years as a TD, this man also served as Minister for Defence on two occasions and Minister for the Marine.	David ANDREWS

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5. Diff songs, same title Q1	Van Halen (1984), Kris Kross (1992) and Girls Aloud (2003) have all had top five singles on the Irish charts with different songs that all share what identical one word title?	JUMP
5. Diff songs, same title Q2	Which one word title links one of the two songs performed by U2 as part of their Live Aid set and a 1987 Irish number one by Michael Jackson?	BAD
5. Diff songs, same title Q3	What four word title links two very different songs: one is a famous 1955 song, written by Arthur Hamilton and made famous by Julie London, whilst the other is a breakup song released by Justin Timberlake in 2002?	CRY ME A RIVER
6. Biography authors Q1	Which diarist and lawyer, born in Edinburgh, is best known for his 1791 biography of his friend and older contemporary, the English writer Samuel Johnson?	James BOSWELL
6. Biography authors Q2	Which American author, journalist, and professor has been the author of several acclaimed biographies including works on Henry Kissinger (1992), Steve Jobs (2011) and Elon Musk (2023)?	Walter ISAACSON
6. Biography authors Q3	Which Irish monk, thought to have been born in Donegal, is best known for Vita Columbae (Life of Columba), a hagiography recounting the life of the founder of Iona Abbey, written between 697 and 700?	ADMONÁN (accept EUNAN)
7. North American alternatives Q1	The names Swede and Rutabaga are used in North America for a vegetable known by what name, here in Ireland?	TURNIP
7. North American alternatives Q2	What is the Spanish word for the herb coriander? This word is the common term in American English for coriander leaves due to their extensive use in Mexican cuisine.	CILANTRO (pronounced "sillantro")
7. North American alternatives Q3	Rocket is an edible annual plant in the Brassica family, used as a leaf vegetable for its fresh, tart and peppery flavor. By what name of Italian origin is it known in North America?	ARUGULA
8. Irish political leaders Q1	Since March 2022, who has been the leader of the Irish Labour Party? This politician has only been a TD since winning a by-election in Dublin Bay South in July 2021, albeit they were a member of Seanad Éireann since 2007.	Ivana BACIK
8. Irish political leaders Q2	In March of this year, who became leader of the Social Democrats in Dáil Éireann? This politician has served as a TD for the Cork South-West constituency since the 2020 general election.	Holly CAIRNS
8. Irish political leaders Q3	A Member of the Northern Ireland Assembly (MLA) for Upper Bann since 2016, who has been leader of the Ulster Unionist Party (UUP) since May 2021? A former member of the British Army, this politician is characterised as a 'progressive' unionist.	Doug BEATTIE

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9. World records in 2023 Q1	On September 17 which pole vaulter broke his own world record when he cleared 6. 23 meters at the Prefontaine Classic in Eugene, Oregon?	Armand DUPLANTIS
9. World records in 2023 Q2	The winner of the gold medal at the last two Olympic Games, which American became the first man to throw past 23. 5m when he set a new Shot Put World Record of 23. 56m in Los Angeles on May 27th?	Ryan CROUSER
9. World records in 2023 Q3	At the final Diamond League event on September 17th, which Ethiopian runner set a new world record in the 5000m with a time of 14:00. 21? This time was five seconds quicker than the previous record and a full 12 seconds faster than her previous PB.	Gudaf TSEGAY
10. T. V. in '23 Q1	In 2023, US TV channel Fox News surprisingly cut ties with which controversial host, following the April 21st episode of his eponymous show?	Tucker CARLSON
10. T. V. in '23 Q2	Which British journalist and media executive who became the Director General of RTÉ in July 2023? This man had previously served as the managing director of news and current affairs and deputy Director General at RTÉ from 2012 to 2016.	Kevin BAKHURST
10. T. V. in '23 Q3	British TV in 2023 saw many live events, including a match at the World Snooker Championship, the Rugby Premiership Final and the first night of the Proms, being paused or stopped due to protests by which environmental activist group?	JUST STOP OIL
11. UNESCO sites in Africa Q1	The islands of Gorée and Saint-Louis and the Saloum Delta are World Heritage sites in which African country?	SENEGAL
11. UNESCO sites in Africa Q2	The Aïr and Ténéré natural reserves and the historic centre of Agadez are in which landlocked country?	NIGER
11. UNESCO sites in Africa Q3	In which country are the rock-hewn churches of Lalibela, one of the first African sites to be inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list?	ETHIOPIA
12. Bleak House Q1	In what decade did Charles Dickens publish the novel Bleak House? It was originally published in monthly instalments over two years.	1850s (1852-53)
12. Bleak House Q2	Often cited as an example of a long-running futile lawsuit, the fictional court case at the heart of Bleak House is known by what name?	JARNDYCE V JARNDYCE
12. Bleak House Q3	In Bleak House, Dickens attributes the death of Krook, the rag-and-bottle dealer, to what unusual phenomenon?	SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION

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13. Cloudspotting Q1	Which type of high clouds are made of ice crystals and typically appear delicate and wispy with white strands?	CIRRUS
13. Cloudspotting Q2	With its name coming from the Latin word for layer, what type of low altitude clouds are flat, hazy and featureless, varying in color from dark gray to nearly white? These clouds are essentially above-ground fog.	STRATUS
13. Cloudspotting Q3	Coming from the Greek word for cloud, what is the name for the branch of meteorology that is concerned with the study or contemplation of clouds?	NEPHOLOGY
14. The noughties Q1	In what year did the following events occur: the Irish men's football team took part in the FIFA World Cup, Queen Elizabeth (aka the Queen Mother) died aged 101, Timor-Leste became an independent country.	2002
14. The noughties Q2	While Cyprus and Malta adopted the Euro, Irish people disrespected Europe twice in this year. Voters rejected the Lisbon Treaty in the first of two referendums and the country sent Dustin the Turkey to the Eurovision Song Contest.	2008
14. The noughties Q3	In what year was Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas released on the PS2, the Opportunity rover landed on Mars and Kerry defeated Mayo in the All-Ireland senior football final?	2004
15. DACH Q1	What is the majority language of the countries that comprise the DACH region, an acronym of their international vehicle registration codes?	GERMAN
15. DACH Q2	German is one of the four national languages of Switzerland. Two more are French and Italian. What is the name of the fourth?	ROMANSH
15. DACH Q3	German is an official language of which province south of the Brenner Pass? It forms part of the autonomous Italian region of Trentino-Alto Adige.	SOUTH TYROL / SÜDTIROL
16. Team Lotus Q1	Even though they ceased to exist during the 1994 season, the original Lotus Formula One team is still one of the most successful in the history of the sport, with their six Driver's titles placing them fifth on the roll of honour. Which legendary Scottish driver won the first two of these titles, in 1963 and 1965?	Jim CLARK
16. Team Lotus Q2	From 1958 until his death in 1982, Lotus were led by which visionary British engineer and inventor, the team's founder and chief designer?	Colin CHAPMAN
16. Team Lotus Q3	Which Austrian driver won the 1970 Formula One Driver's title while racing for Lotus, despite the fact that he was killed four races before the end of the season? As no other driver managed to surpass his total by the end of the season, this became the only season to date in which the World Drivers' Championship title has been awarded posthumously.	Jochen RINDT