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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>   |
|------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>Q1a</b> (Team A Person 1) | The two major passenger ferry routes from Northern Ireland to Scotland are operated by Stena Line and P&O from Belfast and Larne respectively. Both routes currently terminate in what Scottish port, located outside its namesake small village in Dumfries and Galloway?                                    | <b><u>Cairnryan</u></b>   |
| <b>Q1b</b> (Team B Person 1) | Destroyed in the late 12th century by orders of its vizier Shawar, the city of Fustat had previously served as the capital of what modern-day African country between the 7th and 10th centuries?   | <b><u>Egypt</u></b>   |
| <b>Q2a</b> (Team A Person 2) | Invented by the American chemist James Cloyd Downs in the 1920s, a "Downs cell" is a device used for commercial production of what metallic element?  | <b><u>Sodium</u></b>  |
| <b>Q2b</b> (Team B Person 2) | Emerald chocolate toffees and Eskimo Mints are two of the most popular products by what Irish confectionery brand, founded in Donegal in the 1920s? Nowadays their products are made in the UK since the original factory closed down in 2012 and the company was sold to the Valeo Foods group.              | <b><u>Oatfield</u></b>  |
| <b>Q3a</b> (Team A Person 3) | <i>"Fame costs. And right here is where you start paying... in sweat."</i> These words from the opening titles of 80s TV show <i>Fame</i> were uttered by what Emmy-winning dancer and actress, who starred in the series as dance teacher Lydia Grant and also served as the show's principal choreographer? | Debbie <b><u>Allen</u></b>  |
| <b>Q3b</b> (Team B Person 3) | Clarissa Parry is the maiden name of what literary character, an upper-class woman navigating her inner turmoil in post-First World War England? She is the title character of a famous 1925 novel by Virginia Woolf.   | Mrs <b><u>Dalloway</u></b>  |
| <b>Q4a</b> (Team A Person 4) | Since the mid 1970s, American guitarist Steven van Zandt has been a key member of what band, the primary backing band for Bruce Springsteen? Van Zandt is easily recognisable due to his trademark bandana, which he wears to cover up injuries from a 1960s car accident.                                    | <b><u>E Street</u></b> Band   |
| <b>Q4b</b> (Team B Person 4) | What Kerry GAA forward was the top scorer in the 2023 Ladies All Ireland Senior Football Championship? She scored 3 goals and 31 points across the whole campaign, including a goal and 7 points in the final against Dublin.   | Louise Ní <b><u>Mhuirheartaigh</u></b><br>["nee murr-hurtee"]<br>- be lenient on pronunciation! |

## **Round 2 - Team**

Team A to pick a topic first

Team B to pick a topic second

## **Round 3 - Individual**

|                              | <b>Question</b>  | <b>Answer</b>                           |
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| <b>Q1a</b> (Team B Person 1) | Name the mathematics graduate who has served as a co-presenter of the UK game show <i>Countdown</i> since 2009, manning the letters board and providing solutions to the numbers round when contestants cannot do so?  | Rachel <b><u>Riley</u></b>              |
| <b>Q1b</b> (Team A Person 1) | What Russian-born Hollywood actor was noted for his bald head, which he shaved for the 1950s musical <i>The King and I</i> , and then kept shaved throughout the rest of his career? His other well-known film roles include <i>The Magnificent Seven</i> and <i>Westworld</i> . | Yul <b><u>Brynner</u></b>               |
| <b>Q2a</b> (Team B Person 2) | The currencies of Iran, Oman and Yemen all have what four-letter name? This is also an anagram of a major European currency which was replaced by the euro in 2002.  | <b><u>Rial</u></b><br>(anagram of lira) |
| <b>Q2b</b> (Team A Person 2) | <i>The Secret of Kells</i> , <i>Song of the Sea</i> and <i>Wolfwalkers</i> are just three of the Oscar-nominated animated feature films produced by what Irish animation studio, based in Kilkenny?  | <b><u>Cartoon Saloon</u></b>            |
| <b>Q3a</b> (Team B Person 3) | Belfast-born Joshua Cargill is better known by what drag queen name? They won the first series of <i>RuPaul's Drag Race: UK vs. the World</i> and are a contestant on the current Irish series of <i>Dancing With The Stars</i> .  | <b><u>Blu Hydrangea</u></b>             |
| <b>Q3b</b> (Team A Person 3) | Played by Anthony Edwards of <i>ER</i> fame, what was the avian call-sign of Lieutenant Nick Bradshaw, Tom Cruise's wingman in the original <i>Top Gun</i> movie?  | <b><u>Goose</u></b>                     |
| <b>Q4a</b> (Team B Person 4) | In snooker, the brown ball is usually worth how many points?   | <b><u>4</u></b>                         |
| <b>Q4b</b> (Team A Person 4) | In personal ads, the abbreviation "SWF" stands for what three words describing the person who placed the ad? This was also the title of a 1992 thriller movie starring Bridget Fonda and Jennifer Jason Leigh.   | <b><u>Single White Female</u></b>       |

### Round 4 - Team

Team B to pick a topic first

Team A to pick a topic second

### Round 5 - Individual

|                              | <b>Question</b>   | <b>Answer</b>   |
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| <b>Q1a</b> (Team A Person 1) | During the reign of Sultan Moulay Ismail in the late 17th and early 18th centuries, the city of Meknes served as the capital of what modern-day African country?  | <b><u>Morocco</u></b>   |
| <b>Q1b</b> (Team B Person 1) | Named after the Canadian chemist Lloyd Montgomery Pidgeon who developed it in the 1940s, the "Pidgeon process" is used for commercial production of what metallic element?  | <b><u>Magnesium</u></b>   |
| <b>Q2a</b> (Team A Person 2) | In snooker, the yellow ball is usually worth how many points?   | <b><u>2</u></b>   |
| <b>Q2b</b> (Team B Person 2) | Before being transferred to Cairnryan in 2011, the main Scottish terminus for the P&O passenger ferry from Larne had been what town 9km further south?  | <b><u>Stranraer</u></b>   |
| <b>Q3a</b> (Team A Person 3) | What Waterford GAA forward was the top scorer in the 2023 Ladies All Ireland Senior Camogie Championship? She scored 3 goals and 48 points across the whole campaign, including 7 points in the final against Cork.   | Beth <b><u>Carton</u></b>   |
| <b>Q3b</b> (Team B Person 3) | What Hollywood actor of Greek extraction was noted for his bald head, which he shaved for the 1960s film <i>The Greatest Story Ever Told</i> and then kept shaved throughout the rest of his career? His most well-known roles include Blofeld in the James Bond movie <i>On Her Majesty's Secret Service</i> and the title role in the 70s cop show <i>Kojak</i> . | Telly <b><u>Savalas</u></b>   |
| <b>Q4a</b> (Team A Person 4) | Belfast-born Andrew Glover is better known by what drag queen name? Other than Blu Hydrangea, they have been the only other Northern Irish contestant to date on <i>RuPaul's Drag Race UK</i> , finishing 3rd in series 4. They are also a contestant on the current second series of <i>Drag Race UK vs the World</i> .  | <b><u>Jonbers Blonde</u></b><br>(accept <b><u>JonBenet Blonde</u></b> ) |
| <b>Q4b</b> (Team B Person 4) | It's not funny, but in personal ads, the abbreviation "GSOH" specifies that a person has a Good... what?  | <b><u>Sense of Humour</u></b>   |

### **Round 6 - Team**

Team A to pick a topic first

Team B to pick a topic second

### **Round 7 - Individual**

|                              | <b>Question</b>  | <b>Answer</b>                  |
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| <b>Q1a</b> (Team B Person 1) | Ray Sawyer (1937-2018) was the percussionist and backing vocalist for what American band, known for their 70s hits such as <i>When You're in Love with a Beautiful Woman</i> ? Sawyer was instantly recognisable due to his trademark eyepatch, which he wore to cover up injuries from a 1960s car accident.  | <b><u>Dr. Hook</u></b>         |
| <b>Q1b</b> (Team A Person 1) | Name the lexicographer who has served as a co-presenter of the UK game show <i>Countdown</i> since 1992, manning "Dictionary Corner" and suggesting better-scoring words than the contestants were able to come up with?   | Susie <b><u>Dent</u></b>       |
| <b>Q2a</b> (Team B Person 2) | Debbie Allen's older sister is also an award-winning performer - most familiar to 80s TV viewers as family matriarch Clair Huxtable in <i>The Cosby Show</i> . In 2004 she became the first Black actress to win the "Best Actress in a Play" Tony award, for <i>A Raisin in the Sun</i> . Please name her - giving her married name since that's how she is best known? | Phylicia <b><u>Rashad</u></b>  |
| <b>Q2b</b> (Team A Person 2) | Milky Mints, affectionately known as "Milky Moos", are the most well-known product of what Irish confectionery brand, founded in Dublin city centre in the 1930s and nowadays produced in their factory in Inchicore?  | <b><u>Ritchie's</u></b>        |
| <b>Q3a</b> (Team B Person 3) | Played by Miles Teller of <i>Whiplash</i> fame, what was the avian call-sign of Lieutenant Bradley Bradshaw, Goose's son and Tom Cruise's protégé in the sequel <i>Top Gun: Maverick</i> ?   | <b><u>Rooster</u></b>          |
| <b>Q3b</b> (Team A Person 3) | Also an anagram of "lira", what is the name of the currency of Georgia?  | <b><u>Lari</u></b>             |
| <b>Q4a</b> (Team B Person 4) | <i>Poor Things</i> , <i>The Favourite</i> and <i>Room</i> are just three of the Oscar-nominated films co-produced by what Irish production company, based in Dublin?   | <b><u>Element</u></b> Pictures |
| <b>Q4b</b> (Team A Person 4) | Emma Rouault [ <i>"roo-oh"</i> ] is the maiden name of what literary character, a woman who lives beyond her means to escape the emptiness of provincial life in mid-19th century France? She is the title character of a famous 1857 novel by Gustave Flaubert.   | Madame <b><u>Bovary</u></b>    |

### **Round 8 - Team**

Team B to pick a topic first

Team A to use last remaining topic

**END OF QUIZ**

**Spare questions  
(only use if necessary)**

| <b>Question</b>  | <b>Answer</b>                           |
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| In the <i>Super Mario</i> video games, who is the evil version of Mario?   | <b><u>Wario</u></b>                     |
| In 1972, what Belfast-born player won the World Snooker Championship at the age of 22, at the time the youngest player ever to do so?                  | Alex <b><u>Higgins</u></b>              |
| Released in 2022, what was the subtitle of the third (and possibly last) in the <i>Fantastic Beasts</i> series of <i>Harry Potter</i> spin-off movies? | The <b><u>Secrets of Dumbledore</u></b> |
| Since December 2022, what Fine Gael politician has served as Chief Whip in the Irish government?   | Hildegarde <b><u>Naughton</u></b>       |

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## TEAM QUESTIONS

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### Demonyms

*As a reminder, a demonym is a term describing inhabitants of a particular place - for example "Dubliners" for those who live in the Irish capital.*

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| <b>Q1</b> The inhabitants of what Australian state are informally known as "Taswegians"?   | <b><u>Tasmania</u></b>    |
| <b>Q2</b> Although its exact etymology is disputed, the inhabitants of what US state have been commonly nicknamed "Hoosiers" since the mid-19th century?                                 | <b><u>Indiana</u></b>     |
| <b>Q3</b> "Loiners" is a long-standing demonym for citizens of what English city? It is also one of the traditional nicknames for the professional Rugby League team based in this city. | <b><u>Leeds</u></b>       |
| <b>Q4</b> From the island's indigenous Taíno name, usually translated as "Land of the Valiant Lord", inhabitants of what Caribbean island often refer to themselves as "Boricuas"?       | <b><u>Puerto Rico</u></b> |

### Regnal Number Required

*4 questions about various rulers - in all cases name alone is not sufficient: you must also give the correct regnal number!*

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| <b>Q1</b> The predecessor to Pope Francis made global headlines in 2013 when he announced his resignation due to declining health, making him the first Pope to step down in almost 600 years. What was his papal name and regnal number?   | <b><u>Benedict XVI</u></b> (the Sixteenth)   |
| <b>Q2</b> The only joint monarchy in English history occurred between 1689 and 1694 when William III of England (a.k.a. William of Orange) jointly ruled along with his wife. Which queen was this: the eldest daughter of King James II?   | <b><u>Mary II</u></b> (the Second)   |
| <b>Q3</b> Pope John Paul I chose his unusual double papal name not because he was a Beatles fan, but in order to honour his two immediate predecessors. Please name <b>both</b> of them? Naturally, both regnal numbers are required!   | <b><u>John XXIII</u></b> (the Twenty-Third) and <b><u>Paul VI</u></b> (the Sixth) - need <b>both</b> |
| <b>Q4</b> The current King of Tonga has what name and regnal number? Several successive monarchs since 1845 have used this same regal name, which is also a common surname in Tonga: for example, shared by the Tongan-born rugby prop with the first name Taniela who has earned 51 caps for Australia since 2017. | <b><u>Tupou VI</u></b> (the Sixth)   |

## JS

**4 questions about individuals with the initials "JS" - though as usual you only need to answer with their surname.**

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| <b>Q1</b> What former prime minister of Norway has served as Secretary-General of NATO since 2014?  | Jens <b><u>Stoltenberg</u></b>  |
| <b>Q2</b> One of the most familiar faces on Northern Irish television for decades until his 2020 retirement, name the long-serving UTV continuity announcer perhaps best remembered for his camp introductions to episodes of <i>Coronation Street</i> ?    | Julian <b><u>Simmons</u></b>  |
| <b>Q3</b> The comic book icon Superman was created in 1938 by two friends: one an artist born in Toronto, and the other a writer born in Cleveland. Both of these men had the initials "JS" - name <b>either</b> ?  | Joe <b><u>Shuster</u></b> / Jerry <b><u>Siegel</u></b><br>(accept <b>either</b> ) |
| <b>Q4</b> Reaching no. 2 in the Irish singles chart in 2008, <i>No Air</i> was a duet between Chris Brown and what singer - the winner of the sixth series of <i>American Idol</i> ? She had another Top 10 hit with <i>Battlefield</i> the following year. | Jordin <b><u>Sparks</u></b>   |

## "Poor" Americans

**Forbes Magazine maintains an annual list of the 400 wealthiest Americans. Here are 4 questions on people who were removed from that list in 2023.**

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| <b>Q1</b> It's certainly the least of his 99 problems right now, but Donald Trump dropped off the <i>Forbes</i> "400 Wealthiest Americans" list in 2023, partly due to a \$600 million decline in the value of what social network, which he founded in 2021 after being banned from Twitter?   | <b><u>Truth Social</u></b>   |
| <b>Q2</b> Unsurprisingly, what curly-haired "Crypto King" is no longer one of the richest Americans following the high-profile collapse of his cryptocurrency exchange FTX and his November 2023 conviction for fraud, conspiracy, and money laundering?  | Sam <b><u>Bankman-Fried</u></b><br>(accept <b><u>SBF</u></b> )                 |
| <b>Q3</b> Evan Spiegel and Bobby Murphy are still worth more than \$2 billion each, but their fortunes have taken a significant hit due to a 90% drop in share price for what multimedia instant messaging app, which they co-founded in 2011?  | <b><u>Snapchat</u></b>   |
| <b>Q4</b> Worth \$20 billion in 2015 but currently only one-tenth of that, businessman Charlie Ergen is the founder of two technology businesses involving satellites: One a satellite TV broadcaster and the other a provider of set-top boxes and satellite broadband. Name <b>either</b> of these American companies, which announced a merger last month? | <b><u>Dish</u></b> Network / <b><u>EchoStar</u></b><br>(accept <b>either</b> ) |



### **Bad Movie, Good Music**

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| <b>Q1</b> What 1980 remake of a landmark 1927 Al Jolson film starred Neil Diamond in his acting debut? The movie was critically reviled and received 5 Razzie nominations - however, the soundtrack album was a huge success, selling over 5 million copies in the US alone and containing the hits <i>Love on the Rocks</i> and <i>Hello Again</i> .                  | The <b><u>Jazz Singer</u></b>                |
| <b>Q2</b> Despite negative reviews and lukewarm box-office, the 1980 movie <i>Xanadu</i> spawned a multi-platinum soundtrack album, including the title track: a duet between Olivia Newton-John and what band? The song reached Number 1 in the UK, giving this band their only UK chart-topping single.  | <b><u>ELO / Electric Light Orchestra</u></b> |
| <b>Q3</b> Although the film fared poorly with critics, what 90s superhero movie boasted a highly-successful soundtrack including songs from U2, PJ Harvey, Nick Cave and Seal - whose <i>Kiss From a Rose</i> went on to win both Record of the Year and Song of the Year at the following year's Grammys?   | <b><u>Batman Forever</u></b>                 |
| <b>Q4</b> Critic Leonard Maltin described what 1978 movie as "perhaps the worst film ever to have won some kind of Academy Award"? It won Best Song for <i>Last Dance</i> by Donna Summer, from the movie's platinum-selling soundtrack. The film itself starred Donna Summer, Debra Winger and Jeff Goldblum and is set in a Los Angeles disco as the weekend begins. | <b><u>Thank God It's Friday</u></b>          |

### **Alternate Histories**

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| <b>Q1</b> The Hugo Award-winning novel <i>The Man in the High Castle</i> is set in an alternate version of 1962 where the Axis powers won World War 2, and was written by what American author? The classic sci-fi movies <i>Blade Runner</i> , <i>Total Recall</i> and <i>Minority Report</i> were all based on works by this man.  | Philip K. <b><u>Dick</u></b>   |
| <b>Q2</b> Debuting on Apple TV+ in 2019, what critically-acclaimed drama series is set in an alternate timeline where the Soviets made a manned moon landing ahead of the Americans, hence prolonging and accelerating the space race? Each season of the show is set several years after the last, showing the cumulative effect on world history over the following decades. | <b><u>For All Mankind</u></b>  |
| <b>Q3</b> Depicting a world where the US never gained independence from Britain, the 1995 novel <i>The Two Georges</i> was co-written by American author Harry Turtledove and which Hollywood actor, born in 1947? This man won the Oscar for Best Actor at the age of 30, making him the second-youngest person ever to do so.  | Richard <b><u>Dreyfuss</u></b> |
| <b>Q4</b> <i>The Alteration</i> is a 1976 alternate history novel, set in a parallel Europe in which the Reformation never took place. It was written by which English author, who went on to win the Booker Prize ten years later for his novel <i>The Old Devils</i> ?   | Kingsley <b><u>Amis</u></b>    |

### Defunct Irish Retailers

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| <b>Q1</b> Founded in Dundalk in 1960, what former Irish supermarket chain was taken over by the Musgrave Group in 2011, after which all its branches were rebranded as SuperValu? However, the chain's original name lives on as branding for a number of premium products, notably its award-winning pork sausages. | <u>Superquinn</u>  |
| <b>Q2</b> Itself taken over and rebranded as Circle K in 2018, the Irish petrol station chain Topaz was founded in 2005 to take over and rebrand the operations of two European filling station brands then operating in Ireland. Name <b>either</b> ?   | <u>Shell</u> / <u>Statoil</u> (accept <b>either</b> )              |
| <b>Q3</b> Before being acquired and rebranded as Brown Thomas in the late 1990s, Switzers operated four major department stores in Ireland: its namesake store on Dublin's Grafton Street and one each in Cork, Galway and Limerick. Name <b>any</b> of these three landmark stores?                                 | <u>Cash's</u> / <u>Moon's</u> / <u>Todd's</u> (accept <b>any</b> ) |
| <b>Q4</b> Founded in the late 19th century, what Dublin-based grocery chain opened Ireland's first supermarket on Dublin's Henry Street in 1959? The company survived for decades more and was Ireland's fourth largest supermarket chain at the time of its demise in 1987.   | H. <u>Williams</u>   |

### World Cup Own Goals

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| <b>Q1</b> Of the 54 own goals scored in FIFA men's World Cups, a whopping 12 (over 20% of the all-time total) occurred at which tournament, including the first-ever own goal in a final, scored by Mario Mandžukić [" <i>mand-zoo-kitch</i> "] as Croatia lost 4-2 to France? You may answer with the host country <b>OR</b> the year. | <u>Russia</u> / <u>2018</u> (accept <b>either</b> )         |
| <b>Q2</b> Name the unfortunate Colombian defender murdered ten days after he scored an own goal against the USA which led to Colombia being knocked out of the 1994 FIFA World Cup? He was no relation to an infamous Colombian drug lord who had died the previous year.   | Andrés <u>Escobar</u> (do <b>not</b> accept Pablo Escobar!) |
| <b>Q3</b> The first ever FIFA World Cup own goal was scored in 1930 by Manuel Rosas of what country, during their 3-0 defeat to Chile? This country has also scored the most World Cup own goals overall: 4 in total, repeating the feat in 1954, 1970 and 2018.  | <u>Mexico</u>   |
| <b>Q4</b> What country has the unique and unwanted distinction of scoring more own goals than regular goals at a FIFA World Cup? They have qualified only once - in 2006 - and scored no regular goals but a single own goal, by Brent Sancho against Paraguay.   | <u>Trinidad</u> and Tobago                                  |