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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

Round 1 - Individual	Question	Answer
Q1a (Team A Person 1)	Consisting of a mixture of cheese, vegetable oil and milk protein, what Irish processed cheese product is named after a mountain range that runs between Limerick and Tipperary? Its packaging traditionally depicts cows grazing in a field.	<u>Galtee</u>
Q1b (Team B Person 1)	Featuring artwork by Matthew Inman of <i>The Oatmeal</i> webcomic, what popular feline-themed party card game originated as a 2015 crowdsourcing campaign, during which it broke the record for most-backed Kickstarter campaign in history?	<u>Exploding Kittens</u>
Q2a (Team A Person 2)	Nino Salukvadze from Georgia is the only woman to have competed at 9 consecutive Summer Olympics, doing so from Seoul 1988 to Tokyo 2020 inclusive, winning three medals along the way. In which sport did she compete?	<u>Shooting</u>
Q2b (Team B Person 2)	Prospero and his daughter Miranda are two of the main characters in what Shakespeare play?	The <u>Tempest</u>
Q3a (Team A Person 3)	American musician and singer Stephen Bruner uses what stage name, taken from an 80s cartoon? Noted for his proficiency on the bass guitar, in 2021 he won a Grammy for his album <i>It Is What It Is</i> .	<u>Thundercat</u>
Q3b (Team B Person 3)	For the first time in its 121-year history, this year's Tour de France is starting in Italy. The first stage will begin on June 29th in what Italian city?	<u>Florence / Firenze</u>
Q4a (Team A Person 4)	Before his death in 2022, rock legend Meat Loaf appeared in over 50 movies, most notably <i>Fight Club</i> . However he only actually sang in two of those movies: the first was his silver screen debut in what 1975 film? In this cult musical he played an ill-fated motorcycle delivery boy called Eddie.	The <u>Rocky Horror</u> Picture Show
Q4b (Team B Person 4)	In Japanese cuisine, what three-letter suffix denotes a dish served with rice, usually in a bowl?	<u>Don</u>

Round 2 - Team

Team **A** to pick a topic first

Team **B** to pick a topic second

Round 3 - Individual

	Question	Answer
Q1a (Team B Person 1)	When the Channel Tunnel first opened in 1994, the English terminus of the Eurostar service was what major railway station, located in the London borough of Lambeth?	<u>Waterloo</u> International
Q1b (Team A Person 1)	With a population of over 185,000, what seaside resort town is the largest urban area in the English county of Dorset?	<u>Bournemouth</u>
Q2a (Team B Person 2)	What London football club are the only ever non-League team to win the FA Cup, doing so in 1901? They joined the Football League several years later and nowadays play in the Premier League.	<u>Tottenham</u> Hotspur / <u>Spurs</u>
Q2b (Team A Person 2)	Carrick-on-Shannon is the largest town in what Irish county?	<u>Leitrim</u>
Q3a (Team B Person 3)	What Belfast-born sports broadcaster and radio presenter was the main host of RTÉ's classic TV quiz <i>Know Your Sport</i> , which ran from 1987 to 1998?	George <u>Hamilton</u>
Q3b (Team A Person 3)	What EU capital city was historically known as Pressburg before the 1920s?	<u>Bratislava</u>
Q4a (Team B Person 4)	One of the frequently-seen Internet memes involving Leonardo DiCaprio is a still from what 2012 movie where his villainous character Calvin Candie is seen chuckling while holding a drink?	<u>Django Unchained</u>
Q4b (Team A Person 4)	In chess, what pieces occupy the four corners of the board at the start of every game?	<u>Rooks</u> / <u>Castles</u>

Round 4 - Team

Team B to pick a topic first

Team A to pick a topic second

Round 5 - Individual

	Question	Answer
Q1a (Team A Person 1)	What London football club are the most recent of the 8 non-top flight teams to have won the FA Cup, doing so in 1980 while in the Second Division? They nowadays play in the Premier League.	<u>West Ham</u> United
Q1b (Team B Person 1)	Similar to Galtee, but with a milder creamier flavour, is what other Irish processed cheese product: aimed at children instead, and with added vitamins and calcium, after which it is named? Its packaging usually depicts a smiling blonde girl.	<u>Calvita</u>
Q2a (Team A Person 2)	In Japanese cuisine, what five-letter suffix denotes a dish which is steamed?	<u>Mushi</u>
Q2b (Team B Person 2)	The town of Carrick-on-Suir is located in the extreme south-east corner of what county, near its border with Kilkenny and Waterford?	<u>Tipperary</u>
Q3a (Team A Person 3)	Since 2007, the English terminus of the Eurostar service has been what major railway station, located in the London borough of Camden?	<u>St. Pancras</u>
Q3b (Team B Person 3)	With a population of over 240,000, what port city is the largest urban area in the English county of Devon?	<u>Plymouth</u>
Q4a (Team A Person 4)	Describing itself as a "dodgeball card game", what party game by the creators of <i>Exploding Kittens</i> involves players avoiding being hit by the titular Mexican food item?	<u>Throw Throw Burrito</u>
Q4b (Team B Person 4)	In chess, which pieces start every game next to the rooks on the back row of the chessboard?	<u>Knights</u>

Round 6 - Team

Team A to pick a topic first

Team B to pick a topic second

Round 7 - Individual

	Question	Answer
Q1a (Team B Person 1)	What EU capital city was historically known as Reval before the 1920s?	<u>Tallinn</u>
Q1b (Team A Person 1)	For the first time in its 121-year history, this year's Tour de France is not finishing in Paris, due to the impending Olympics. Instead the final stage will be held on July 21st in what French city?	<u>Nice</u>
Q2a (Team B Person 2)	American musician and producer Brian Burton uses what stage name, taken from an 80s cartoon? He forms one half of the duo Gnarls Barkley, along with vocalist CeeLo Green.	<u>Danger Mouse</u>
Q2b (Team A Person 2)	Another frequently-seen Internet meme involving Leonardo DiCaprio is a still from what 2019 movie where his character Rick Dalton points at the TV while holding a can of beer and a cigarette in his other hand?	<u>Once Upon A Time in Hollywood</u>
Q3a (Team B Person 3)	Ian Millar from Canada is the only person to have competed at 10 Summer Olympics, doing so between Munich 1972 and London 2012, missing only Moscow 1980. In which sport did he compete?	<u>Equestrian</u>
Q3b (Team A Person 3)	Who was George Hamilton's co-host on <i>Know Your Sport</i> ? Nicknamed "The Memory Man" due to his remarkable recall of sporting facts, by the time of this broadcaster's death in 2017 he was the longest-serving sports commentator in the English-speaking world.	<u>Jimmy Magee</u>
Q4a (Team B Person 4)	The only other movie singing role for Meat Loaf was in <i>The Pick of Destiny</i> , a 2006 film telling the fictionalised origins of what comedy rock band? In the film, Meat Loaf plays the father of the band's frontman Jack Black.	<u>Tenacious D</u>
Q4b (Team A Person 4)	Benedick and Beatrice are one of the two couples whose romance is central to which Shakespeare play?	<u>Much Ado About Nothing</u>

Round 8 - Team

Team B to pick a topic first

Team A to use last remaining topic

Tiebreaker round

(only use if drawn after round 8)

Round 9 - Individual	Question	Answer
Q1a (Team A Person 1)	In GAA matches, umpires hold up what colour flag when a goal is scored?	<u>Green</u>
Q1b (Team B Person 1)	Published in 2017, <i>The Ministry of Utmost Happiness</i> was the second novel by which writer, twenty years after her debut novel won the Booker Prize?	Arundhati <u>Roy</u> <i>(won for <i>The God of Small Things</i>)</i>
Q2a (Team A Person 2)	Joanne Frost, born in London in 1970, is the titular star of what UK reality TV show, that first aired in 2004?	<u>Supernanny</u>
Q2b (Team B Person 2)	<i>Sex on Fire</i> and <i>Use Somebody</i> were Noughties hits for what American band?	<u>Kings of Leon</u>
Q3a (Team A Person 3)	Published in 1954, <i>Under the Net</i> was the debut novel by which author, who would go on to win the Booker Prize more than two decades later?	<u>Iris Murdoch</u> <i>(won for <i>The Sea, The Sea</i>)</i>
Q3b (Team B Person 3)	In GAA matches, umpires hold up what colour flag when a point is scored?	<u>White</u>
Q4a (Team A Person 4)	<i>Californication</i> and <i>The Zephyr Song</i> were Noughties hits for what American band?	<u>Red Hot Chili Peppers</u>
Q4b (Team B Person 4)	Judith Sheindlin, born Judith Blum in Brooklyn in 1942, is the titular star of what US reality TV show, that first aired in 1996?	<u>Judge Judy</u>

Nearest-the-pin (only use if drawn after round 9)	According to Wikipedia, how many rugby union clubs are currently registered with the IRFU across the 32 counties of Ireland?	<u>209</u>
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END OF QUIZ

Spare questions

(only use if necessary)

Question	Answer
Name the retired Kilkenny hurling legend who (at least for now) is the manager of the Galway senior hurling team?	Henry <u>Shefflin</u>
What coffee drink is also the title of a current hit single by actress and singer Sabrina Carpenter?	<u>Espresso</u>
The village of Kilronan is the main settlement on which Irish offshore island?	<u>Inishmore</u>
The memorable line "Becky with the good hair" comes from which 2016 song by Beyoncé?	<u>Sorry</u>

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TEAM QUESTIONS

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Bestselling Autobiographies

Q1 Selling over 17 million copies to date, <i>Becoming</i> is the 2018 memoir by what notable American woman? The book is partly dedicated to her two daughters Malia and Sasha.	Michelle <u>Obama</u> (born Michelle <u>Robinson</u>)
Q2 In December 1995, at the age of 43, French journalist Jean-Dominique Bauby suffered a stroke which left him almost completely paralysed. He went on to write which bestselling memoir, which he dictated letter-by-letter over the course of two months by blinking his left eyelid - the only part of his body he could still move?	The <u>Diving Bell and the Butterfly</u> / Le <u>Scaphandre et le Papillon</u>
Q3 Name the American former child actress who wrote the 2022 autobiography <i>I'm Glad My Mom Died</i> ? It was widely acclaimed for its frank account of the pressures she faced as a child star and the abusive behaviour of her since-deceased mother.	Jennette <u>McCurdy</u>
Q4 <i>Without Warning and Only Sometimes</i> was the 2022 childhood memoir of which author? Born in Birmingham in 1960 to an Irish mother and an Afro-Caribbean father, this writer won the Irish Novel of the Year Award 2017 for her debut book <i>My Name is Leon</i> .	Kit <u>de Waal</u> (born Mandy <u>O'Loughlin</u>)

Didn't Last Long

Q1 What famous event took place on 26th October 1881, in the Arizona town of Tombstone, resulting in the deaths of three men? Despite this event only lasting about 30 seconds, it has been mythologised in many books and films in the century-and-a-half since.	<u>Gunfight at the O.K. Corral</u> (accept synonyms)
Q2 William Henry Harrison was famously the shortest-serving US President, but who was the second-shortest? This man died of a gunshot wound in 1881 after only six and a half months in office.	James A. <u>Garfield</u>
Q3 In November 1885, Serbia fought a brief two-week war with what neighbouring principality, shortly after it unified with the Ottoman province of Eastern Rumelia? Serbia decisively lost the war, cementing the unification of this principality - nowadays an EU country.	<u>Bulgaria</u>
Q4 When Tsar Nicholas II of Russia abdicated in 1917 after the February Revolution, he proclaimed his younger brother Emperor under what name and regnal number? This man was technically Tsar until the following day, when he refused to accept the throne unless ratified by the Assembly (which of course never happened).	<u>Michael II</u>

Tay-Tay

Q1 The lead single from Taylor Swift's recent album <i>The Tortured Poets Department</i> was what song, a duet with Post Malone? Its title references a length of time as well as being a homophone of a highly popular video game.	<u>Fortnight</u>
Q2 Fronted by Hayley Williams, what American rock band are Taylor Swift's support act for the current European leg of her record-breaking Eras Tour? This band's biggest hits include <i>Still Into You</i> , <i>Misery Business</i> and <i>Hard Times</i> .	<u>Paramore</u>
Q3 Taylor Swift had an unexpected US Number 1 hit in 2023 with what four-year-old song, from her 2019 album <i>Lover</i> ? Unrelated to an 80s hit with the same name, this song had experienced a surge in popularity due to its featuring prominently in her Eras Tour setlist.	<u>Cruel Summer</u>
Q4 Kanye West's infamous on-stage interruption of Taylor Swift during the 2009 MTV Video Music Awards came as she was accepting the award for Best Female Video for what song, taken from her second album <i>Fearless</i> ?	<u>You Belong With Me</u>

Irish Semi-State Companies

4 questions about commercial businesses owned by the Irish government - colloquially referred to in Ireland as "semi-state companies", a misnomer since they are usually 100% government owned and many of them are not registered as companies.

Q1 Before it split in 1984 to become the semi-state companies Telecom Eireann and An Post [<i>"on pusst"</i>], what government department had run Ireland's mail delivery service and telephone network? You may simply answer with the department's initials, which are still visible on many old postboxes around Ireland.	<u>P&T</u> / Department of <u>Posts & Telegraphs</u>
Q2 Bus Éireann, Dublin Bus and Irish Rail are the three most well-known subsidiaries of what Irish semi-state body, responsible for most of the country's public transport?	<u>CIE</u> / <u>Córas Iompair Éireann</u> [<i>"corus umpar Erin"</i>]
Q3 Gas Networks Ireland and Aurora Telecom are the two current subsidiaries of what semi-state company, which until 2023 was also the parent company of Irish Water? Originally known simply as Bord Gáis [<i>"bored gosh"</i>], this company received its current name in 2014 when Bord Gáis Energy was spun off and sold to a private consortium.	<u>Ervia</u>
Q4 What new Irish semi-state body was founded in March 2023 from a merger of the Property Registration Authority, the Valuation Office and Ordnance Survey Ireland? Its two-word name simply translates as "Irish lands".	<u>Tailte Éireann</u> [<i>"tahl-che Erin"</i>]

Far Away Airports

Q1 Hahn Airport in Germany includes the name of what large city in its branding, despite the fact that this major German financial centre is 120 km away by road?	<u>Frankfurt</u>
Q2 If you fly Ryanair from Dublin or Cork to Paris, you won't be landing at either Charles de Gaulle or Orly. Instead you'll find yourself in what small airport 85 km north of Paris?	<u>Beauvais-Tillé</u>
Q3 Of the 6 major airports which use "London" as part of their name, which of them is furthest from central London: 57 km as the crow flies? Located in Essex, this is also the only one of the 6 major London airports which does not currently offer any flights to Ireland.	<u>Southend</u>
Q4 Prior to 2021 when they switched to Arlanda (a mere 40km from the city) Ryanair's Stockholm flights used to land at what airport, a whopping 106 km by road from the Swedish capital?	<u>Skavsta</u>

Lost & Found Films

Q1 Lost for decades before a copy was discovered at a yard sale, the X-rated 1971 horror film <i>Necromania</i> was one of the last by what cult American director, famed for the "worst film of all time" <i>Plan 9 From Outer Space</i> ? Johnny Depp played this man in an Oscar-winning 1994 biopic directed by Tim Burton.	Ed <u>Wood</u>
Q2 Often cited as the first horror movie, the 1896 short film <i>The House of the Devil</i> was rediscovered in New Zealand in 1988 after being missing for almost a century. It was one of the early works by what French cinema pioneer, 6 years before his most famous film <i>A Trip To The Moon</i> ?	Georges <u>Méliès</u>
Q3 Recently restored and re-released in cinemas, the 1975 documentary <i>Big Banana Feet</i> showed what British comedian on tour in Northern Ireland at the height of the Troubles? The film had not been publicly available for decades until an original 16mm film copy showed up on eBay.	Billy <u>Connolly</u>
Q4 <i>Shadows</i> was the directorial debut of what 3-time Oscar-nominated director and actor? Originally filmed in 1957, this man was unhappy with the outcome so re-filmed it 2 years later. The original version was assumed destroyed, before a film copy resurfaced in 2003 via the New York subway's lost and found department.	John <u>Cassavetes</u>

Hot off the Press

Q1 RTÉ 2fm radio has been rocked over the past several days with several high-profile presenters announcing their departure from the station: among them which comedy podcasting duo, who have hosted the drivetime show since 2022?	The <u>2 Johnnies</u> (accept Johnny <u>Smacks</u> & Johnny <u>B</u> or Johnny <u>McMahon</u> & Johnny <u>O'Brien</u>)
Q2 On Friday, which American singer reached No. 1 in the UK charts with her new album <i>Hit Me Hard and Soft</i> ? This success comes hot on the heels of this woman winning her second Oscar for Best Song a couple of months ago.	Billie <u>Eilish</u>
Q3 Passing away last Thursday at the age of 53, name the American filmmaker best known for the 2004 documentary <i>Super Size Me</i> , in which he ate only McDonalds food for 30 days?	Morgan <u>Spurlock</u>
Q4 On Friday, Pope Francis announced that a second miracle had been attributed to what Italian teenager, clearing the way for him to become the first saint from the millennial generation? Nicknamed "God's influencer", he sadly died of leukemia in 2006, aged just 15.	Carlo <u>Acutis</u>

Word Word

All the answers here consist of a single word repeated.

Q1 In what 1997 comedy movie does Jim Carrey play a fast-talking lawyer who magically finds himself forced to tell the truth continuously for 24 hours?	<u>Liar Liar</u>
Q2 Taking their name from an 80s band fronted by Mark Hollis, what UK pay television and Internet provider was founded in 2003 as a subsidiary of Carphone Warehouse?	<u>Talk Talk</u>
Q3 What is the capital of American Samoa? Located on one of the world's largest natural harbours, it also receives more rainfall per annum than any other harbour in the world.	<u>Pago Pago</u>
Q4 Thomas Sutpen is the focal character of what 1936 novel by William Faulkner, which follows the fortunes of three families before, during and after the US Civil War?	<u>Absalom, Absalom!</u>