



# Irish Quiz Organisation

## Irish Open Quiz 2024 – 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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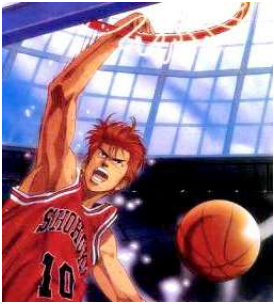
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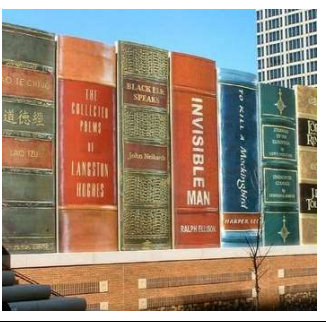
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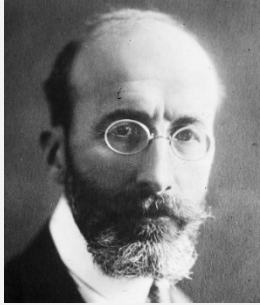
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# Media

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| <p><b>Q1.</b> Two classic 1970s albums by Queen – <i>A Night at the Opera</i> (1975) and <i>A Day at the Races</i> (1976) – were both named after 1930s films starring <b>what familial comedy act</b>?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                      |
| <p><b>Q2.</b> In Latin America, “Gabo” or “Gabito” are nicknames which refer to <b>what highly acclaimed and best-selling author</b>?</p> <p>Following his death in 2014, then-president of Colombia Juan Manuel Santos called him “<i>the greatest Colombian who ever lived</i>”.</p>                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                      |
| <p><b>Q3.</b> Sláine, Strontium Dog, Tharg the Mighty and Judge Dredd are among the characters to have originated in <b>what British science-fiction comic</b>?</p> <p>This weekly publication first appeared in February 1977 and is still produced today, over 2,400 issues later.</p>                                                                                                                                                    |    |
| <p><b>Q4.</b> <i>Glitch</i>, <i>klutz</i> and <i>chutzpah</i> are three of the English loanwords from <b>what Germanic language</b>, historically spoken by Ashkenazi Jews in Central and Eastern Europe?</p> <p>This was the native tongue of roughly 85% of the six million Jews killed in the Holocaust, a primary reason why the number of native speakers has declined from 11 million in the 1930s to an estimated 600,000 today.</p> |                                                                                      |
| <p><b>Q5.</b> Gene Hackman (1978-1987) and Jesse Eisenberg (2016-2021) are respectively the earliest and most recent actors to have portrayed <b>what comic-book supervillain</b> in Hollywood movies?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |
| <p><b>Q6.</b> The absent-minded Lord Emsworth of Blandings, pub raconteur Mr Mulliner and the newt-obsessed Gussie Fink-Nottle are all recurring characters in the novels and short stories of <b>what British humourist</b> (1881-1975)?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                      |
| <p><b>Q7.</b> Currently there are only 6 films ever to have grossed more than US\$2 billion at the global box office. <b>Which is the only one of these films</b> which is <u>not</u> a sci-fi or superhero movie?</p> <p>It is also the only one of the six to be a standalone movie, neither being a sequel itself nor having spawned any sequels since.</p>                                                                              |                                                                                      |
| <p><b>Q8.</b> <i>King Ottokar’s Sceptre</i> (1939), <i>The Secret of the Unicorn</i> (1943) and <i>Destination Moon</i> (1953) are three of the 24 comic book collections published between the 1930s and 1980s starring <b>which character</b>, created by a Belgian cartoonist whose birth name was Georges Remi?</p>                                                                                                                     |                                                                                      |

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| <p><b>Q9.</b> Born in California in 1989, American actress Riley Keough is known for her roles in films such as <i>American Honey</i>, <i>Logan Lucky</i> and <i>Mad Max: Fury Road</i>.</p> <p>She is the oldest grandchild of <b>what iconic singer?</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |  |
| <p><b>Q10.</b> Often cited as the most internationally-successful African film of all time, in <b>which 1980 comedy</b> does a Kalahari bushman go on an epic journey after he discovers a Coca-Cola bottle discarded in the desert, which his tribe assume to be a gift from their deities?</p>                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                    |  |
| <p><b>Q11.</b> One of only a handful of manga to have sold more than 150 million copies, <b>what 1990-1996 manga series</b> centres around a teenage delinquent who joins his high school basketball team?</p> <p>The picture shows the main protagonist Hanamichi Sakuragi performing the action which gives the manga its name.</p>                                                                                                                                     |  |  |
| <p><b>Q12.</b> The 2014 French-Belgian film <i>La Famille Bélier</i> concerns a teenager who acts as sign-language interpreter for her deaf parents and brother. It was remade in 2021 as <b>what Oscar-winning American film?</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                    |  |
| <p><b>Q13.</b> Born in the Dublin suburb of Kingstown (now Dún Laoghaire) in 1863, the prolific Irish author Henry De Vere Stacpoole wrote over 60 novels in the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.</p> <p>His most famous work is <b>what 1908 coming-of-age romance novel</b> about two children marooned on a Pacific island after a shipwreck? It has been adapted to the screen multiple times, most prominently as a 1980 film starring Brooke Shields.</p> |                                                                                    |  |
| <p><b>Q14.</b> Deriving from the word <i>hallyu</i> which is used to describe the “wave” of popular culture from this country which has achieved global success in recent years, “Hallyuwood” is an informal term used to describe the film industry of <b>what Asian country?</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                    |  |
| <p><b>Q15.</b> Born in Syria in 1930, Ali Ahmad Said Esber has been described as “the greatest living poet of the Arab world”. He writes under <b>what single-word pen name</b>, shared with the figure from Greek myth who was considered the epitome of male beauty?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                    |  |
| <p><b>Q16.</b> Considered one of the first examples of dystopian fiction, <b>who wrote</b> the 1826 novel <i>The Last Man</i>, set in a pandemic-ravaged Europe in the late 21<sup>st</sup> century?</p> <p>Critically reviled at the time and not reprinted until the 1960s, it did not match the success of the author’s first novel, written several years previously.</p>                                                                                             |                                                                                    |  |

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| <p><b>Q17.</b> Winner of multiple architectural awards, in the largest city of <b>which US state</b> would you find this distinctive library whose parking garage has been styled to resemble a giant bookshelf 8 metres high?</p> <p>Among the 20+ books featured is <i>The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</i>, which is set in this state: also the state in which Mark Twain himself was born.</p>                  |    |  |
| <p><b>Q18.</b> Founded in 1988 and considered the comic industry's equivalent of the Oscars, <b>name the annual awards</b> which are presented for creative achievement in American comic books?</p> <p>They are named after an influential cartoonist known for creating the 1940s comic-book crimefighter The Spirit and for popularising the term "graphic novel" via his 1978 book <i>A Contract with God</i>.</p> |                                                                                      |  |
| <p><b>Q19.</b> Arguably the most prominent example of pre-colonial African literature is the <i>Kebra Nagast</i>, or <i>Book of Kings</i>, an epic history written in the Ge'ez language. It originated in in the 14<sup>th</sup> century in <b>what modern-day country</b>?</p>                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                      |  |
| <p><b>Q20.</b> Frequently listed by movie critics among the best films of all time, <i>Tokyo Story</i> (1953) was directed by <b>what Japanese filmmaker</b> (1903-1963)?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                      |  |
| <p><b>Q21.</b> <i>Het Achterhuis</i> ("The Rear House" or "The Annex") was the original Dutch title for <b>what famous book</b> when it was first published in 1947?</p> <p>One of the best-selling non-fiction books of all time, it is most commonly referred to by a title which includes the author's name. (You may answer with simply the author's name if you wish)</p>                                         |                                                                                      |  |
| <p><b>Q22.</b> <b>Name this American actress and director</b> (1943-2018)? Her highest-profile acting role was Laverne DeFazio, one half of the titular duo in 70s sitcom <i>Laverne &amp; Shirley</i>.</p> <p>She pivoted to directing in the following decade, and in 1988 her movie <i>Big</i> starring Tom Hanks became the first female-directed movie to make more than \$100 million at the US box office.</p>  |  |  |
| <p><b>Q23.</b> The Golden Shell (<i>Concha de Oro</i>) is the award given to Best Film at <b>what European film festival</b>?</p> <p>Founded in 1953, this festival has hosted several important moments in cinema history, including the international premiere of <i>Vertigo</i> and the European premiere of <i>Star Wars</i>.</p>                                                                                  |                                                                                      |  |
| <p><b>Q24.</b> <b>What is the surname</b> of the only mother and daughter to both have been shortlisted for the Booker Prize?</p> <p>The daughter, Kiran, actually won the prize in 2006 for her novel <i>The Inheritance of Loss</i>, while her mother Anita was shortlisted three times in the 1980s and 90s for her books <i>Clear Light of Day</i>, <i>In Custody</i> and <i>Fasting, Feasting</i>.</p>            |                                                                                      |  |

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| <p><b>Q25.</b> Spoken by over 500,000 of the country's 630,000 population, Sranan Tongo is a creole language widely used as a lingua franca in <b>what Western Hemisphere country?</b></p> <p>This creole came to wider attention when Jeangu Macrooy, a singer born in this country, performed the song <i>Birth of a New Age</i> at the 2021 Eurovision Song Contest – the song's lyrics were partly in English and partly in Sranan Tongo.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                      |
| <p><b>Q26.</b> The 2020 historical fiction novel <i>Afterlives</i> is the most recent published work by <b>what African author</b>, born in Zanzibar in 1948?</p> <p>The year after the book's publication, he was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature: the first Black author to receive the honour since Toni Morrison in 1993.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |    |
| <p><b>Q27.</b> The movies <i>The Man in Grey</i> (1943), <i>Fanny by Gaslight</i> (1944) and <i>The Wicked Lady</i> (1945) were all produced by <b>which British film studio?</b></p> <p>Named after a notable English painter, this studio became synonymous in the 1940s with a genre of period melodramas, usually based on recent novels by female authors and starring a roster of leading British actors including Margaret Lockwood, James Mason and Stewart Granger.</p>                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                      |
| <p><b>Q28. Name this Spanish author and historian</b> (1869-1968) who wrote extensively on the history of the Spanish language and Spanish folklore, and in particular the history and legend of El Cid?</p> <p>He was nominated for the Nobel Prize in Literature a record 154 times across 26 separate years, but never received the award.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |
| <p><b>Q29.</b> In 2020, <i>Parasite</i> famously became the first non-English language film to win the Academy Award for Best Picture. However, <b>what was the first non-English language film</b> to be <u>nominated</u> for Best Picture, back in 1938?</p> <p>Directed by Jean Renoir, this acclaimed French-language film concerns a group of French officers plotting an escape from a German prisoner-of-war camp during World War I.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |
| <p><b>Q30.</b> <i>Sentenced to death for a crime he didn't commit, ex-cop Remo Williams is rescued from the electric chair and recruited by a secret government organization as an assassin, targeting criminals who are beyond the law.</i> This is the plot summary of <b>what long-running pulp novel series</b>, originally co-authored by American writers Warren Murphy and Richard Sapir?</p> <p>The first novel in the series appeared in 1971, with the most recent 155<sup>th</sup> novel <i>Trial By Fire</i> published in 2021. Total sales across the entire series have been estimated at over 50 million copies.</p> |                                                                                      |

# World

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| <p><b>Q1.</b> Including the country's second and third-most populated cities (Cork and Limerick respectively), <b>what is the southernmost</b> of the four provinces of Ireland?</p> <p>Taking its English spelling and adding an umlaut to one letter will give you the name of a German city considered to be the cultural centre of the Westphalia region.</p>                                                    |    |
| <p><b>Q2.</b> <b>What group of islands</b> are often referred to in French as "Les îles Anglo-Normandes", simply meaning "The Anglo-Norman Islands"?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                      |
| <p><b>Q3.</b> <i>"It makes drawings in the air, following [real] drawings [which] it scans with photo-cells... Plastic comes out of the end of the drawing arm and hardens as it comes."</i> This description by American science-fiction author Murray Leinster in his 1945 short story <i>Things Pass By</i> is a remarkably accurate description of <b>what technology</b>, not invented until decades later?</p> |                                                                                      |
| <p><b>Q4.</b> Its name meaning "North Province" in Hindi, <b>what is the most-populous Indian state</b>, and also the most-populous country subdivision anywhere in the world?</p> <p>If it were independent, its 241 million inhabitants would make it the world's 5<sup>th</sup> most-populated country.</p>                                                                                                       |                                                                                      |
| <p><b>Q5.</b> A "mickey" is an appropriately-named measurement unit, equal to the smallest detectable movement of <b>what type of electronic device</b>? A typical value for an everyday example of these devices would be 500 mickeys per inch or 16 mickeys per millimetre.</p>                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                      |
| <p><b>Q6.</b> With a population of 53,000, Eilat is Israel's southernmost city, as well as its only port on <b>what body of water</b>?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                      |
| <p><b>Q7.</b> The picture shows a typical <i>shangyrak</i> or wooden crown which spans the roof opening in a traditional Central Asian yurt.</p> <p>It is also a symbol that appears at the centre of <b>what country's</b> flag?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                |  |
| <p><b>Q8.</b> After its first line officially opened in September 2023, <b>what city</b> became the third in Africa (after Cairo and Algiers) to operate a metro rail system?</p> <p>It is the only one of the three cities <u>not</u> to be the capital of its country.</p>                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                      |
| <p><b>Q9.</b> Invented by the British Army during World War I, <b>what type of bullets</b> contain a small pyrotechnic charge in their base, which burns when the bullet is fired? This creates a glowing "trail", allowing the shooter to follow the trajectory of the bullets for more accurate aiming.</p>                                                                                                        |                                                                                      |

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| <p><b>Q10.</b> Other than Newark (which is in New Jersey), the other two primary airports serving New York City – JFK and LaGuardia – are both located in <b>which New York borough?</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                      |
| <p><b>Q11.</b> Having its own assembly and government, and full sovereignty on certain matters such as infrastructure and education, Vojvodina is one of the two autonomous provinces of <b>what European country?</b></p> <p>Its 1.7 million inhabitants represent roughly one-quarter of the country's overall population.</p>                                           |                                                                                      |
| <p><b>Q12.</b> <i>Dandy horse</i>, <i>Laufmaschine</i>, <i>draisienne</i> and <i>bone-shaker</i> were all names given to early forms of <b>what mode of transport?</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                      |
| <p><b>Q13.</b> <b>What name</b> is given to a method of food preservation which uses salt to draw moisture out of food by osmosis, thus making the food inhospitable to microorganisms?</p> <p>Dating back to ancient times, this remained the primary method of preserving meat and fish until modern refrigeration was invented in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century.</p> |                                                                                      |
| <p><b>Q14.</b> Installed in 1972, this fire-breathing statue can be found in <b>what Eastern European city?</b></p> <p>It is located outside Smocza Jama ("Dragon's Den"), the limestone cave in which the legendary Smok Wawelski (Wawel Dragon) was said to live.</p>                                                                                                    |   |
| <p><b>Q15.</b> Its name meaning "Glorious Peak" in Indonesian, <b>what 4,884-metre-tall mountain</b> in New Guinea is the world's highest mountain located on an island?</p> <p>It is sometimes considered Oceania's tallest mountain, although being in the Indonesian half of New Guinea, it is technically in Asia.</p>                                                 |                                                                                      |
| <p><b>Q16.</b> Pictured is the 300-metre-tall Gran Torre Costanera, which since its completion in 2013 has been the tallest building in South America.</p> <p><b>In what capital city</b> is it located?</p>                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| <p><b>Q17.</b> Matola is the second largest city by population in <b>which African country?</b> It also shares the first two letters of its name with the country's capital.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                      |
| <p><b>Q18.</b> Five new US states were established from former American territories during the 20<sup>th</sup> century – most recently Alaska and Hawaii, both in 1959.</p> <p><b>Name any two</b> of the other three states? One was admitted to the Union in 1907 and the other two in 1912.</p>                                                                         |                                                                                      |

**Q19.** The largest of several such complexes found in the region of Cappadocia, the 3,000-year-old underground city of Derinkuyu is located in **which modern-day country?**



Discovered accidentally in 1963 when a man knocked down a wall in his basement, the full complex consists of 18 underground storeys with enough housing for 20,000 people, plus schools, chapels and even stables.

**Q20.** Vinicunca, also known as Montaña Arcoíris or “Rainbow Mountain”, has become a tourist attraction in recent years due to its multi-coloured sedimentary layers, which used to be covered by a glacial cap before climate change permanently melted the glacier in the early 2010s.



It is located 5,000 metres above sea level in **what country?**

**Q21.** Since June, NASA astronauts Sunita Williams and Butch Wilmore have been “stranded” aboard the International Space Station due to technical issues with **which Boeing-made spacecraft**, which was supposed to take them home at the end of their 8-day mission?

**Q22.** Notable for its near-perfect circular outline (which surprisingly does not appear to have been caused by a meteor impact), the 630 kilometre-long Nastapoka Arc can be found on the south-eastern shore of **what major body of water?**



**Q23. What Russian city** (population 300,000) is the capital of the Sakha Republic in Eastern Siberia?

Noted for its extreme climate, it is usually cited as the coldest large city in the world, with an annual average temperature of  $-8.0^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $17.6^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) and a winter average of  $-35.6^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $-32.1^{\circ}\text{F}$ ).

**Q24.** Of the three longest rivers in Australia, unsurprisingly two of them are the Murray and the Darling: first and third on the list respectively. **What is the second-longest?**

Also part of the Murray-Darling system, this 1,485 kilometre-long river flows through the Australian Capital Territory and southern New South Wales before joining the Murray near Boundary Bend in Victoria.

**Q25.** Crooked Island, Ragged Island, Cat Island and Egg Island are just four of the over 3,000 islands, cays, and islets that comprise **what sovereign country?** This former British colony achieved independence in 1973 and has a current population of 412,000.

**Q26.** Aside from Concorde, the only other supersonic airliner ever to operate commercially was the Tu-144, produced by **what Russian aerospace company?**



Despite making its first test flight in December 1968 (two months ahead of Concorde), it did not enter commercial service until 1977, and even then only made 55 passenger-carrying flights before being retired due to concerns about its reliability and safety.

**Q27.** In Ptolemy's highly influential 2<sup>nd</sup> century CE work *Geographia*, he gave the name *Chersonesus Aurea* ("Golden Peninsula") to a landmass nowadays referred to by **what name?**

You may either give the modern name of this peninsula or the country whose westernmost region comprises the majority of the peninsula.

**Q28.** The area shaded in red is **what Antarctic region**, named after the wife of the American naval officer who explored it in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century?



Over 1.6 million km<sup>2</sup> in area, it is remote and inaccessible even by Antarctic standards and has never been the subject of a territorial claim, making this region by far the world's largest example of *terra nullius* (land not belonging to any country).

**Q29.** Not to be confused with HDMI, this is the distinctive asymmetric plug of **what type of audio/video connector**, introduced in the mid-2000s and most frequently used to link computers to monitors?



It natively supports multiple-monitor setups and enables higher resolutions and refresh rates than HDMI, hence is often a preferred choice for PC gaming, graphic design or multimedia production.

**Q30.** Literally meaning "moon vehicle" in Sanskrit, **what is the name of the Indian space programme** which has landed three lunar probes on the moon since 2008?

## Sport & Games

**Q1.** From a sporting perspective, if Fiji has the *cibi*, Tonga has the *sipi tau* and Samoa has the *siva tau*, New Zealand has **what 4-letter word?**

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| <p><b>Q2.</b> The “Staunton set” is the current officially-recognised design for the pieces used to play <b>what game</b>?</p> <p>They were patented by English designer and publisher Nathaniel Cooke and first made available by Jaques of London in 1849, however they are named after the noted 19<sup>th</sup> century player Howard Staunton who endorsed and hand-signed the first sets.</p> |                                                                                      |
| <p><b>Q3.</b> <i>“Chronically indecisive so I’ve adopted two surnames &amp; the heptathlon.”</i> This is the tongue-in-cheek X/Twitter bio of <b>what British athlete</b> (born 1993), a two-time world champion and Olympic silver medallist?</p>                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                      |
| <p><b>Q4.</b> The 2026 Winter Olympics will be the first to officially feature two host cities. One is Milan, hosting its first-ever Winter Olympics; <b>what ski resort</b> in the Southern Alps is the other venue? It previously hosted the 1956 Games.</p>                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                      |
| <p><b>Q5.</b> Broadcast on Netflix on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, <i>Chestnut vs. Kobayashi</i> was a live televised bout between two of the world’s most successful male competitors in <b>what sport or activity</b>?</p>                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                      |
| <p><b>Q6.</b> Last month, Ami Yuasa (Japan) and Philip Kim (Canada) became respectively the inaugural women’s and men’s Olympic champions in <b>what sport</b>, making its Olympic debut at Paris 2024?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                      |
| <p><b>Q7.</b> The unusual first name of <b>what American sporting great</b> (1978-2020) was chosen after his parents visited a Japanese restaurant and noticed a certain word which was listed on the menu?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                      |
| <p><b>Q8.</b> Pictured are Olympic pole vaulters Nina Kennedy and Armand Duplantis mimicking <b>what Turkish shooter</b>, whose nonchalant hand-in-pocket pose while competing made him a viral sensation at Paris 2024?</p>                                                                                                                                                                        |  |
| <p><b>Q9.</b> Headquartered in Dublin, Ireland, this is the logo of the world governing body for <b>what sport</b>?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |
| <p><b>Q10.</b> Razz, Mexican and High-Low are three examples of <b>what variant of poker</b>, in which players receive a mix of face-down and face-up cards dealt in multiple betting rounds?</p> <p>Unlike community card poker (for example Texas Hold ‘Em), there are no “shared” cards available to all players.</p>                                                                            |                                                                                      |
| <p><b>Q11.</b> With its distinctive 32-panel alternating black-and-white design, the Adidas Telstar soccer ball became instantly iconic after its first use in a global tournament at <b>which FIFA World Cup</b>? (Year <u>or</u> host country accepted)</p>                                                                                                                                       |  |

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| <p><b>Q12.</b> Perhaps surprisingly, the tradition of awarding gold medals to Olympic champions was only introduced at the 1904 St. Louis Games.</p> <p>Previously, most of the winners at Paris 1900 were awarded plaques or trophies, while at Athens 1896, the medals for first-place finishers were made of <b>what metal</b> instead?</p>                                                                                                           |                                                                                      |
| <p><b>Q13. What controversial cricketing technique</b> was devised by the England team for their 1932-33 Ashes tour of Australia?</p> <p>It involved bowlers targeting the ball at the batsman rather than the wicket and was an attempt to combat the unusually prolific scoring of Australian batting legend Don Bradman.</p>                                                                                                                          |                                                                                      |
| <p><b>Q14.</b> Until Novak Djokovic broke the record in 2023, <b>which American tennis player</b> (born 1954) had held the all-time record for most Grand Slam singles finals reached: 34 in total?</p> <p>This player still holds the record for most consecutive Grand Slam-winning years, with 13 – in other words, winning at least 1 Grand Slam singles title a year for 13 consecutive years (1974 to 1986 inclusive).</p>                         |                                                                                      |
| <p><b>Q15.</b> Played on a board of 10×10 squares with each player controlling 40 pieces, <b>what is the name</b> of this classic military-themed board game?</p> <p>Introduced in 1946, it was heavily based on an earlier French game named <i>L'Attaque</i> ("The Attack").</p>                                                                                                                                                                       |   |
| <p><b>Q16.</b> This year, for the first time since 1982, American golfers completed a clean sweep of all four men's major tournaments, with Scottie Scheffler winning the Masters, Bryson DeChambeau the U.S. Open, and <b>which San Diego-born golfer</b>, who won both the PGA and the Open?</p>                                                                                                                                                       |  |
| <p><b>Q17.</b> In 2023, only two European football clubs managed an average home attendance of over 80,000 per match: Barcelona and <b>which German club</b>?</p> <p>This team play at the largest stadium in Germany: the 81,365 capacity Westfalenstadion – currently known as Signal Iduna Park for sponsorship reasons.</p>                                                                                                                          |                                                                                      |
| <p><b>Q18.</b> Sharing his name with his famous father, <b>what Formula 1 racing driver</b> was involved in the so-called "Crashgate" scandal at the 2008 Singapore Grand Prix, where he crashed his car deliberately under team orders to ensure a competitive advantage for his Renault teammate Fernando Alonso?</p> <p>This driver quit Formula 1 less than a year later, but in 2015 became the inaugural winner of the Formula E Championship.</p> |  |

**Q19.** First held in 1999, when it was won by Japan, the IFAF World Championship is held every 4 years and is the premier men's international competition in **what team sport?**

The next edition is due to be held in Germany in 2025, with 8 countries competing.

**Q20.** Pictured is a screenshot of **what landmark 1992 video game?**

Released by id Software, who went on to create *Doom* and *Quake*, this game involves a US agent battling German soldiers as he attempts to escape the titular German castle during World War 2. Due to its groundbreaking first-person graphics, it has been called "the grandfather of 3D shooters".



**Q21.** In basketball, there are two ways in which points can be scored, the first being a one-point free throw. The second is a two- or three- point score during open play – officially referred to in the NBA rules by **what two-word name?**

This same term also names a method of scoring in a different sport popular in the United States.

**Q22.** Magomed Ibragimov (bronze in wrestling at Sydney 2000) and Dejan Georgievski (silver in taekwondo at Tokyo 2020) are the only two Olympic medallists to date for **what country** since they first competed as an independent nation at the 1996 Summer Games?

**Q23.** **What connects** the names of these three sportspeople?

From left to right, they are: the current Australian women's rugby union captain, the current manager of Dutch football club



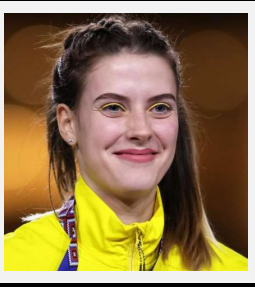
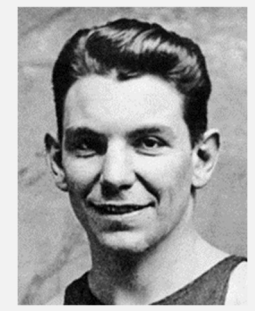
SC Heerenveen, and the American 2004 Olympic gold medal-winning softball captain described by *Time* magazine as "*the most famous softball player in history*".

**Q24.** The traditional African sports of *mokhacha* (Morocco) and *genna* (Ethiopia) most closely resemble – and perhaps helped inspire – **what present-day sport**, first played at the Olympics in 1908?

**Q25.** This is the logo of **what video games company?**

Their best-known products are their annual series of eponymous "Party Packs", each of which is a collection of casual party games such as *Drawful*, *Fibbage*, and the irreverent trivia game *You Don't Know [BLANK]* – the last word is redacted as it forms the first half of the company's current name.



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| <p><b>Q26. Name the Ukrainian athlete</b> who on July 7<sup>th</sup> wrote herself into the history books (and into a lot of quizzers' flashcard decks) by breaking the 37-year-old world record for the women's high jump?</p> <p>Her 2.10m jump was 1cm higher than the previous record set by Bulgarian Stefka Kostadinova in 1987.</p>                                                                                                                                                             |    |  |
| <p><b>Q27. In the context of baseball, the International League (consisting of 20 teams) and the Pacific Coast League (10 teams) are collectively referred to by what umbrella term?</b></p> <p>Introduced in 1946, this term refers to the highest level of play in US Minor League Baseball, which acts as a "feeder" system for the Major Leagues.</p>                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                      |  |
| <p><b>Q28. One of the handful of tracks that are hosting both MotoGP and Formula 1 Grands Prix in 2024 is what circuit in Qatar?</b> You can simply answer with the name of the city (population 200,000) where it is located.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                      |  |
| <p><b>Q29. Immediately becoming one of the fastest-selling video games of all time following its release last month, what action RPG</b> developed by Chinese company Game Science was inspired by the literary classic <i>Journey to the West</i>?</p> <p>Some controversy ensued when it was reported that influencers given early access to the game were asked not to discuss topics that might "instigate negative discourse", such as violence, politics, COVID-19 or "feminist propaganda".</p> |   |  |
| <p><b>Q30. Name this American athlete (1897-1967)</b> who is one of only two people to win gold medals at both Summer and Winter Olympics, and the only person to do so in <u>different</u> sports?</p> <p>He took boxing gold as a light-heavyweight at Antwerp 1920, then twelve years later was one of the victorious US four-man bobsleigh team at the Lake Placid Games.</p>                                                                                                                      |  |  |

## History

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| <p><b>Q1. Lasting between 1215 and 1217, the First Barons' War</b> was waged by a group of wealthy landowners against King John of England due to his refusal to abide by <b>what document</b>, which he had signed in June of 1215?</p>                                            |  |
| <p><b>Q2. What famous person</b> was born with the name Lhamo Thondup in 1935, in China's Qinghai province?</p> <p>You may answer with either the monastic name he received when he was four years old, <u>or</u> the honorary title of which he is the 14<sup>th</sup> holder.</p> |  |

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| <p><b>Q3.</b> Originating in the early 18<sup>th</sup> century, <b>what is the usual two-word English nickname</b> for the “skull and crossbones” flag traditionally associated with pirates?</p> <p>The exact origin of the nickname is unknown, but one theory suggests it comes from the French for “pretty red”, referring to an earlier red flag used by French privateers in the Caribbean.</p>                                                                   |    |
| <p><b>Q4.</b> When Joe Biden announced his withdrawal from the US presidential race on July 21<sup>st</sup>, he became the first incumbent US president not to seek re-election since <b>what fellow Democrat</b> over 50 years earlier?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                      |
| <p><b>Q5.</b> In English history, the decades immediately prior to the accession of Queen Victoria are usually referred to by <b>what adjective</b>?</p> <p>This word refers to the then-Prince of Wales (later King George IV) who between 1811 and 1820 was given a specific responsibility to discharge royal duties in place of his mentally-incapacitated father George III.</p>                                                                                   |                                                                                      |
| <p><b>Q6.</b> Discovered in 2015, this image of a young man playing croquet is thought to be only the second known photograph of <b>what American outlaw</b>?</p> <p>It was taken in 1878, roughly three years before this man was shot dead aged 21 by Sheriff Pat Garrett.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                        |   |
| <p><b>Q7.</b> Following its general election victory in 1948, the National Party led by D. F. Malan began enacting a programme of legislation that enshrined <b>what highly controversial principle</b> into law?</p> <p>The country in which this took place eventually repealed all the relevant laws in the early 1990s.</p>                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                      |
| <p><b>Q8.</b> This is a caricature of <b>what notorious English land agent</b>, who in 1880 tried to evict 11 tenants from the West of Ireland estate which he managed on behalf of absentee landowner Lord Erne?</p> <p>In response to the evictions, this man was completely ostracised by the local community – an incident which led to his surname entering the English language as a term for withdrawal or disengagement as a form of punishment or protest.</p> |  |
| <p><b>Q9.</b> The Etruscan civilisation flourished from approximately the 8<sup>th</sup> century BCE to the 1<sup>st</sup> century CE in <b>what modern-day country</b>?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                      |

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| <p><b>Q10.</b> In January 1937, <b>who</b> became the first female recipient of <i>Time</i> magazine's Person of the Year award? (then known as Man of the Year/Woman of the Year)</p> <p>This American socialite had recently come to international prominence due to her relationship with a famous man whom she went on to marry later that year.</p>                                                        |    |  |
| <p><b>Q11.</b> Australia Day is the country's national holiday, occurring on January 26<sup>th</sup> every year. It marks the date in 1788 when 11 ships containing colonists and convicts landed in Sydney Cove, beginning the British settlement of Australia.</p> <p>These 11 ships are usually referred to by <b>what alliterative term</b>?</p>                                                            |                                                                                      |  |
| <p><b>Q12.</b> Pictured is the most-visited museum in Scandinavia, built around the wreck of <b>which battleship</b>?</p> <p>Capsizing just minutes into its maiden voyage in 1628, the cold Baltic waters helped preserve the ship for over 300 years until it was rediscovered and raised intact from the seabed in 1961.</p>                                                                                 |    |  |
| <p><b>Q13.</b> <b>What type of monumental structure</b>, characteristic of ancient Mesopotamia, consisted of a "stepped pyramid" of successively receding storeys or levels, with a temple or shrine on the uppermost level?</p> <p>Perhaps the best-known example of such a structure was built circa 2100 BCE in the ancient city of Ur, near Nasiriyah in modern-day Iraq.</p>                               |  |  |
| <p><b>Q14.</b> <b>Name the French explorer</b> who in the 1530s became the first European to map the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the St. Lawrence River?</p> <p>He was also the person who gave the name "Canada" to the territory on the river's shores, after the local Iroquoian word for "village".</p>                                                                                                        |                                                                                      |  |
| <p><b>Q15.</b> <b>Name the controversial Islamist political party and paramilitary group</b> established by Lebanese clerics in 1982 in response to the Israeli invasion of Lebanon?</p> <p>Currently embroiled in an escalating conflict with Israel, this group was recently the target of a coordinated attack involving booby-trapped pagers and walkie-talkies, in which two dozen people were killed.</p> |                                                                                      |  |
| <p><b>Q16.</b> The 1848 Battle of Custoza saw the Austrian Empire defeat the Kingdom of Sardinia, helping to end the First Italian War of Independence.</p> <p>This battle is also notable for inspiring <b>what famous piece of classical music</b> by Johann Strauss the Elder, named after the Field Marshal who led the victorious Austrian army?</p>                                                       |                                                                                      |  |

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| <p><b>Q17.</b> Aged 37, <b>who</b> recently became the youngest-ever Prime Minister of Thailand?</p> <p>As usual, you may answer with just her surname, which she shares with two previous Thai Prime Ministers who held office from 2001-2006 and 2011-2014 – her father and aunt respectively.</p>                                                                                                                                     |  |  |
| <p><b>Q18.</b> The “February 28 Incident” was an anti-government uprising that took place in 1947 on <b>what Asian island</b>?</p> <p>Over 20,000 people died when the uprising was violently suppressed by the government in question, who shortly afterwards instigated the so-called “White Terror” period, placing the island under martial law until 1987.</p>                                                                      |                                                                                    |  |
| <p><b>Q19.</b> The PSD (Partidul Social Democrat) and PNL (Partidul Național Liberal) are the two largest political parties in <b>which EU country</b>?</p> <p>Since 2021, the two parties have jointly ruled the country as part of a coalition, with the PSD’s leader Marcel Ciolacu currently Prime Minister.</p>                                                                                                                     |  |  |
| <p><b>Q20.</b> The famous Terracotta Army in China’s Shaanxi province dates from the late 3rd century BCE and was buried as part of the massive mausoleum of China’s first emperor, birth name Ying Zheng, who was also the founder of <b>what Chinese dynasty</b>?</p>                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                    |  |
| <p><b>Q21.</b> In 1791, the first prototype of <b>what device</b> was designed by French surgeon Antoine Louis and built by German engineer Tobias Schmidt?</p> <p>Originally called a <i>louisette</i>, it was eventually named after the French physician who had first proposed its concept a couple of years previously.</p>                                                                                                         |                                                                                    |  |
| <p><b>Q22.</b> Osei Kofi Tutu I was the co-founder and first ruler of <b>what African empire</b>, which lasted from 1701 to 1901 in what is now southern Ghana?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                    |  |
| <p><b>Q23.</b> The North Korean Peace Museum, near the border with South Korea, is all that remains of <b>what former village</b> – the location where the 1953 armistice was signed that ended the Korean War?</p> <p>Billy Joel fans have an advantage answering this question, since the village’s name is mentioned in the lyrics of his song <i>We Didn’t Start the Fire</i>.</p>                                                   |                                                                                    |  |
| <p><b>Q24.</b> A courtier who swapped places with his king for a day, but was forced to sit underneath a sword suspended by a thread: this is the enduring story of the Sword of Damocles.</p> <p>Although the courtier Damocles (and the sword) are believed to be fictional, the king in the story was real: Dionysius the Elder, a tyrannical 4<sup>th</sup> century BCE ruler of <b>what city-state</b> on the island of Sicily?</p> |                                                                                    |  |

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| <p><b>Q25.</b> Ferdinand Magellan famously led the first voyage to circumnavigate the globe, but doing so was not the primary goal of the expedition. Instead, its aim was to find a western route to <b>which Indonesian archipelago</b> – then known as the “Spice Islands” due to their abundance of nutmeg and cloves?</p>                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                      |
| <p><b>Q26.</b> The Austrian statesman Prince Metternich was the so-called “conductor” or architect of <b>what geopolitical state of affairs</b> that existed in Europe during much of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, during which the great powers generally acted to maintain the territorial and political status quo, and avoid wars and revolutions?</p>                                                                                                                               |                                                                                      |
| <p><b>Q27.</b> Since March 2021, Samia Suluhu Hassan has served as the first female president of <b>what African country</b>?</p> <p>After taking office, she implemented measures to increase freedom of speech and freedom of the press, reversing the widely-criticised policies of her predecessor John Magufuli.</p>                                                                                                                                                                |    |
| <p><b>Q28.</b> What was the name of the multinational organisation founded by Vladimir Lenin in 1919 which advocated world communism?</p> <p>During its 25-year existence it held 7 world congresses in Moscow, each attended by communist parties from dozens of countries.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                      |
| <p><b>Q29.</b> Name this German army colonel who was instrumental in the so-called “20 July Plot” to assassinate Adolf Hitler in 1944? He planted a briefcase bomb in a meeting attended by Hitler, but despite the explosion killing four others in the room, Hitler escaped with only minor injuries, with this man being arrested and executed the following day.</p> <p>He was portrayed by Tom Cruise in the 2007 film <i>Valkyrie</i> which dramatises the assassination plot.</p> |  |
| <p><b>Q30.</b> What name is given to the unsuccessful republican uprising which took place in 1835 in the Brazilian province of Rio Grande do Sul?</p> <p>This name was originally a derisive term used to describe the rebels’ scruffy clothes, though they later adopted the name themselves as a show of pride and defiance.</p>                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                      |

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