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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>
Q1a (Team A Person 1)	In March 2024, what Zambian-born Labour politician succeeded Mark Drakeford as First Minister of Wales, making history as the first Black leader of any European country?	Vaughan <u>Gething</u>
Q1b (Team B Person 1)	Because the multiplication sign is not a standard character on most computer keyboards, what other symbol represents multiplication in the vast majority of computer programming languages?	<u>Asterisk / star</u>
Q2a (Team A Person 2)	What French word beginning with G refers to a type of watercolour paint which has had extra ingredients added to make it opaque?	<u>Gouache</u>
Q2b (Team B Person 2)	The world's largest spaceport by area is the Baikonur Cosmodrome, located near the namesake city in which present-day country, formerly part of the Soviet Union?	<u>Kazakhstan</u>
Q3a (Team A Person 3)	In the context of radio broadcasting, the abbreviation "FM" stands for "[BLANK] Modulation". What word beginning with "F" fills in the blank?	<u>Frequency</u>
Q3b (Team B Person 3)	Who captained the Ireland women's rugby team when they won their first ever Six Nations in 2013? This Leinster prop was voted Irish Times Sportswoman of the Year for the achievement.	Fiona <u>Coghlan</u>
Q4a (Team A Person 4)	Born in New Jersey in 1945, name the actress who in 1983 became the first and only person to win an Oscar for portraying a character of the opposite sex, when she co-starred as photographer Billy Kwan in <i>The Year of Living Dangerously</i> ? More recently she spent 14 seasons playing Hetty Lange in <i>NCIS: Los Angeles</i> .	Linda <u>Hunt</u>
Q4b (Team B Person 4)	Fought in May 1756 between the French and British fleets, the first European sea battle of the Seven Years' War was named after which Mediterranean island, near which it took place?	<u>Minorca / Menorca</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)	Founded in Dublin in 1989, " <i>There ain't no finer diner</i> " is the slogan of what Irish fast food chain, which models itself on 1950s-style American eateries? Surprisingly, the company has never been sued by the similar American diner chain with which it shares half of its name.	Eddie Rocket's (the US chain is Johnny Rockets)
Q1b (Team A Person 1)	Gary Oldman played retired MI5 agent George Smiley in what 2011 film adapted from a bestselling John le Carré novel?	Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy
Q2a (Team B Person 2)	What veteran actress played the Ewing family matriarch Miss Ellie during 12 seasons of the classic soap <i>Dallas</i> ? Her most memorable film role was opposite Jimmy Stewart, playing his long-suffering ex-fiancée Midge in <i>Vertigo</i> .	Barbara Bel Geddes [" <i>bell ghedd-eez</i> "]
Q2b (Team A Person 2)	In the official Irish-language version of Scrabble, launched in 2010, only 2 letters are worth 10 points - both of which are worth only 3 points in English Scrabble. Which of these letters begins the Irish words for "kiss" and "ghost"?	P
Q3a (Team B Person 3)	The "Hanky Panky", the "Casino" and the "Monkey Gland" are three of the official IBA cocktails that share which alcoholic ingredient?	Gin
Q3b (Team A Person 3)	Who was the front man of the short-lived 90s Irish rock band Juniper, whose only 2 singles <i>Weatherman</i> and <i>World is Dead</i> were both Irish Top 20 hits in 1998? After the band broke up, this man went on to much greater solo success with his 2001 debut solo album <i>O</i> .	Damien Rice
Q4a (Team B Person 4)	Of the three brothers who were members of The Bee Gees, who is the oldest and the only one still alive? This man was arguably the dominant member of the band in their prime, singing lead vocals on practically all of their singles from the mid-1970s onwards. First and last name required.	Barry Gibb (both names needed)
Q4b (Team A Person 4)	One of the people pre-emptively pardoned by Joe Biden the day he left office to avoid recriminations by the new regime, what anti-Trump Republican and former congresswoman is the daughter of a US vice-president?	Liz Cheney

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)	Another French vs English naval battle of the Seven Years' War took place in August 1759 off the coast of what small Portuguese port, after which the battle is named? This port also shares its name with a major African city.	<u>Lagos</u>
Q1b (Team B Person 1)	Born in California in 1968, name the English actor who was nominated for Best Supporting Actor in 1993 for his memorable role as (spoiler alert) a transgender woman named Dil in <i>The Crying Game</i> ? He also played the main villain Ra in the 1994 movie <i>Stargate</i> before retiring from acting to become a model and fashion stylist.	Jaye <u>Davidson</u> (born Alfred <u>Amey</u>)
Q2a (Team A Person 2)	Of the three brothers who were members of The Beach Boys, who is the oldest and the only one still alive? This man was the band's major creative force in their prime, producing and co-writing their magnum opus, 1966's <i>Pet Sounds</i> . First and last name required.	<u>Brian Wilson</u> (both names needed)
Q2b (Team B Person 2)	Another person pre-emptively pardoned by Joe Biden is what scientist and immunologist, who served in a prominent advisory role to both Presidents Trump and Biden during and after the COVID-19 pandemic?	Anthony <u>Fauci</u>
Q3a (Team A Person 3)	What veteran actress temporarily played Miss Ellie in the 1984-85 season of <i>Dallas</i> while Barbara Bel Geddes was recovering from heart surgery? For many people, her most memorable film role was also opposite Jimmy Stewart, playing his wife Mary in <i>It's A Wonderful Life</i> .	Donna <u>Reed</u>
Q3b (Team B Person 3)	In the context of radio broadcasting, the abbreviation "AM" stands for "[BLANK] Modulation". What word beginning with "A" fills in the blank?	<u>Amplitude</u>
Q4a (Team A Person 4)	Founded in Ballinasloe, County Galway in 1978, which Irish fast food chain made headlines in June 2024 when they won a long-running EU trademark dispute against an American fast food giant with whom they share one syllable of their name?	<u>Supermac's</u> (the lawsuit was brought by McDonalds)
Q4b (Team B Person 4)	Gary Oldman currently plays a very different kind of MI5 agent - the rude and dishevelled Jackson Lamb - in what critically-acclaimed Apple TV+ show based on a series of novels by Mick Herron?	<u>Slow Horses</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)	Vaughan Gething was forced to resign after less than 5 months in office after losing a no-confidence vote and was succeeded in August 2024 by what Labour politician, who duly became the first-ever female First Minister of Wales?	Eluned <u>Morgan</u> / Baroness <u>Morgan</u> of Ely
Q1b (Team A Person 1)	Because the division sign is not a standard character on most computer keyboards, what other symbol represents division in the vast majority of computer programming languages?	Forward <u>slash</u> / <u>oblique</u> - do NOT accept backslash
Q2a (Team B Person 2)	What French word beginning with G refers to archive-quality fine-art digital prints made by an inkjet printer?	<u>Giclée</u>
Q2b (Team A Person 2)	Who captained the Ireland women's rugby team when they won their second and most recent Six Nations in 2015? This Munster full-back was also the overall top points-scorer in both the 2013 and 2015 tournaments.	Niamh <u>Briggs</u>
Q3a (Team B Person 3)	Apart from P, the only other letter worth 10 points in Irish Scrabble is what letter, which begins the Irish words for "cow" and "food"? Once again, this letter is only worth 3 points in English Scrabble.	<u>B</u>
Q3b (Team A Person 3)	Built in 1964, the CSG spaceport is the primary launch site for the European Space Agency and is located near the city of Kourou in which French overseas territory?	<u>French Guiana</u>
Q4a (Team B Person 4)	After Damien Rice left Juniper, the remaining band members carried on to much greater success under what new name? Their biggest hits to date include the singles <i>The Great Defector</i> and <i>Rocky Took A Lover</i> .	<u>Bell X1</u>
Q4b (Team A Person 4)	"Between the Sheets", the "Mary Pickford" and the "Zombie" are three of the official IBA cocktails that share which alcoholic ingredient?	White <u>rum</u>

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)**

Question	Answer
Since 2003, what type of animal has featured on the team crest of Munster Rugby?	<u>Stag</u> (accept <u>deer</u>)
The word "affinage" refers to the aging or maturing of what foodstuff?	<u>Cheese</u>
It's not Missouri, but the name of which US state means "cloudy water" in the language of the Dakota tribe? The name is shared with a river that runs through the state, which is also a tributary of the Mississippi.	<u>Minnesota</u>
The most famous version of the song <i>Rockin' Robin</i> was Michael Jackson's cover version, released in 1972. However, which Texas-born rock 'n' roll singer was the first person to have a hit with the song, in 1958?	Bobby <u>Day</u> (born Robert <u>Byrd</u>)

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TEAM QUESTIONS

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Misses Ireland

Q1 The 2003 winner of the Miss Ireland beauty pageant was Rosanna Davison, who later that year became the only Irish winner of Miss World. She is the daughter of what chart-topping singer?	Chris <u>de Burgh</u>
Q2 Miss Ireland 1980, Michelle Rocca, went on to a successful modelling and presenting career, including co-hosting the 1988 Eurovision Song Contest with Pat Kenny. In the 90s she married which singer/songwriter, appearing with him on the cover of his 1995 album <i>Days Like This</i> ?	Van <u>Morrison</u>
Q3 Olivia Tracey, Miss Ireland 1984, also had a successful modelling and broadcasting career, most visibly on primetime Irish TV in the mid-1980s as co-host of what high-tech quiz show, broadcast on RTÉ on Sunday nights?	<u>Murphy's Micro Quiz-M</u>
Q4 The first in a series of "Champagne" books, <i>Champagne Kisses</i> was the 2008 debut novel by what writer and former model? This Dubliner was crowned Miss Ireland 1991 at the age of 17 and went on to spend 20 years as a <i>Sunday World</i> columnist before leaving in 2018.	Amanda <u>Brunker</u>

Letter Number Number

(The answers here are all a single letter followed by two digits)

Q1 Still issued in the UK today, but abolished in Ireland in 2019, what name is given to an annual statement sent to taxpayers at the end of each year, showing the amount of tax they have paid?	<u>P60</u>
Q2 Founded in New York in 2012, what American film production company has been described as "a powerhouse in independent film with a passionate fanbase"? Among their recent productions are the Oscar-winning films <i>The Whale</i> , <i>Everything Everywhere All At Once</i> and <i>The Zone of Interest</i> .	<u>A24</u>
Q3 With over 1.2 billion streams on Spotify, the 2011 song <i>Midnight City</i> is the biggest hit by which French electronic music duo? They took their name from a celestial object also known as the Southern Pinwheel Galaxy.	<u>M83</u> (the galaxy is also known as Messier 83)
Q4 Founded in 2009, what is the name of the official Disney fan club, noted for their lavish biennial fan conventions which are often used to unveil upcoming Disney TV & movie projects? The number in the club's name refers to the year the Walt Disney Company was founded.	<u>D23</u>

19th Century Treaties

Q1 Over a dozen 19th century treaties bear the name of what European capital city, including the 1856 treaty that ended the Crimean War and that of 1898 which ended the Spanish-American War?	<u>Paris</u>
Q2 The 1842 Treaty of Nanking ended the first of what conflicts between Britain and China?	First <u>Opium War</u>
Q3 Another notable Treaty of Paris was that of 1814, towards the end of the Napoleonic Wars, which paved the way for which Bourbon monarch to accede to the throne of France? Name and regnal number required.	<u>Louis XVIII</u> (18th)
Q4 The present-day US states of California, Nevada and Utah were traded to the US for \$15 million under the terms of what 1848 treaty, which ended the Mexican-American War? Two-word name required.	Treaty of <u>Guadalupe Hidalgo</u>

90s Bangers

Q1 " <i>Pack it up, pack it in, let me begin</i> " is the opening line of what 1992 song, the most well-known track by American hip-hop group House of Pain?	<u>Jump Around</u>
Q2 Notable for its video, shot as a parody of 1970s cop shows, what Beastie Boys track was the lead single from their 1994 album <i>Ill Communication</i> ?	<u>Sabotage</u>
Q3 Reaching a wider audience after being featured on the soundtrack of Baz Luhrmann's <i>Romeo + Juliet</i> , what Swedish band had a 1996 hit with <i>You and Me Song</i> ?	The <u>Wannadies</u>
Q4 English singer Tasmin Archer hit the top of both the UK and Ireland singles charts in 1992 with <i>Sleeping Satellite</i> . It was the opening track from her gold-certified debut album, which had what title - one it shares with a famous 19th century novel?	<u>Great Expectations</u>

Sharks

Q1	The largest specimen being over 18 metres long, what species of shark is the world's largest living fish species? It is named after a similarly large (though unrelated) sea creature.	<u>Whale</u> shark
Q2	Sharks are the most prominent examples of chondrichthyans [" <i>kond-rick-thee-ans</i> "], a term referring to fish whose skeletons are not made of bone but of what other type of connective tissue instead?	<u>Cartilage</u>
Q3	Wobbegongs are a distinctive family of bottom-dwelling sharks also referred to by what name, referring to their flat bodies which are usually covered with bold, symmetric patterns?	<u>Carpet</u> sharks
Q4	Many of the most familiar shark species, such as great white and basking, belong to the order Lamniformes [" <i>lam-ni-for-meez</i> "], which are commonly referred to by what name - once again referring to an unrelated sea creature, albeit one much smaller than a whale?	<u>Mackerel</u> sharks

Know the Voice But Not the Name

Q1	Sadly passing away in 2022 aged 66, the American actor Kevin Conroy voiced which superhero character across 3 decades, in dozens of animated series & movies like <i>Mask of the Phantasm</i> , and video games like <i>Arkham Asylum</i> ?	<u>Batman</u> / Bruce <u>Wayne</u>
Q2	Scottish stand-up comedian Iain Stirling has a voice known to millions of viewers of what UK reality show, which he has narrated since 2015? In 2020, he married the Irishwoman who currently presents this show.	<u>Love Island</u> (the presenter is Laura Whitmore)
Q3	Known for his unerring ability to pronounce difficult surnames at great speed, name the English voice-over artist who since 2001 has been the voice of venerable BBC TV quiz <i>University Challenge</i> ?	Roger <u>Tilling</u>
Q4	A familiar voice to Dublin commuters is which retired RTÉ journalist, presenter and radio producer, who provides the voice announcements for Dublin's Luas [" <i>loo-uss</i> "] tram system? During her broadcasting career, her highest-profile gig was hosting the 1981 Eurovision Song Contest, held that year in Dublin and won by Bucks Fizz.	Doireann <u>Ní Bhriain</u> [" <i>dir-inn nee vreen</i> "] - accept <u>O'Brien</u>

League of Ireland Ringers

Q1 Right at the end of his career, what iconic English goalkeeper was loaned to Dublin football club St. Patrick's Athletic for a single game in 1977? This man wore the Number 1 shirt when England won their only major men's tournament, the 1966 FIFA World Cup.	Gordon <u>Banks</u>
Q2 In 1939, what legendary Merseyside-born striker had a brief stint at Sligo Rovers, scoring 10 goals in 7 league games? 21 years previously, he had scored 60 goals in one season for Everton, an English top-flight record that still stands to this day.	William "Dixie" <u>Dean</u>
Q3 In the mid-1970s both George Best and Geoff Hurst had brief spells at what defunct League of Ireland club? Despite winning the League title in 1974, mismanagement saw this club expelled from the League of Ireland in 1979 and going bankrupt the year after. A two-word answer is required.	<u>Cork Celtic</u>
Q4 Cork Celtic's local rivals Cork Hibernians also went bust in the late 1970s, not helped by the money they spent signing what English striker, who had made his name at Queen's Park Rangers in the late 1960s? After retiring, this man worked as a pundit for Sky Sports for many years.	Rodney <u>Marsh</u>

Second Cities

Q1 Not to be confused with the capital of Libya, Tripoli is the second-largest city in what Middle Eastern country, which shares land borders with Israel and Syria and has a Mediterranean coastline?	<u>Lebanon</u>
Q2 The second-largest cities in the Dominican Republic and Cuba both have what 8-letter word in their names? This word by itself is also the name of a South American capital city.	<u>Santiago</u>
Q3 What is the second-largest city in Yemen? Prior to the country's 1990 reunification, this city had served as the capital of South Yemen.	<u>Aden</u>
Q4 The second city with the shortest name is that of Sierra Leone, which has what two-letter name? It is also the forename of an American actress, born Mary Cathleen Collins in 1956.	<u>Bo</u> (the actress is Bo Derek)