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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)	The primary component of cell walls in fungi and the exoskeletons of arthropods, which long-chain polymer is the second most abundant polysaccharide in nature, after cellulose?	<u>Chitin</u>
Q1b (Team B Person 1)	Which Limerick-born opera singer (1818-1861) was one of the most famous performers of her time? After appearing in lead roles at Milan's La Scala and London's Covent Garden, P.T. Barnum sponsored her 1852 tour of California, where she was billed as "The Hibernian Prima Donna".	Catherine <u>Hayes</u>
Q2a (Team A Person 2)	Due for release in September 2025, <i>The Secret of Secrets</i> will be the seventh book to feature professor of Symbolology, Robert Langdon — a character who first appeared in the 2000 book <i>Angels and Demons</i> by which best-selling author?	Dan <u>Brown</u>
Q2b (Team B Person 2)	Which Irish jockey is the most successful rider in the history of the Irish Grand National, winning the race on six occasions between 1954 and 1966? He also rode the winning horse in the Aintree Grand National in 1955 and 1970.	Pat <u>Taaffe</u>
Q3a (Team A Person 3)	Which Belfast theatre was established in 1951 as a group of stage players at the Malone Road home of its founder Mary O'Malley? The theatre itself was built in 1965 and is today the principal full-time producing theatre in Belfast.	<u>Lyric</u>
Q3b (Team B Person 3)	.LV is the internet top level domain for which EU member state?	<u>Latvia</u>
Q4a (Team A Person 4)	First introduced in 1950, what is the name of the world's best-selling ballpoint pen? This inexpensive, disposable pen is mass-produced and sold by Société Bic of Clichy, France.	<u>Cristal</u>
Q4b (Team B Person 4)	Following the conclusion of World War I, the modern day city of Rijeka, Croatia, was hotly contested between Italy and the newly-formed Kingdom of Yugoslavia. Indeed, its Italian name was used for the name of the Free State to which it belonged between 1920 and 1924. What was that name?	<u>Fiume</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)	What number fills the blank in the title of one of the most highly-cited papers in psychology, published in 1956 by the cognitive psychologist George A. Miller: <i>The Magical Number BLANK, Plus or Minus Two</i> ?	<u>Seven</u>
Q1b (Team A Person 1)	Which <u>two</u> names, albeit in a different order, are shared by these men: A film composer who won five Academy Awards between 1966 and 1990, and a rugby great who started at #10 for Wales in every game from 1967 to 1972?	<u>John and Barry</u> (John Barry / Barry John)
Q2a (Team B Person 2)	Nearly 400,000 people lost power as which named storm (technically an extratropical cyclone) crossed Ireland on the night of December 6th-7th, 2024? This was the fourth named storm of the 2024-25 European Windstorm Season.	<u>Darragh</u>
Q2b (Team A Person 2)	In February 2025, which Irish singer-songwriter won a Grammy Award (Best R&B Song) for his role as one of the co-writers of SZA's ["sizza's"] hit song <i>Saturn</i> ?	Cian <u>Ducrot</u> ["doo-crow"]
Q3a (Team B Person 3)	Fine Gael of Ireland, the CDU/CSU of Germany and the Civic Platform of Poland are three of the members of which transnational political party, the largest in the European Parliament since 1999?	<u>European People's Party / EPP</u>
Q3b (Team A Person 3)	Which song, a duet performed by Bruno Mars and Lady Gaga, won the Best Pop Duo/Group Performance at the recent Grammy Awards? Released in August 2024, this song reached No 1 on the US Billboard Hot 100 and No. 3 on the Irish charts.	<u>Die With a Smile</u>
Q4a (Team B Person 4)	The Roman emperor Nero was the first to attempt to construct which Greek canal, personally breaking ground with a pickaxe in 67 AD? However, the project was abandoned when he died shortly afterwards and wasn't ultimately completed until 1893. Due to the canal's narrowness, it is currently of little economic importance and is mainly a tourist attraction.	<u>Corinth</u>
Q4b (Team A Person 4)	Which Dublin GAA team defeated Tyrone's Errigal Ciarán to win the 2025 All-Ireland senior club football title? It became the second club to win All-Ireland senior titles in both football and hurling, having been champions in the latter sport in both 2017 and 2018.	<u>Cuala</u> ["coola"]

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)	Over 750,000 people lost power following the impact on Ireland of which named storm over the early hours of January 24th 2025? This was the fifth named storm of the 2024-25 European Windstorm Season.	<u>Éowyn</u> ["eh-win"]
Q1b (Team B Person 1)	Which <u>two</u> names, albeit in a different order and slightly different spelling, are shared by these men: The actor who played Vizzini in the 1987 movie <i>The Princess Bride</i> , and a qualified barrister who is one of the Chasers on the eponymous ITV quiz show?	<u>Wallace and Shaun</u> (Wallace Shawn / Shaun Wallace)
Q2a (Team A Person 2)	Following the conclusion of World War I, the modern day city of Gdansk, Poland, was a city-state under the protection and oversight of the League of Nations until 1939. Which German language name for the city was used in the title of that Free City?	<u>Danzig</u>
Q2b (Team B Person 2)	Which class of complex organic polymers, that form key structural materials in the support tissues of most plants, was first mentioned in 1813 by the Swiss botanist A. P. de Candolle? These are the third most abundant organic polymers on Earth, after cellulose and chitin.	<u>Lignin</u>
Q3a (Team A Person 3)	Which 98 km long freshwater canal links the North Sea (Nordsee) to the Baltic Sea (Ostsee)? Constructed from 1887 to 1895, this canal is one of the world's most frequented artificial waterways with an annual average of 32,000 ships using it.	<u>Kiel</u>
Q3b (Team B Person 3)	Due for release in May 2025, <i>Never Flinch</i> will be the seventh book to feature private detective Holly Gibney, the creation of which famously prolific author whose first release was 1974's <i>Carrie</i> ?	Stephen <u>King</u>
Q4a (Team A Person 4)	Which Irish man became the first jockey to win the Aintree and Irish Grand Nationals and the Cheltenham Gold Cup in a single season, doing so in 1975? He also won the Irish Grand National again the following year.	Tommy <u>Carberry</u>
Q4b (Team B Person 4)	Founded in 1846, which American manufacturing company has been official supplier of pens to the White House since the 1970s? This company operated a factory in Ballinasloe, County Galway, from the early 1970s until the year 2000.	A. T. <u>Cross</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)	Which song, a duet performed by Bruno Mars and Rosé, features writing credits for Nicky Chinn and Mike Chapman due to its interpolation of Toni Basil's 1982 single <i>Mickey</i> ? Released in October 2024, this song topped the charts in over 40 countries, but peaked at #3 in both Ireland and the USA.	<u>Apt.</u>
Q1b (Team A Person 1)	.LT is the internet top level domain for which EU member state?	<u>Lithuania</u>
Q2a (Team B Person 2)	Which Dublin GAA team defeated Cork's Sarsfields to win the 2025 All-Ireland senior club hurling title? While this club can't match Cuala's record of winning titles in both hurling and football, it has come quite close: its footballers reached the All-Ireland final in 2000, where they lost to Crossmaglen of Armagh.	<u>Na Fianna</u> [" <i>na feena</i> "]
Q2b (Team A Person 2)	In nuclear physics, a magic number is a number of nucleons (either protons or neutrons, separately) such that they are arranged into complete shells within the atomic nucleus. What is the smallest of these magic numbers?	<u>2</u>
Q3a (Team B Person 3)	Founded in 1928, and situated on Galway's Middle Street, what is the name of the national Irish-language theatre of Ireland? The name is derived from old Irish words meaning "dream" and "glance."	<u>Taibhdhearc</u> [" <i>tie-eve-yark</i> "]
Q3b (Team A Person 3)	Best known for her performance in the lead role of <i>Madama Butterfly</i> , which she performed several times in La Scala and Covent Garden, which Mayo-born opera singer (1889-1958) is regarded as Ireland's second prima donna, after Catherine Hayes?	Margaret Burke <u>Sheridan</u>
Q4a (Team B Person 4)	Who won the award for Best Script (Drama) at the 2025 Irish Film and TV Awards (IFTAs) on Friday last, for her work on the TV series <i>Bad Sisters</i> ? This lady also won an IFTA for the same show in 2023 — though on that occasion she won Best Actress in a Lead Role for her performance as Eva Garvey.	Sharon <u>Horgan</u>
Q4b (Team A Person 4)	The Irish Labour Party, the SDP of Germany and Italy's Democratic Party are three of the members of which transnational political party?	<u>Party of European Socialists</u> / <u>PES</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
Which man, who first gained prominence with the publication of his 2016 memoir <i>Hillbilly Elegy</i> , is the current Vice-President of the United States of America?	James "JD" <u>Vance</u>
On February 1st, the Dallas Mavericks traded which Slovenian player to the Los Angeles Lakers in a controversial blockbuster move that is regarded as one of the most shocking and unexpected in American sports history?	Luka <u>Dončić</u> ["don-chitch"]
Name <u>either</u> of the only two characters portrayed in TV series <i>The Simpsons</i> with five fingers on each hand?	<u>God</u> / <u>Jesus</u> (accept <u>either</u>)
The "hermits" and the "typical" are the two sub-families of which bird family with the taxonomic name <i>Trochilidae</i> ? 336 species of these birds have been documented, all on the American continent.	<u>Hummingbirds</u>

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Irish Ferries

Q1	Connected to the UK and Europe by 36 direct services, Rosslare Europort is Ireland's second-busiest port after Dublin. It is located in which county?	<u>Wexford</u>
Q2	Name <u>either</u> of the towns that is serviced by the Shannon Ferries Group? Their single ferry line crosses the Shannon estuary twice per hour, linking the counties of Clare and Kerry.	<u>Killimer</u> / <u>Tarbert</u> (accept <u>either</u>)
Q3	Galway's Aran Islands are linked to the mainland via ferries from three locations, one of which being Galway city. Name <u>either</u> of the other two locations? One is in west Galway and the other is in County Clare.	<u>Rossaveal</u> (Ros An Mhíl) / <u>Doolin</u> (accept <u>either</u>)
Q4	Since 1982, the Passage East Ferry Company has operated a continuous car ferry with sailings every 15 minutes across Waterford Harbour. This ferry links the town of Passage East with which town in County Wexford?	<u>Ballyhack</u>

#ExplainAnOperaPlotBadly

Please identify the four operas of which these are the (bad) plot summaries:

Q1	One princess is a captive slave to another princess. A captain in the Pharoah's guard is in love with the slave princess, while her boss is in love with him. Then, war arrives and (spoiler alert) most of them die. (1871)	<u>Aïda</u> (by Verdi)
Q2	Mimi loves Rodolfo, Rodolfo really loves Mimi. They break up but then he finds out she has consumption and they get back together before (spoiler alert) she dies anyway. (1896)	<u>La Bohème</u> (by Puccini)
Q3	Lord Henry discovers that his sister Lucy loves Edgar, son of a rival family. He deceives her and she agrees to marry the man her brother has chosen. Edgar then curses Lucy's apparent infidelity, and Henry challenges him to a duel, in which (spoiler alert) everybody dies. (1835)	<u>Lucia Di Lammermoor</u> (by Donizetti)
Q4	In a tavern, a poet tells of his three ill-fated romances, involving a doll, a woman who sings herself to death and a courtesan who steals his reflection from a mirror. (1881)	<u>Tales of Hoffman</u> (by Offenbach)

In Which Century?

Please identify the century in which each of the following events took place:

Q1	The discovery of the island of Hispaniola by the ships of Christopher Columbus?	<u>15th</u> century / <u>1400s</u> (1492)
Q2	The discovery of microscopic life, by Antonie van Leeuwenhoek?	<u>17th</u> century / <u>1600s</u> (1673-4)
Q3	The decoding of the bees' waggle dance, by Karl von Frisch?	<u>20th</u> century / <u>1900s</u> (1927)
Q4	The invention of the + (plus) and - (minus) signs, by Johannes Widmann?	<u>15th</u> century / <u>1400s</u> (1489)

Star Wars Spin-offs

Q1	<i>The Mandalorian</i> , starring Pedro Pascal as the title character Din Djarin, was the first live-action spinoff series in the <i>Star Wars</i> franchise. Its success was largely based on the character Grogu, with whom Din goes on the run. By what two word name is Grogu colloquially known, referring to his similarity to another famous <i>Star Wars</i> character?	<u>Baby Yoda</u>
Q2	Described by one reviewer as "the most complex, mature story in <i>Star Wars</i> ", which spin-off TV series was released on streaming service Disney+ in 2022? In this series, Diego Luna played the title role — reprising a character which he had first portrayed in the 2016 film <i>Rogue One</i> .	<u>Andor</u>
Q3	Originally airing on Cartoon Network between 2003 and 2005, which animated television miniseries covered (and shared its name with) a conflict that took place in the <i>Star Wars</i> universe between the second and third prequel films?	The <u>Clone Wars</u>
Q4	Jude Law plays a mysterious pirate captain with Jedi powers in which well-received recent <i>Star Wars</i> spinoff series, which premiered on Disney+ in December 2024?	<u>Skeleton Crew</u>

Ladies of Wimbledon

Q1	Winning her final title in 1990, which Czech-born player holds the record for the most Wimbledon ladies' singles titles, with nine?	Martina <u>Navratilova</u>
Q2	Winning the title in 2022, who is the only player representing Kazakhstan to have become Wimbledon ladies' singles champion?	Elena <u>Rybakina</u>
Q3	Who is the youngest ever winner of the Wimbledon ladies' singles title, doing so at the age of 15 in 1887? This lady also won the British Ladies Amateur Golf Championship, played twice for the England women's hockey team and won silver at the 1908 Summer Olympics in archery.	Lottie <u>Dod</u>
Q4	Which tennis player from New Inn, County Tipperary, is still the only Irish winner of the Wimbledon ladies' singles title? She reached the final of the event in two successive years, triumphing in the second of those in 1890.	Lena <u>Rice</u>

Dancing with the Stars

Q1	Which former sprinter is the current reigning champion of RTÉ's <i>Dancing with the Stars</i> ? Between 2008 and 2020, this man won six gold medals (in 100m and 200m T13) at the Paralympic Games.	Jason <u>Smyth</u>
Q2	Name <u>either</u> of the two judges who have been ever-present in the eight series of <i>Dancing with the Stars</i> ? One is a former professional dancer based in County Kildare while the other is a former World Ballroom Dance Champion from Dublin.	Brian <u>Redmond</u> / Loraine <u>Barry</u> (accept either)
Q3	Which dancer, who took part in the first seven series of <i>Dancing with the Stars</i> as one of the professionals, changed roles in 2025, becoming the fourth member of the judging panel?	Karen <u>Byrne</u>
Q4	Which professional dancer from Kilkenny took part in the first six series of <i>Dancing with the Stars</i> and was the winner of Series 3, while partnered with radio host Mairead Ronan?	John <u>Nolan</u>

Salt Bays

Q1	What is the English-language name for the gulf of the northeast Atlantic Ocean situated between the western coast of France and the northern coast of Spain?	Bay of <u>Biscay</u>
Q2	Which inlet of the Gulf of Cazones, located on the southern coast of Cuba, is historically important for a failed military incursion that was attempted there in 1961?	Bay of <u>Pigs</u> (Bahía de los Cochinos)
Q3	Which bay between the Canadian provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia has the highest tidal range in the world? Whilst the average tidal range worldwide is only one metre, in this bay it is often as high as 16 metres.	Bay of <u>Fundy</u>
Q4	In 1769, James Cook encountered a bight along the northern coast of New Zealand's North Island and, seeing abundant food supplies, named it the Bay of Plenty. This was in contrast to his findings earlier, at which bay (<i>Tūranganui-a-Kiwa</i>) on the island's east coast, which he also named using similar logic?	<u>Poverty</u> Bay

Eh Aye

Q1	Based on their groundbreaking Large Language Model (LLM), which generative artificial intelligence chatbot was developed by OpenAI and launched in 2022?	<u>ChatGPT</u>
Q2	Advertised as having a "sense of humour" and direct access to X, formerly known as Twitter, which generative AI chatbot was launched in 2023 as an initiative by Elon Musk?	<u>Grok</u>
Q3	A viral 2023 image of Pope Francis wearing a white puffer jacket was created in which generative AI program, that can generate images from natural language descriptions called prompts?	<u>Midjourney</u>
Q4	Released publicly in April 2024, after being developed by a team of former researchers for Google DeepMind, which generative AI model can produce music based on simple text prompts? Last June the Recording Industry Association of America, filed a suit against this AI's creators, alleging widespread infringement of copyrighted sound recordings.	<u>Udio</u>