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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 December 2024, Irish politician Eoin Hayes was suspended by his party, the Social Democrats, after he was found to have misled the party about when he disposed of his shares in which company? This controversial software company was founded in 2003 by Peter Thiel and named after the "seeing stone" in the writings of JRR Tolkien.	<u>Palantir</u>
Q1b (Team B Person 1)	In July 1983, which athlete then representing Czechoslovakia set the world record time for the 800 metres in Munich? Her time of 1:53.28 has never been bested and is currently the longest-standing world record in athletics.	Jarmila <u>Kratochvilova</u>
Q2a (Team A Person 2)	In 2021, which Japanese car manufacturer, the creator of models such as the Colt and the Lancer, wound down its operations and stopped selling in Britain and Ireland?	<u>Mitsubishi</u>
Q2b (Team B Person 2)	Which Galway-born writer (1915-67) of short stories, novels and plays was also an actor, playing the role of Regan in the 1962 film adaptation of Brendan Behan's <i>The Quare Fellow</i> ? This man is perhaps best known for his trilogy of Irish historical novels <i>Seek the Fair Land</i> , <i>The Silent People</i> and <i>The Scorching Wind</i> .	Walter <u>Macken</u>
Q3a (Team A Person 3)	What type of electronic component conducts current primarily in one direction, a property known as asymmetric conductance? It has low (ideally zero) resistance in one direction and high (ideally infinite) resistance in the other.	<u>Diode</u>
Q3b (Team B Person 3)	What two-word term was chosen by the Oxford University Press as their 'word' of the year for 2024? This term is defined as <i>"Supposed deterioration of a person's mental or intellectual state, especially viewed as a result of overconsumption of material (now particularly online content) considered to be trivial or unchallenging."</i>	<u>Brain Rot</u>
Q4a (Team A Person 4)	Saint Patrick's Day, March 17th, is a public holiday across the island of Ireland. It is also a public holiday in which Canadian province, the country's easternmost?	<u>Newfoundland</u> and Labrador
Q4b (Team B Person 4)	In the recently held German federal elections, the CDU/CSU emerged as the largest party in the new Bundestag. Which politician (born 1955) has been the leader of this union since February 2022 and is thus projected to become the new Chancellor of Germany?	Friedrich <u>Merz</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 is the smallest functional unit of striated muscle tissue? These are composed of long, fibrous proteins (filaments) that slide past each other when a muscle contracts or relaxes.	<u>Sarcomeres</u>
Q1b (Team A Person 1)	In 1997, The Irish Times newspaper acquired which notable Internet domain name? Starting in 1999, this was the address of the newspaper's online edition before irishtimes.com was launched in 2008. In 2012, it was announced that this domain name had been sold to the Irish cross-border tourism board for €495,000.	<u>Ireland.com</u>
Q2a (Team B Person 2)	Which colour, that in Ireland is most associated with Galway and Westmeath, gets its name from a French word meaning "chestnut"?	<u>Maroon</u>
Q2b (Team A Person 2)	Which company was founded in Fabbrico, Italy, in 1884 to produce agricultural equipment? Since 1925, this company has been best-known for its agricultural tractors which are always produced in an Italian blue colour.	<u>Landini</u>
Q3a (Team B Person 3)	Tipperary native Una Healy is one of the five members of which British-Irish girl group? The group's biggest hit is the 2012 song <i>What About Us</i> .	The <u>Saturdays</u>
Q3b (Team A Person 3)	Which <u>two</u> countries each own half of the Diomed Islands? This pair of islands are located in the middle of the Bering Strait and are not only separated by an international border but also by the International Date Line.	<u>USA and Russia</u> (need <u>both</u>)
Q4a (Team B Person 4)	The multi-award winning second series of HBO's <i>The White Lotus</i> , starring F. Murray Abraham and Jennifer Coolidge, was set on which European island?	<u>Sicily</u>
Q4b (Team A Person 4)	Who was the head coach of the Republic of Ireland women's football team from August 2023 until December 2024? This lady succeeded Vera Pauw, under whom she had served as Assistant from 2019 until 2022.	Eileen <u>Gleeson</u>

Round 4 - Team

Team **B** to pick a topic first

Team **A** to pick a topic second

Round 5 - Individual

	Question	Answer
Q1a (Team A Person 1)	In the traditional RYB colour model, which colour, in Ireland most associated with Wexford, is made by combining red and blue pigments?	<u>Purple</u>
Q1b (Team B Person 1)	In May 2024, The Irish Times announced the acquisition of which website, one of Ireland's busiest, at the time receiving 60 million page views per month? Last December the site's new ownership controversially announced it would start charging €100 for the posting of death notices on the site.	<u>RIP.ie</u>
Q2a (Team A Person 2)	Which politician (born 1979) has been the leader of the AfD (Alternative for Germany) parliamentary group in the Bundestag since 2017? In the recent federal election, the party received 20.8% of the votes, finishing in second place.	Alice <u>Weidel</u>
Q2b (Team B Person 2)	Which American defence technology company, that specializes in autonomous systems, was founded in 2017 by Oculus Rift creator and entrepreneur Palmer Luckey? This company is named for the fictional sword carried by Aragorn in the writings of JRR Tolkien.	<u>Anduril</u>
Q3a (Team A Person 3)	The currently-airing third series of HBO's <i>The White Lotus</i> , starring Leslie Bibb and Jason Isaacs, is set on which South-East Asian country?	<u>Thailand</u>
Q3b (Team B Person 3)	In 2011, which Swedish car manufacturer, the creator of models such as the 900 and the 9-3, filed for bankruptcy and was wound down?	<u>Saab</u>
Q4a (Team A Person 4)	Which Galway-born poet (1910-88) was one of the pre-eminent writers in the Irish language in the middle of the 20th century? Born on the island of Inishmore, this man spoke only Irish until his mid-teens. His best-known works include <i>Spring in the West</i> / <i>An tEarrach Thiar</i> (1949) and <i>The Lamplighter</i> / <i>Fear Lasta Lampai</i> (1962).	Máirtín <u>Ó Direáin</u> ["oh dir-awn"]
Q4b (Team B Person 4)	First concocted in 1967, which seasonal green mint flavoured milkshake dessert is sold at McDonald's restaurants in the US, Canada and Ireland during the month of March to celebrate St. Patrick's Day? This particular beverage is finally being made available in the UK for the first time this year.	<u>Shamrock Shake</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 <u>two</u> European countries share possession of a Caribbean island known to one as Saint-Martin and to the other as Sint Maarten?	<u>France and Netherlands</u> (need <u>both</u>)
Q1b (Team A Person 1)	What word was chosen by the Collins Dictionary as their word of the year for 2024? This word, they said, had been " <i>newly defined in 2024 as 'characterized by a confident, independent, and hedonistic attitude' "</i> . Singer Charli XCX was also mentioned in the announcement.	<u>Brat</u>
Q2a (Team B Person 2)	Which former manager of Birmingham City and Aston Villa is the current head coach of the Republic of Ireland women's national team? This lady succeeded Eileen Gleeson in January of this year.	Carla <u>Ward</u>
Q2b (Team A Person 2)	Which one of the three major types of vertebrate muscle tissue gets its name because it has no sarcomeres and therefore no striations (bands or stripes)?	<u>Smooth</u>
Q3a (Team B Person 3)	Originally known as a condenser, what type of electronic component stores electrical energy by accumulating electric charges on two closely-spaced surfaces that are insulated from each other?	<u>Capacitor</u>
Q3b (Team A Person 3)	At the 1983 World Championships, Jarmila Kratochvilova set a world record to win the 400 metres. However, this record was beaten two years later by which athlete representing East Germany? This lady's time of 47.60 seconds, set on 6th October 1985, still stands as the world record mark today.	Marita <u>Koch</u>
Q4a (Team B Person 4)	Which agricultural machinery manufacturer, founded in 1913 and based in Harsewinkel, Germany, is the European market leader in combine harvesters? Its product range also includes silage harvesters, tractors and balers.	<u>Claas</u>
Q4b (Team A Person 4)	The 1973 song <i>Saturday Night's Alright For Fighting</i> , in which the singer closes out the record by repeating the name of the day 27 times, was released by which British singer? It was the fifth of his to-date 65 singles which have officially charted in Ireland.	Elton <u>John</u> (born Reginald <u>Dwight</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
The winner of two Academy Awards (Best Actor 1971 and Best Supporting Actor 1992), which actor passed away in February 2025, at the age of 95?	Gene <u>Hackman</u>
Brian May, Roger Taylor and John Deacon were the longest serving members of which rock group? The band's original lead singer passed away in 1991.	<u>Queen</u>
Similar to sake but with a lower alcohol content and higher sugar content, which type of rice wine is a common ingredient in Japanese cooking?	<u>Mirin</u>
According to its designer Alan Siegel, the logo of the National Basketball Association (NBA) incorporates a silhouette based on a photograph of which Hall-of-Fame player?	Jerry <u>West</u>

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TEAM QUESTIONS

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Ireland's Train Stations

Q1	In what year did CIÉ rename 15 Irish railway stations after individuals executed during and in the wake of the Easter Rising? This year was a significant anniversary of the events being remembered.	<u>1966</u> (50th anniversary of the Rising)
Q2	Originally called Westland Row from its opening until its name change in 1966, which large Dublin train station is Ireland's oldest, having been in continuous operation since 1834?	<u>Pearse</u>
Q3	Officially opened in October 2024, which railway (and bus) station in Belfast replaced both Great Victoria Street railway station and the Europa Buscentre?	Belfast <u>Grand Central</u> Station
Q4	In operation since August 2024, what is the name of the Republic of Ireland's newest railway station? Located in Dublin between the suburbs of Clondalkin and Lucan, this station was initially constructed in 2009 but its opening was delayed for 15 years as nearby housing developments were put on hold due to the economic crisis and COVID-19 pandemic.	<u>Kishoge</u> / <u>Kishogue</u> / <u>An Chiseog</u>

Musical Tautonyms

Q1	Which 1976 ABBA song, with a repeating title, opens with the lines " <i>I work all night, I work all day, to pay the bills I have to pay</i> "?	<u>Money, Money, Money</u>
Q2	The success of the 2023 song <i>Padam Padam</i> saw which singer become the fourth female solo artist to have a UK top-ten single in five different decades, after Lulu, Diana Ross, and Cher?	<u>Kylie Minogue</u> (accept first or last name)
Q3	How many times does the word "Boom" feature in the title of a 1998 hit by the Vengaboys, which topped the UK singles chart but stalled at #7 in Ireland?	<u>Four</u> (Boom, Boom, Boom, Boom!!)
Q4	Which 1974 song was the only single released in the long history of rock group Status Quo to reach number one on the UK Singles Chart?	<u>Down Down</u>

Famous Flights

Q1	On 14th September 1607, Irish noblemen Hugh O'Neill and Rory O'Donnell departed Rathmullan in County Donegal on a French ship. By what name was this event later known, with their permanent exile seen to symbolise the end of Gaelic Irish society?	<u>Flight of the Earls</u> (Imeacht Na Niarlaí)
Q2	New Zealand musical comedy duo Bret McKenzie and Jemaine Clement perform under what title? Beginning as a popular live comedy act in the early 2000s, the duo's comedy and music became the basis of a self-titled BBC radio series (2005) and a HBO TV series (2007–2009).	<u>Flight of the Conchords</u>
Q3	The flight to BLANK, on 20th–21st June 1791, was a significant event in the French Revolution, during which the French royal family unsuccessfully attempted to leave Paris and reach the northeastern border. The name of which small town fills the blank, where the royals were stopped and arrested after being recognised?	<u>Varennes</u> ["var-en"] / <u>Varennes-en-Argonne</u>
Q4	Written in 1927, <i>Flight</i> is the work of which Kyiv-born playwright? Set during the end of the Russian Civil War, the play wasn't performed until 1957, 17 years after the author's death, as the authorities felt that it glorified the anti-Bolshevik White Army.	Mikhail <u>Bulgakov</u>

Celebrity Scents

Q1	In 2014, the UK's Advertising Standards Authority upheld a complaint about a poster for the perfume <i>Rogue</i> being too sexualised, and ordered that it only be displayed in areas where it was unlikely to be seen by children. The poster featured which Barbadian singer, who had launched the perfume that same year?	<u>Rihanna</u>
Q2	Which singer, songwriter and actress (born 1969) released the fragrance <i>Glow</i> in 2002? Being sold at everyday pharmacy chains and shopping outlets like Macy's, it performed extremely well, becoming America's top-selling fragrance by 2004.	Jennifer <u>Lopez</u> / <u>J-Lo</u>
Q3	Released in 2011, <i>Someday</i> was the first fragrance launched by what singer, aged just 17 at the time? A collaboration with Elizabeth Arden, it grossed more than US\$3 million in sales in just under three weeks.	Justin <u>Bieber</u>
Q4	What perfume was created in 1991 by British actress Elizabeth Taylor? This perfume was an enormous and enduring commercial success, with total sales of US\$1.5 billion by 2018. Though not the first celebrity fragrance, its unprecedented success popularised the trend of celebrity-branded perfumes, which accelerated in the following decades.	<u>White Diamonds</u>

Born in Britain, Big in Ireland

Q1	Released in 1998, <i>White Ladder</i> is the highest-selling non-compilation album in the history of the Irish charts, being recently certified 25 times platinum by IRMA. It was the fourth studio album by which British singer-songwriter?	David <u>Gray</u>
Q2	A 2012 cover of the Bob Dylan track <i>Wagon Wheel</i> is the signature song of which country music star, who was born in Liverpool in 1990 to parents hailing from Newry, County Down?	Nathan <u>Carter</u>
Q3	Which actor, writer, impresario and co-founder of Dublin's Gate Theatre was born in London in 1899? At the age of 18 he moved to Ireland, changed his name, invented an Irish ancestry, and afterwards successfully maintained a fabricated identity as a native Irishman born in Cork.	Micheál <u>Mac Liammoir</u> ["lee-a-more"] (born Alfred <u>Willmore</u>)
Q4	Which Northern Irish politician, leader of the Alliance Party from 2001 to 2016, was born in the town of Orpington, Kent? A graduate of Queen's Belfast, he joined Alliance in 1989. Between 2010 and 2016, he held the role of Northern Ireland's Justice Minister before retiring from politics.	David <u>Ford</u>

Born in Ireland, Big in Britain

Q1	What is the stage name of Graham Walker, born in the Dublin suburb of Clondalkin in 1963? One of the biggest stars in British media, he has hosted an eponymous TV chat show on the BBC since 2007, and has acted as BBC's television commentator for the Eurovision Song Contest since 2009.	Graham <u>Norton</u>
Q2	Graham Norton succeeded which Limerick man in the role of the BBC's Eurovision commentator? A star of British TV and radio for five decades, this man was awarded a knighthood in 2005. Following his death in 2016, the BBC renamed the home of their Radio 2 station in his memory.	Terry <u>Wogan</u>
Q3	Which Athlone native, who became a household name in the UK as a radio and television broadcaster, passed away last week, at the age of 78? Between 1987 and 1996 he presented <i>Going for Gold</i> , a lunchtime BBC TV quiz show, featuring contestants from across Europe.	Henry <u>Kelly</u>
Q4	Regarded as the godmother of English ballet, what dancer, teacher, choreographer and director was born Edris Stannus in Blessington, County Wicklow, in 1898? In 1951, she was awarded the title of Dame by King George VI.	Ninette de <u>Valois</u>

Terms from Archaeology

Q1	The term "dendrochronology" is the scientific method of dating what specific features of a tree to the exact year they were formed? This is used in archaeology to accurately date buildings with wooden structures and components.	Tree <u>rings</u> / growth <u>rings</u>
Q2	What dating technique can be used to determine the age of organic materials less than 50,000 years old? Age is determined by examining the loss of a certain unstable isotope, which is absorbed by all living organisms during their lifespan.	Radiocarbon dating / <u>Carbon-14 dating</u> / <u>C-14 dating</u>
Q3	What name is given to an old dump for domestic waste, particularly in the context of archaeology? These features provide a useful resource for archaeologists who wish to study the diets and habits of past societies.	<u>Midden</u> / <u>Midden Heap</u>
Q4	What is the archaeological term for information relating to where an artefact or feature was found and what it was found in association with?	<u>Context</u>

Ireland's Major Champions

Q1	Born in Dublin in 1971, which golfer is second only to Rory McIlroy on the list of Irish wins at golfing majors, having won three tournaments: the (British) Open Championship in 2007 and 2008, and the USPGA also in 2008?	Pádraig <u>Harrington</u>
Q2	Which Irish professional golfer burst onto the scene by winning the Irish Open as an amateur in 2009, at the age of 22? Ten years later, he captured his only major title to date, when he won the Open Championship at Royal Portrush.	Shane <u>Lowry</u>
Q3	Which professional golfer from Portrush has a total of 16 professional wins to his name, including one major championship, the 2010 U.S. Open? In 2022, he joined the controversial LIV Golf tour.	Graeme <u>McDowell</u>
Q4	Which professional golfer, also born in Portrush, had been the only player from the island of Ireland to win a major championship before 2007? This man won The Open Championship in 1947 at the Royal Liverpool Golf Club.	Fred <u>Daly</u>