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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)	Elected in the Donegal constituency at last November's Irish general election, Charles Ward is the first and so far only TD for what small Irish political party? This party was formed in 2023 to represent homeowners impacted by the defective block crisis, where excess amounts of mica in concrete blocks has led to thousands of houses and buildings suffering structural damage.	<u>100% Redress</u>
Q1b (Team B Person 1)	Currently on a limited run at Wyndham's Theatre in London, <i>Stage/Fright</i> is a West End play based on what 2014-2024 BBC black comedy anthology series? The play stars Reece Shearsmith and Steve Pemberton, the two creators of the show, who also starred in most of its episodes.	<u>Inside No. 9</u>
Q2a (Team A Person 2)	One of the three founder members of girl group Bananarama, what singer with the first name Siobhán ["shivawn"] was born in Dublin in 1958? After leaving Bananarama in 1988, she went on to found Shakespears Sister, known for their global 1992 hit <i>Stay</i> .	Siobhán <u>Fahey</u> ["fah-hee"]
Q2b (Team B Person 2)	The world's oldest current head of state is 92-year-old Paul Biya, who since 1982 has been President of what Central African country?	<u>Cameroon</u>
Q3a (Team A Person 3)	The 1927 children's novel <i>The Tower Treasure</i> was the first in a long series of books featuring which characters: a pair of teenage amateur detectives named Frank and Joe? The books were written by a stable of ghostwriters under the collective pseudonym Franklin W. Dixon.	The <u>Hardy Boys</u>
Q3b (Team B Person 3)	The memorably-named village of Two-Mile Borris is in which Munster county, near its border with Kilkenny?	<u>Tipperary</u>
Q4a (Team A Person 4)	First broadcast in 2004, the title character of what Cartoon Network animated series is a young boy who after a teleporter accident becomes a human/ghost hybrid and gains an array of supernatural powers?	<u>Danny Phantom</u> (accept Daniel <u>Fenton</u>)
Q4b (Team B Person 4)	The series of 15 similar elements from number 57 to 71 on the periodic table are collectively known by what name? This umbrella term comes from the first element in the series, which in turn takes its name from the ancient Greek for "to lie hidden".	<u>Lanthanides</u> / <u>lanthanoids</u> (accept <u>lanthanum</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)	In Greek mythology, name the nymph who in order to spurn the advances of Apollo, invoked her father's divine powers to transform herself into a laurel tree? Her name, still used as a girl's name to this day, simply means "laurel" in Greek.	<u>Daphne</u>
Q1b (Team A Person 1)	The type of electrical current supplied by a battery is referred to as "DC", where the C stands for "current". What does the D stand for?	<u>Direct</u>
Q2a (Team B Person 2)	A design that has inspired countless imitations since its 2016 launch, what is the brand name of Apple's wireless Bluetooth earbuds, supplied with their own pocket-sized charging case?	<u>AirPods</u> (do <u>not</u> accept EarPods as they are the older non-wireless version)
Q2b (Team A Person 2)	Earth, Wind & Fire co-lead vocalist Philip Bailey had his biggest hit outside the band in 1985, when what duet with Phil Collins reached No. 1 in both Ireland and the UK?	<u>Easy Lover</u>
Q3a (Team B Person 3)	The 1830 opera <i>Anna Bolena</i> is based around the life and death of Anne Boleyn, King Henry VIII's ill-fated second wife. It is one of over 60 operas written by what Italian composer (1797-1848)?	Gaetano <u>Donizetti</u>
Q3b (Team A Person 3)	Raised as an orphan by her grandfather, a young girl named Nell Trent is the main character in what Charles Dickens novel?	The <u>Old Curiosity Shop</u>
Q4a (Team B Person 4)	Born in Monkstown, County Dublin, name the Irish athlete who won gold in the women's 3000 metres at the recent European Indoor Championships in the Netherlands? It was Ireland's first European indoor gold since 2007.	Sarah <u>Healy</u>
Q4b (Team A Person 4)	Who became the first English football club to win a European trophy when they lifted the European Cup Winners' Cup in 1963? This London club never won the competition again, but had further European success when they won the UEFA Cup in 1972 and 1984.	<u>Tottenham</u> Hotspur / <u>Spurs</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)	The world's youngest current head of state is 36-year-old Kristrún Frostadóttir, who since last December has been Prime Minister of what European country?	<u>Iceland</u>
Q1b (Team B Person 1)	American singer-songwriter Marilyn Martin had her biggest hit in 1985, when what duet with Phil Collins reached No. 1 in both Ireland and the US?	<u>Separate Lives</u>
Q2a (Team A Person 2)	The memorably-named village of Borris-in-Ossory is in which Leinster county, near its border with Tipperary?	<u>Laois</u> ["leesh"]
Q2b (Team B Person 2)	Raised as an orphan by her godmother Miss Barbary, a young woman named Esther Summerson is the main character of what Charles Dickens novel?	<u>Bleak House</u>
Q3a (Team A Person 3)	Born in Newry, County Down but raised in Dundalk, name the Irish athlete who won silver in the women's pentathlon at the recent World Indoor Championships in China? This came less than 2 weeks after she won bronze at the European Indoor Championships, setting a new Irish record in the process.	Kate <u>O'Connor</u>
Q3b (Team B Person 3)	First broadcast in 2005, the title character of what Cartoon Network animated series is a young boy who discovers a wristwatch-shaped device that allows him to transform into a number of different alien species?	<u>Ben 10</u> (accept Ben <u>Tennyson</u>)
Q4a (Team A Person 4)	Launched in 2021, what is the brand name of Apple's circular Bluetooth-enabled tracking devices, which users can attach to their property? They have become particularly popular with air travellers for keeping track of their checked-in luggage.	<u>AirTags</u>
Q4b (Team B Person 4)	The type of electrical current supplied through the mains grid is referred to as "AC", where the C stands for "current". What does the A stand for?	<u>Alternating</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)	The 1930 children's novel <i>The Secret of the Old Clock</i> was the first in a long series of books featuring which character: a sixteen-year old amateur detective created as a female counterpart to the Hardy Boys? The books were written by a stable of ghostwriters under the collective pseudonym Carolyn Keene.	Nancy <u>Drew</u>
Q1b (Team A Person 1)	The series of 15 similar elements from number 89 to 103 on the periodic table are collectively known by what name? This umbrella term comes from the first element in the series, which in turn takes its name from the ancient Greek for "beam" or "ray".	<u>Actinides</u> / <u>actinoids</u> (accept <u>actinium</u>)
Q2a (Team B Person 2)	Losing her seat in the Dublin South-Central constituency at last November's Irish general election, Joan Collins was the first and so far only TD for what small Irish political party? Previously an Independents 4 Change TD, Collins founded this new left-wing party in 2020 describing it as " <i>a grassroots movement that seeks a fairer, more equal Ireland</i> ".	<u>Right To Change</u>
Q2b (Team A Person 2)	Anne Boleyn is also a character in the 1883 opera <i>Henry VIII</i> , one of 12 operas written by what French composer (1835-1921)?	Camille <u>Saint-Saëns</u> [" <i>san-sonn</i> "]
Q3a (Team B Person 3)	One of the three founder members of girl group Sugababes, what singer with the first name Siobhán was born in London in 1984 to Irish parents? She left Sugababes in 2001 and released two critically-praised solo albums before rejoining her former bandmates in 2012.	Siobhán <u>Donaghy</u> [" <i>dun-a-hee</i> "]
Q3b (Team A Person 3)	In Greek mythology, what prince of Sparta was a male lover of Apollo until he died after accidentally being struck by a discus thrown by Apollo? This prince's name is nowadays usually considered a girl's name, and is also that of a flower which the grieving Apollo was said to have created from the prince's spilled blood.	<u>Hyacinth</u> (a.k.a. <u>Hyacinthus</u>)
Q4a (Team B Person 4)	Who became the second English football club to win a European trophy when they lifted the European Cup Winners' Cup in 1965? This London club never won the competition again, but had further European success when they won the UEFA Conference League in 2023.	<u>West Ham</u> United
Q4b (Team A Person 4)	Running since December 2023 at London's Phoenix Theatre, <i>The First Shadow</i> is a West End play which serves as a prequel to what Netflix show? Like the TV series, the play is set in the fictional American town of Hawkins.	<u>Stranger Things</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
A person born on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, would be what sign of the Zodiac?	<u>Pisces</u>
Also the name of a pre-decimal coin used in both Britain and Ireland, what is the currency of Kenya?	<u>Shilling</u>
A family with the surname Madrigal comprise the main characters in what Disney animated film?	<u>Encanto</u>
Who was Roman emperor at the time of the eruption of Vesuvius that destroyed Pompeii in 79 AD? This man had succeeded his father Vespasian only two months previously.	<u>Titus</u>

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TEAM QUESTIONS

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World Flags

Q1	Not counting Kosovo since it hasn't yet joined the UN, only one United Nations member state contains a map of the country itself on its flag. Which EU country is this?	<u>Cyprus</u>
Q2	It's a quiz chestnut that Jamaica is the only national flag that contains neither red, white, nor blue – but until recently, what African country also had this distinction, with a flag consisting of a gold star and crescent on a green background? That changed in 2017 when this country's government added a red stripe to the top and bottom of the flag.	<u>Mauritania</u>
Q3	The Irish flag's combination of green, white and orange stripes is a comparatively rare one, being found only in three other current UN member state flags: Ireland's "mirror flag twin" Côte d'Ivoire is one, please name <u>both</u> of the others? One is in Africa and the other in Asia – although the orange stripe of the latter is officially described as "saffron".	<u>Niger</u> / <u>India</u> (need <u>both</u>)
Q4	Apart from New Zealand, only one other UN member state features four stars on its flag: which island nation is this? The stars represent the four states that comprise the country: Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei, and Kosrae.	Federated States of <u>Micronesia</u>

Destroyed Art

Q1	Reclusive street artist Banksy made the news in 2018 when one of his paintings deliberately self-destructed seconds after being sold at auction, thanks to a shredder built into the frame. The artwork depicted a young girl with her arm outstretched as what object gets carried away by the wind?	<u>Balloon</u> (accept <u>heart</u>)
Q2	An event depicted in the Netflix series <i>The Crown</i> , in 1954 English artist Graham Sutherland was commissioned to paint a portrait of which notable figure to mark his 80th birthday? The subject reportedly detested the finished portrait and it was deliberately broken into pieces and burned mere months after its unveiling, under supervision of his wife.	Winston <u>Churchill</u>
Q3	The shortest-lived of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World was the Colossus of Rhodes, which stood for only 54 years before being toppled by an earthquake in 226 BCE. Standing in the main harbour of the Greek island of Rhodes, the Colossus was a 30-metre high statue of which Greek deity?	<u>Helios</u>
Q4	Around 400 paintings from Berlin's Kaiser Friedrich Museum were destroyed in a fire shortly before the end of World War 2: among them were <i>Christ on the Mount of Olives</i> , <i>Portrait of a Courtesan</i> and <i>Saint Matthew and the Angel</i> , three works by what notable painter, born in Milan in 1571?	<u>Caravaggio</u>

Fungi

Q1	The 1945 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine was awarded for the discovery and isolation of what substance? This discovery happened a decade and a half prior in St. Mary's Hospital London, when accidental contamination by fungal mould was seen to inhibit the growth of <i>Staphylococcus</i> bacteria.	<u>Penicillin</u> (accept <u>antibiotics</u>)
Q2	Two key aspects that differentiate fungal cells from plant cells are the presence of chitin [<i>"ky-tin"</i>] in the cell walls, and the absence of what organelles, which in plants are essential for photosynthesis?	<u>Chloroplasts</u>
Q3	The fungi species <i>Amanita phalloides</i> [<i>"fahll-oi-deez"</i>] is believed to be responsible for 90% of fatal mushroom poisonings worldwide, due to its resemblance to several edible fungi species, and its toxicity being unaffected by cooking. It is commonly known by what appropriate two-word name?	<u>Death cap</u>
Q4	"Magic mushrooms" is an informal term for roughly 200 species of fungi, consumed as a recreational drug for millennia due to the presence of what hallucinogenic compound?	<u>Psilocybin</u> (accept <u>psilocin</u>)

A Viral Treat

Q1	First produced in 2021 but gaining global prominence late last year after going viral on TikTok is a chocolate bar with a crispy and creamy pistachio-flavoured filling. The bar is commonly referred to by the name of the Middle Eastern city where it originated: what city is this?	<u>Dubai</u>
Q2	In the past few months, the European supermarket chains Aldi and Lidl have both produced own-branded versions of the Dubai chocolate bar. Unsurprisingly, taste tests still favour the original, in part because the knock-offs appear to contain less of what key ingredient, a creamy paste made from ground sesame seeds?	<u>Tahini</u> (accept <u>rashi</u>)
Q3	The distinctive crispiness of the Dubai chocolate bar's filling comes from what ingredient, a traditional Arab dessert made from strands of spun pastry dough soaked in sugar syrup?	<u>Knafeh</u> [<i>"kuh-na-fay"</i>]
Q4	Founded in 2021 by British-Egyptian entrepreneur Sarah Hamouda and her husband Yezen Alani, the confectionery company that invented the Dubai chocolate bar has what short name? This name is perhaps appropriate given the addictive nature of their product.	<u>Fix</u>

Sister Acts

Q1	Sisters of Boyzone's Shane Lynch, twins Keavy and Edele Lynch were two of the four members of what Irish girl band? Between 1997 and 2002 they had 4 UK Number 1 singles, including <i>Rollercoaster</i> and <i>To You I Belong</i> .	<u>B*Witched</u>
Q2	Comprised of a pair of sisters with the surname Appleby, name the English dance-pop duo whose biggest hits were <i>Showing Out</i> (1986) and <i>Respectable</i> (1987)?	<u>Mel & Kim</u>
Q3	The platinum-selling 2013 album <i>Days Are Gone</i> was the debut by what American band? Consisting of three sisters called Este, Danielle and Alana, the band's name is simply their shared surname.	<u>Haim</u> ["hy-im"]
Q4	The members of what 1970s disco/R&B act were a trio of sisters from Chicago with the surname Hutchinson? Their biggest hit was the 1977 US No. 1 <i>Best of My Love</i> , followed closely by 1979's <i>Boogie Wonderland</i> , a collaboration with Earth, Wind & Fire.	The <u>Emotions</u>

Sisters Act

Q1	What is the shared surname of the American actresses Kate (born 1983), known for the Netflix series <i>House of Cards</i> , and her sister Rooney (born 1985), star of the American version of <i>The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo</i> ?	<u>Mara</u>
Q2	A pair of sisters born during World War I are the only siblings to have won lead acting Oscars: please name <u>either</u> ? The younger sister won Best Actress for <i>Suspicion</i> in 1942, making her the only actor to win an Oscar for a Hitchcock film, while the older sister won twice in the late 1940s and made headlines in 2020 when she passed away at the ripe old age of 104.	Joan <u>Fontaine</u> / Olivia <u>de Havilland</u> (accept <u>either</u>)
Q3	Two English sisters are the most recent siblings to have competed directly against each other for an Oscar, doing so in 1967 when the elder sister was up for Best Actress for the film <i>Morgan!</i> and the younger sister likewise for <i>Georgy Girl</i> (although neither of them won). Please name them? You must give <u>both</u> first names as well as their shared surname.	<u>Vanessa & Lynn Redgrave</u> (need <u>both</u>)
Q4	Other than the siblings mentioned in Q2 and Q3, the only other pair of Oscar-nominated acting sisters both have what surname? Each of them was nominated for Best Supporting Actress once during their careers: one sister in 1985 for <i>Agnes of God</i> and the other in 1995 for <i>Bullets Over Broadway</i> .	<u>Tilly</u> (Meg and Jennifer)

The Irish in F1

Q1	Formula 1 legend Michael Schumacher drove his first Grand Prix in 1991 for what Irish-owned constructor? Named after the late Dubliner who founded the team, their best season came in 1999 when they finished 3rd in the F1 Constructors' Championship.	Jordan (founded by Eddie Jordan)
Q2	The most successful Irish F1 competitor (North or South) is which driver from Newtownards, County Down? He started his career at Jordan in 1993 before moving to Ferrari, where he finished runner-up in the 1999 World Drivers' Championship, losing to Mika Häkkinen in the last race of the season.	Eddie Irvine
Q3	Not to be confused with a famous literary sidekick, what Belfast-born racer is the second-most successful Northern Irish Formula 1 driver? The peak of his 12-season F1 career came in 1982, when he finished third in the World Drivers' Championship behind Keke Rosberg and Didier Pironi.	John Watson
Q4	Born in Dublin in 1951, who is the only driver from the Republic of Ireland to have scored points in Formula 1? Competing between 1978 and 1982 for an assortment of teams including Tyrell and Williams, he earned points in 8 different Grands Prix, including two 4th place finishes in 1980.	Derek Daly

English Townspeople

Four questions about people whose surname is also the name of a major English town or city.

Q1	<i>How Can We Be Lovers</i> and <i>How Am I Supposed To Live Without You</i> were early 90s hits for what American singer, noted for his powerful voice and long curly mullet – although he has long since cut off the mullet?	Michael Bolton (born Michael Bolotin)
Q2	Name the English comedian and puppeteer best known for his many TV appearances in the 1970s & 80s with his puppet sidekick Emu, including one highly memorable episode of Michael Parkinson's chat show in 1976 which ended with the host lying on the studio floor being attacked by the bird?	Rod Hull
Q3	The 2023 novel <i>The Wonder of It All</i> was the last of 40 books written by what bestselling English author, who died in November of last year aged 91?	Barbara Taylor Bradford (born Barbara Taylor)
Q4	Last week, which Zimbabwean two-time Olympic champion swimmer was elected President of the International Olympic Committee – the first woman and first African to hold the post?	Kirsty Coventry