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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 2019 movie <i>Hobbs and Shaw</i> was a spin-off from what action movie franchise? It stars Dwayne Johnson and Jason Statham reprising their characters from said franchise.	<u>Fast & Furious</u>
Q1b (Team B Person 1)	One of the most memorable TV ads of the Noughties saw thousands of multi-coloured rubber balls bouncing in slow motion down a San Francisco street, in an advertisement for what specific range of products by Sony?	<u>Bravia</u> (prompt on "TVs")
Q2a (Team A Person 2)	Born in Belfast in 1876, name the Irish artist who began his career in London as an illustrator, before a visit to Achill Island in 1910 inspired him to turn to painting? He spent several years living on Achill, during which he developed his signature style of post-Impressionist landscapes using sparse layouts and muted colours.	Paul <u>Henry</u>
Q2b (Team B Person 2)	Founded in 2022, which Irish music and arts festival is due to be held next weekend in Wicklow's Glendalough Estate, with Róisín Murphy and TV on the Radio among the headliners? The festival had garnered unwanted publicity over the weekend following reports that it would be cancelled due to financial issues, however this was quickly resolved.	<u>Beyond the Pale</u>
Q3a (Team A Person 3)	In December, what GAA club beat Clare's Truagh Clonlara to win the most recent All-Ireland Senior Club Camogie Championship? This club from east County Galway has won 4 out of the last 6 finals and been runner-up in the other two.	<u>Sarsfields</u>
Q3b (Team B Person 3)	What is the single-word title of the first number-one hit by English singer Lola Young? Released last December, in the New Year it spent 4 weeks at the top of both the Irish and UK charts, and was recently announced as the UK's most-streamed song of the year so far.	<u>Messy</u>
Q4a (Team A Person 4)	The second law of thermodynamics states that what quantity in an isolated system inevitably increases over time? This quantity can be defined as the measure of the disorder or randomness in a system.	<u>Entropy</u>
Q4b (Team B Person 4)	Taking its name from the Italian for "hole", what pasta variety resembles a skinny drinking straw, essentially being a type of thick spaghetti with a hole running through the centre?	<u>Bucatini</u> / <u>perciatelli</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)	At last night's 78th Tony Awards, the prize for Best Revival of a Musical went to which show? With music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, this musical originally debuted on the West End in 1993, and was based on (and shares its title with) a classic 1950 movie.	<u>Sunset Boulevard</u>
Q1b (Team A Person 1)	Which modern-day country, previously part of the Soviet Union, is known as Sakartvelo in its local language?	<u>Georgia</u>
Q2a (Team B Person 2)	New Providence is the most populous island in what Caribbean island country? It contains roughly 70% of the country's population of 450,000, including the capital Nassau.	The <u>Bahamas</u>
Q2b (Team A Person 2)	Launched in March of this year, what Irish actress, writer and wife of a famous sportsman is behind the "Ah" range of wines, a brand name derived from her initials?	Amy <u>Huberman</u>
Q3a (Team B Person 3)	Unsurprisingly, the record for most French Open men's singles titles is held by Rafa Nadal, with an unassailable 14. Prior to this, what fellow European player had previously held the Open-era record, winning 6 times at Roland-Garros between 1974 and 1981?	Björn <u>Borg</u>
Q3b (Team A Person 3)	Since January of this year, retired Republic of Ireland legend Robbie Keane has served as the manager of what Hungarian club, guiding them to a seventh consecutive league title with a dramatic victory in their final game of the season last month?	<u>Ferencváros</u> ["fer-ens-var-osh"] / <u>Ferencvárosi TC</u>
Q4a (Team B Person 4)	Instantly hitting the bestseller list upon its release in October last year, <i>We Solve Murders</i> is the latest "cosy crime" novel by what English TV producer and quiz show presenter turned novelist?	Richard <u>Osman</u>
Q4b (Team A Person 4)	<i>Money</i> and <i>Us and Them</i> are two of the tracks on what 1973 album, one of the best-selling albums of all time? (Artist <u>and</u> album title required)	<u>Pink Floyd</u> / The <u>Dark Side of the Moon</u> (need <u>both</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)	Upolu is the most populous island in what Pacific island country? It contains roughly 70% of the country's population of 200,000, including the capital Apia.	<u>Samoa</u>
Q1b (Team B Person 1)	Despite the name, it has nothing to do with <i>Fast & Furious</i> : the 2024 film <i>Furiosa</i> was a spin-off from what action movie franchise? It stars Anya Taylor-Joy as a younger version of the character played by Charlize Theron in said franchise.	<u>Mad Max</u>
Q2a (Team A Person 2)	Similar to bucatini but with a larger diameter, the name of what type of pasta comes from two similar words meaning "bride" and "groom" in Sicilian? A popular dish in Italian-American cuisine is the "baked" version of this pasta, in which it is mixed with tomato sauce and cheese and cooked in the oven to make a casserole.	<u>Ziti</u>
Q2b (Team B Person 2)	Launched in Ireland in April of this year, what famous Argentinian sportsman is behind the "Más+" range of energy drinks, named after the Spanish word for "more"?	Lionel <u>Messi</u>
Q3a (Team A Person 3)	Born in Hawaii in 1978, what former girl band member and reality TV judge won her first Tony Award last night? She scooped Best Actress in a Musical for her role as Norma Desmond in the revival of <i>Sunset Boulevard</i> .	Nicole <u>Scherzinger</u> (born Nicole <u>Valiente</u>)
Q3b (Team B Person 3)	Which modern-day country, previously part of the Soviet Union, is known as Hayastan in its local language?	<u>Armenia</u>
Q4a (Team A Person 4)	The Sony Bravia "rubber ball" TV ad was soundtracked by the song <i>Heartbeats</i> , by what indie-folk singer-songwriter, born in Sweden to Argentinian parents? The resulting exposure helped his 2003 debut album <i>Veneer</i> reach No. 2 in the Irish charts and go platinum in the UK.	José <u>González</u>
Q4b (Team B Person 4)	<i>Paradise by the Dashboard Light</i> and <i>You Took the Words Right Out of My Mouth</i> are two of the tracks on what 1977 album, one of the best-selling albums of all time? (Artist <u>and</u> album title required)	<u>Meat Loaf</u> / <u>Bat Out of Hell</u> (need <u>both</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)	Before moving to Hungary, Robbie Keane had spent a successful 12 months as the manager of what Israeli Premier League team, winning both the League title and League Cup in his only season in charge?	<u>Maccabi Tel Aviv</u> (prompt on "Tel Aviv")
Q1b (Team A Person 1)	What is the single-word title of the first number-one hit by American singer Alex Warren? Released in January, it spent 6 weeks at the top of the Irish singles chart, while in the UK it is still at the summit after 12 weeks, just a few days ago breaking the 70-year old record for most consecutive weeks at No. 1 by an American act.	<u>Ordinary</u>
Q2a (Team B Person 2)	In December, what GAA club beat Dublin's Kilmacud Crokes to win the most recent All-Ireland Senior Club Ladies' Football Championship? This club from north County Galway has won the last 4 finals in a row – you may give <u>either</u> half of its double-barrelled name.	<u>Kilkerrin–Clonberne</u> (accept <u>either</u> half)
Q2b (Team A Person 2)	<i>We Solve Murders</i> is the beginning of a second series of "cosy crime" novels by Richard Osman: what was the first? Named after the first book in the series, published in 2020, this sequence of four novels has sold over 10 million copies to date.	The <u>Thursday Murder Club</u>
Q3a (Team B Person 3)	Born in the Dublin suburb of Stillorgan in 1878, name the Irish painter who spent much of his career in London and is perhaps best known for his many striking self-portraits, but also his work as a war artist, being the most prolific of the official artists sent by Britain to the Western Front?	William <u>Orpen</u>
Q3b (Team A Person 3)	What American player holds the record for most French Open women's singles titles, winning 7 times between 1974 and 1986?	Chris <u>Evert</u>
Q4a (Team B Person 4)	The third law of thermodynamics states that a system's entropy approaches a constant value as its temperature decreases towards what theoretical limit?	<u>Absolute zero</u>
Q4b (Team A Person 4)	Founded in 2018, what Irish music and arts festival is due to be held on the August Bank Holiday weekend in Waterford's Curraghmore Estate, with Fontaines DC and Nelly Furtado among the headliners? In 2019, the festival garnered unwanted publicity following reports of extreme traffic delays for festivalgoers, however these were largely resolved in subsequent years.	<u>All Together Now</u>

Round 8 - Team

Team **B** to pick a topic first

Team **A** to use last remaining topic

END OF QUIZ

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TEAM QUESTIONS

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E Numbers

Q1	The so-called "E numbers" are a list of food additives which are currently (or were previously) approved for use in the European Union. For decades they have been the subject of various concerns, for example the (unverified) claims about the negative effects of E621, which is what common flavour enhancer that increases the umami flavour of foods?	<u>MSG / Monosodium glutamate</u>
Q2	Despite popular perception, not all E numbers are artificial additives, and not all of them are bad for you. E306 to E309 inclusive are tocopherols, which are different chemical forms of what vitamin? Foods rich in this vitamin include seeds, nuts, avocados and spinach.	Vitamin <u>E</u>
Q3	The very first of the E numbers is E100, a yellow colouring called curcumin, used to colour foods such as curry powder, mustard and cheese. It is derived from which spice? Despite the colouring's name, the answer is <u>not</u> cumin.	<u>Turmeric</u>
Q4	E422 is what colourless, sweet-tasting viscous liquid, used as a thickening agent in liqueurs and as a filler in low-fat treats like cookies? Its non-food uses include being one of the key ingredients in KY Jelly, as well as being used to produce the "vape smoke" in electronic cigarettes.	<u>Glycerol</u> (accept <u>glycerine</u>)

Yer Wan Off the Telly

Q1	Name the red-haired Donegal-born presenter who was a constant sight on Irish television in the late 80s and early 90s, first on the daily RTÉ show <i>Evening Extra</i> , then later on her own eponymous RTÉ series – making her the first female broadcaster in Ireland to be given her own TV chat show?	Bibi <u>Baskin</u> (born Olive <u>Baskin</u>)
Q2	Following in Bibi's footsteps was what journalist and presenter, given her own eponymous chat show on Virgin Media from 2016-2021? This busy broadcaster started out as a TV3 newsreader, is currently one of the weekend anchors of <i>Ireland AM</i> , and competed on this year's series of RTÉ's <i>Dancing with the Stars</i> . (You may answer simply with her first name since that was the title of her chat show.)	<u>Elaine Crowley</u> (accept first <u>or</u> last name)
Q3	Broadcast three times a week and focusing on human interest stories and cultural events around Ireland, RTÉ's <i>Nationwide</i> has been an early evening fixture on Irish TV since the 1990s, originally hosted by Michael Ryan and later Mary Kennedy. It is currently fronted by two female presenters: one who joined the show in 2012 and the other in 2020. Please name <u>both</u> ?	Anne <u>Cassin</u> / Bláthnaid <u>Ní Chofaigh</u> [" <i>blawnid nee kuffee</i> "] -- need <u>both</u>
Q4	Following a viral 2023 interview in which she jokingly claimed to have played Jenny the donkey in <i>The Banshees of Inisherin</i> , what Boston-born Black actress has kept up a running joke about being Irish, mentioning the Emerald Isle during multiple interviews and awards speeches? This Emmy-winning performer is best known for her TV roles, particularly for playing the young sous-chef Sydney in <i>The Bear</i> .	Ayo <u>Edebiri</u>

Long Journeys

Q1	Best remembered for the shows <i>Wide Awake Club</i> and <i>Wacaday</i> , name the retired English children's TV presenter who has spent the past 2 months on a meandering cycle tour of Ireland, documenting his journey on social media? After finishing all 2,500 km of the Wild Atlantic Way, in the last couple of days he has made his way up to Dublin: his trademark colourful attire should make him easy to spot!	Timmy <u>Mallett</u>
Q2	Starting in October 1934 and covering 10,000 kilometres in 12 months, the so-called Long March involved the Chinese Communist Party and Red Army retreating to the north of China in a successful attempt to regroup and rebuild in their civil war against which adversary, China's sole ruling party between 1922 and 1949?	<u>Kuomintang / KMT / Nationalist Party</u> of China
Q3	In a notable epic poem written in Mesopotamia between 3,000 and 4,000 years ago, which mythological king of the ancient city of Uruk undertakes a long and perilous journey to discover the secret of eternal life following the death of his wife Enkidu?	<u>Gilgamesh</u>
Q4	Born in County Tyrone in 1838, the Irish soldier-turned-explorer John King found fame in Australia in the 1860s as the sole surviving member of what expedition, the first to cross Australia from south to north? The two men after whom the expedition was named both died on the return southwards journey, having travelled roughly 5,000 kilometres.	<u>Burke and Wills</u> expedition

Big Lakes

Q1	Despite its name, the Caspian Sea is famous as being the world's largest lake, bigger than Ireland and the UK combined. It has a shoreline on five different countries: Russia is one – please name ANY of the others?	<u>Azerbaijan / Iran / Kazakhstan / Turkmenistan</u> (accept any)
Q2	It's not the Great Bear Lake, but what is the deepest lake in Canada – and indeed North America as a whole? Located in the Northwest Territories, its deepest point is 614 metres, over 50% below that of Lake Superior. It is also the tenth-largest lake in the world, with an area of 27,000km ² (slightly larger than Munster).	<u>Great Slave</u> Lake
Q3	Located in Eastern Turkey and with an area of 3,755 km ² (slightly larger than County Clare), what is the largest lake in the Middle East? It shares its name with a mode of transport.	Lake <u>Van</u>
Q4	One of the three Lakes of Killarney (along with Lough Leane and Upper Lake), what is the name of Ireland's deepest lake? A 2003 hydro-acoustic scan revealed a mysterious object the size of a house lurking on the lake bed 75 metres down, which has led some to speculate the existence of a Loch Ness-type monster.	<u>Muckross</u> Lake

Ah Jaysus, More Questions About Chocolate

Q1	"First it's <i>crispy</i> , then it's <i>creamy</i> " -- this was part of a jingle for what Irish chocolate bar, launched in 1976 and sold today in over 20 countries? Consisting of creamy caramel topped with rice crispies and chocolate, it is nowadays also available in dark chocolate and mint variants, alongside the original milk chocolate version in its distinctive red wrapper.	<u>Catch</u>
Q2	Name the entrepreneur who co-founded Irish children's charity The Jack and Jill Foundation in 1997 with her husband Jonathan Irwin? 5 years previously, she had also founded a popular Irish chocolatier in her County Kildare kitchen, a company she named after her youngest daughter.	Mary Ann <u>O'Brien</u> (founder of Lily O'Brien's)
Q3	Popular for decades before being discontinued in the 1980s, what Irish-made chocolate bar was named after its unusual composition: a twin layer of cream fudge and vanilla fondant, topped by dark chocolate on top and milk chocolate underneath?	<u>Two and Two</u>
Q4	Named after the parish near Strabane, County Tyrone where it was founded in 1919, what Irish chocolate company produced the Two and Two, among many other products? In the 1920s they moved to Tallaght, County Dublin where they operated one of Europe's largest chocolate factories for decades before it closed in 1980.	<u>Urney</u>

Four-letter Words

Q1	What four-letter word links the brightest star in the constellation Lyra and the acting role which gave John Travolta the more recent of his two Oscar nominations?	<u>Vega</u>
Q2	Coming from a Sanskrit word meaning "land" or "country", what four-letter term is widely used by the global South Asian diaspora as an adjective to describe people, cultures, and products originating from the Indian subcontinent?	<u>Desi</u>
Q3	Selling over 12 million copies worldwide, name the 1998 album by Moby which is the best-selling and most critically-acclaimed LP of his career? It is notable for its extensive use of samples from vintage blues and gospel records, for example in the hit singles <i>Why Does My Heart Feel So Bad?</i> and <i>Natural Blues</i> .	<u>Play</u>
Q4	Designed by architect Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, Villa Tugendhat is an architecturally-significant 1920s building in what EU city, population 400,000? Considered an icon of modern architecture due to its revolutionary layout and use of building materials, the building has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2001.	<u>Brno</u> [" <i>burr-no</i> "]

Irish Bishops

Q1	Making a punning reference to a 1993 Daniel Day-Lewis film, what was the title of RTÉ's 2008 documentary mini-series starring New York-born comedian Des Bishop about his efforts to become fluent in the Irish language?	<u>In The Name of the Fada</u>
Q2	Born in Derry in 1961, who has served as the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland since 2014?	Eamon <u>Martin</u>
Q3	Since 2019, the stadium of what League of Ireland First Division soccer team has been known as Bishopsgate for sponsorship reasons? You may answer with the club name <u>or</u> the stadium's non-sponsored name.	<u>Longford</u> Town / <u>Strokestown Road</u>
Q4	Most common in Ulster and in Scotland, what surname of Gaelic origin is derived from the Irish for "bishop's servant"? Among several notable people with this surname is a retired Northern Irish international footballer who spent the bulk of his career at Newcastle United and Blackburn Rovers in the late 1990s and early 2000s.	<u>Gillespie</u> (the footballer is Keith Gillespie)

Happy Birthday

Q1	Celebrating his 47th birthday today (9th June) is Matt Bellamy, the front man and lyricist of what English rock band? Their multiple chart-topping albums include <i>The Resistance</i> and <i>Black Holes and Revelations</i> .	<u>Muse</u>
Q2	Born on 9th June 1843 was what notable Austro-Bohemian noblewoman, pacifist and novelist? In 1905, she became the second female Nobel laureate (after Marie Curie) when she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for her extensive anti-war activism.	Bertha von <u>Suttner</u>
Q3	The acclaimed 2003 documentary <i>The Fog of War</i> was mainly comprised of interviews with what former US Secretary of Defense, born on 9th June 1916? Serving from 1961 to 1968 under presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson, he played a major role in promoting US involvement in the Vietnam War.	Robert <u>McNamara</u>
Q4	What Holy Roman Emperor, the first of his name, was born on 9th June 1640? He was one of the key instigators of the War of the Spanish Succession through his efforts to claim the Spanish throne for his son, Archduke Charles.	<u>Leopold</u>