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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)	Who is by far the dominant athlete competing today in the men's pole vault? The winner of gold at the last two Olympic Games, this Swedish athlete has broken the world record in the event on 11 occasions to date.	Armand <u>Duplantis</u>
Q1b (Team B Person 1)	Which radio programme, founded in 1925 as the <i>WSM Barn Dance</i> , is America's longest-running radio broadcast? Hosted in Nashville, Tennessee, this live country-music radio show adopted its famous three word name in 1927. Since 1974, this is also the name of the physical building in which the show has been held.	<u>Grand Ole Opry</u>
Q2a (Team A Person 2)	Which Russian stage actor and director (1863-1938) is best remembered today for his "system" of actor training, preparation, and rehearsal technique? The system cultivates what he called the "art of experiencing" and also features a grounded rehearsal process that came to be known as the "Method of Physical Action".	Konstantin <u>Stanislavski</u>
Q2b (Team B Person 2)	Which golf club in County Limerick will host the 2027 Ryder Cup? Designed by Robert Trent Jones, this course was added to the resort with which it shares its name in 1995, and was the venue for the Irish Open in both 2007 and 2008.	<u>Adare</u> Manor
Q3a (Team A Person 3)	First released in 1983, what application has been the de facto standard word processing software since the 1990s, when it eclipsed rival WordPerfect? Since 1988, this app has been a core component of Microsoft's Office suite.	Microsoft <u>Word</u>
Q3b (Team B Person 3)	Which country music legend performed guest vocals on <i>Justified and Ancient</i> , a top 5 hit in both Ireland and the UK in 1991 for dance group The KLF?	Tammy <u>Wynette</u> (born Virginia <u>Pugh</u>)
Q4a (Team A Person 4)	Which battle took place 15 days after the signing of the Treaty of Ghent, which formally ended the War of 1812? In the battle, forces under Brevet Major General Andrew Jackson defeated British Army forces under Major General Sir Edward Pakenham.	Battle of <u>New Orleans</u>
Q4b (Team B Person 4)	<i>The Last Stand</i> , <i>Logan</i> and <i>Days of Future Past</i> are three of the entries in which very successful film series, the 7th highest-grossing series in cinema history?	<u>X-Men</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 type of computer keyboard features keys that are not separate moving parts, but rather are pressure pads that have only outlines and symbols printed on a flat, flexible surface? This keyboard is often used in harsh environments where water or leak-proofing is desirable.	<u>Membrane</u>
Q1b (Team A Person 1)	Which historian and politician has been president-elect of Poland since June 1st? This man finished second behind Warsaw mayor Rafał Trzaskowski [<i>"raff-ow tras-kovski"</i>] in the first round of voting on May 18th. However, he then defeated Trzaskowski in a run-off election.	Karol <u>Nawrocki</u> [<i>"nav-rotski"</i>]
Q2a (Team B Person 2)	Which of Ireland's seven national parks is the smallest in area, at 15 km ² ? This park shares its name with the famous karst landscape in which it is located.	<u>Burren</u> National Park
Q2b (Team A Person 2)	Native to the island of Sicily, what type of pastry consists of a tube-shaped shell of fried pastry dough, filled with a sweet, creamy filling made from ricotta cheese?	<u>Cannoli</u>
Q3a (Team B Person 3)	Plants descended from the Cavendish cultivar, which was grown in the greenhouse of William Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire, make up the large majority of the annual global production of which common fruit, originally native to South East Asia?	<u>Banana</u>
Q3b (Team A Person 3)	What perfumery ingredient is obtained from the odorous sacs of the North American beaver? This yellowish substance is largely used for its fragrance notes which are reminiscent of leather.	<u>Castoreum</u>
Q4a (Team B Person 4)	The mathematical formula that gives the area of a triangle in terms of its three side lengths is named for which first-century engineer, based in the city of Alexandria?	<u>Heron</u> / <u>Hero</u>
Q4b (Team A Person 4)	Carlos Alcaraz's victory in the men's singles at the 2024 French Open made him the first winner who wasn't called Nadal, Djokovic or Federer since which man in 2015? Despite being somewhat of a lesser light on the Tour, this Swiss player won the men's singles at three of the four majors during his career.	Stanislas "Stan" <u>Wawrinka</u> [<i>"va-vrinka"</i>]

Round 4 - Team

Team **B** to pick a topic first

Team **A** to pick a topic second

<u>Round 5 - Individual</u>	Question	Answer
Q1a (Team A Person 1)	Whilst the Grand Ole Opry has been on air since 1925, it is still only the world's second-longest running radio programme. Which daily service broadcast on BBC Radio, produced by the British Met Office, has been on air since January 1st, 1924?	The <u>Shipping Forecast</u>
Q1b (Team B Person 1)	Which low-density, dry, egg-based, sweet sponge cake biscuits are a principal ingredient in many dessert recipes, such as trifles and charlottes and, perhaps most famously, tiramisu? They are typically soaked in a sugar syrup or liqueur, or espresso in the case of tiramisu.	<u>Ladyfingers</u> / <u>Naples biscuits</u> / <u>Savoardi</u> / <u>Boudoir</u> biscuits
Q2a (Team A Person 2)	Which Welsh singing legend performed guest vocals on a 1988 cover of the Prince song <i>Kiss</i> , alongside synth-pop group Art of Noise? This version of the song reached the top 10 in both the Irish and UK charts.	Tom <u>Jones</u>
Q2b (Team B Person 2)	Who is by far the dominant athlete competing today in the women's 400 metres hurdles? The winner of gold at the last two Olympic Games, this American athlete has broken the world record in the event on six occasions to date.	Sydney <u>McLaughlin-Levrone</u> (accept either surname or both)
Q3a (Team A Person 3)	Burren National Park will shortly no longer be the country's smallest. In September 2023, the Irish government bought Dowth Hall and 552 acres (approx 2.2 km ²) of surrounding land, with a view to creating a national park named after which ancient monument complex and ritual landscape?	<u>Brú na Bóinne</u> / <u>Boyne Valley</u>
Q3b (Team B Person 3)	Which battle took place on November 7th, 1811, between American forces led by then Governor William Henry Harrison of the Indiana Territory and the tribal forces of Shawnee leader Tecumseh and his brother Tenskwatawa? The US victory dealt a fatal blow for Tecumseh's native American confederacy.	Battle of <u>Tippecanoe</u>
Q4a (Team A Person 4)	Films subtitled <i>Ghost Protocol</i> , <i>Rogue Nation</i> and <i>Dead Reckoning</i> are three entries in which very successful film series, the 16th highest-grossing series in cinema history?	<u>Mission: Impossible</u>
Q4b (Team B Person 4)	Which actor and acting coach (1901-82) is considered to be the father of method acting in America? Some of the actors trained by this man include Anne Bancroft, Al Pacino and James Dean. As an actor, he is best known for his portrayal of the primary antagonist, Hyman Roth, in <i>The Godfather: Part II</i> .	Lee <u>Strasberg</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)	Coco Gauff's victory in the women's singles at this year's French Open saw her become the third lady to win the title in the 2020s. While Iga Świątek has won the title on four occasions, which Czech player won the remaining title, in 2021? This lady has won the singles title at two of the four majors so far, the other being her triumph at Wimbledon last year.	Barbora <u>Krejčíková</u> ["kretch-i-kohva"]
Q1b (Team A Person 1)	Plants descended from the Hayward cultivar, developed by Hayward Wright in New Zealand in the 1920s, make up the majority of the annual production of which fruit, originally native to China?	<u>Kiwifruit / Chinese Gooseberry</u>
Q2a (Team B Person 2)	First released in 1985 on the Macintosh, what application is the dominant spreadsheet software used worldwide? This application has also been a part of Microsoft Office since 1988.	Microsoft <u>Excel</u>
Q2b (Team A Person 2)	While "Heron's formula" allows one to calculate of the area of a triangle, "Heron's method" is an algorithm used to calculate what type of number? Published in 60 CE, this was the first explicit algorithm for approximating these numbers.	<u>Square roots</u>
Q3a (Team B Person 3)	What perfumery ingredient, commonly known as "Africa stone", is the petrified excrement of <i>Procavia capensis</i> , a medium sized mammal known in its native South Africa as a "dassie"? This material hardens until it becomes a fairly sterile, rock-like material that contains compounds giving it an earthy, deeply complex fermented scent.	<u>Hyraceum</u>
Q3b (Team A Person 3)	Which golf club in County Clare will host the 2026 Walker Cup, the amateur golfing equivalent of the Ryder Cup? This golf club has been the home of the South of Ireland Championship since 1895.	<u>Lahinch</u>
Q4a (Team B Person 4)	Which mathematician and civic activist was elected President of Romania in May 2025? This man finished second behind George Simion in the first round of voting on May 4th. However, he then defeated Simion in a run-off election.	Nicușor <u>Dan</u>
Q4b (Team A Person 4)	What type of computer keyboard features an array of small, flat lozenge-shaped rubber or plastic keys that look like erasers or the brand of chewing gum from which they get their name? It is an evolution of the membrane keyboard.	<u>Chiclet</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
When will the next leap year occur?	<u>2028</u>
Uncle Travelling Matt, the Doozers and Marjory the Trash Heap are all characters that appear in which children's fantasy puppet television series, created by Jim Henson in 1983?	<u>Fraggle Rock</u>
Which historic 2,362-seat live performance venue in Nashville was the home of the Grand Ole Opry from 1943 to 1974? Originally called the Union Gospel Tabernacle, this storied venue was designated a National Historic Landmark in 2001 and added to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 2022.	<u>Ryman</u> Auditorium
Which Irish professional footballer has won an incredible 11 League of Ireland winners medals since his debut in 2011? Last season he appeared in 26 of Shelbourne's 36 games during their surprise title victory.	Sean <u>Gannon</u>

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Buzz

Q1	Primarily voiced by comedian Tim Allen, " <i>To infinity and beyond!</i> " is the catchphrase of which fictional character in the Disney/Pixar <i>Toy Story</i> franchise?	Buzz <u>Lightyear</u>
Q2	<i>Buzz!</i> is a series of quiz video games developed by Relentless Software and published by Sony Computer Entertainment. The series began with <i>Buzz! The Music Quiz</i> in 2005 which, like seven subsequent games, was released on which specific Sony games console?	<u>PlayStation 2</u> / <u>PS2</u>
Q3	What was the original first/given name of the second person to walk on the moon? His nickname, which became his legal first name in 1988, arose as a result of his sister Fay's mispronouncing of the word "brother" as "buzzer".	<u>Edwin</u> (a.k.a. Buzz Aldrin)
Q4	Buzz is a subsidiary of Irish airline Ryanair, a sister airline to the likes of Malta Air and Lauda Europe. Originally called Ryanair Sun, this airline is based in which former Warsaw Pact country?	<u>Poland</u>

Winning Streak

Q1	Name the man who hosted the most episodes of the RTÉ lottery gameshow <i>Winning Streak</i> , which aired from 1990 to 2020? Since 2000, this man has provided the television commentary for RTÉ's coverage of the Eurovision Song Contest.	Marty <u>Whelan</u>
Q2	Who was the original host of <i>Winning Streak</i> , doing so for 11 series until 2001? This man was ubiquitous on Irish TV in the 1970s and 80s, hosting sports coverage, quizzes and playing pranks.	Mike <u>Murphy</u>
Q3	Which TV host, who got her break when chosen to present children's programme <i>Rapid</i> with Jason Sherlock in the 1990s, hosted <i>Winning Streak</i> between 2008 and 2011? Since leaving <i>Winning Streak</i> , this lady has also hosted <i>Operation Transformation</i> .	Kathryn <u>Thomas</u>
Q4	In 2014, which RTÉ weather presenter stood in for regular host Sinead Kennedy, as the latter was getting married? This lady has since become associated with other lottery productions, including the main Lotto draw and <i>Telly Bingo</i> .	Nuala <u>Carey</u>

Cuba Libre!

Q1	Following the Cuban revolution of 1958, two brothers sharing which surname subsequently led the government of that country right up until 2021?	<u>Castro</u> (Fidel and Raul)
Q2	The Cuban Revolution saw the ousting of which dictator, who had ruled Cuba from 1952? He had also previously ruled the country from 1940-44.	Fulgencio <u>Batista</u>
Q3	The ideology of which 19th century nationalist and poet was a major driving force in the Cuban revolution? Some of the writings of this man, who was killed at the Battle of Dos Ríos in 1895, were adapted to create the patriotic song <i>Guantanamera</i> .	José <u>Martí</u>
Q4	Which revolutionary organisation and later political party, both led by Fidel Castro, is considered the leading organisation of the Cuban Revolution? Its name commemorates the date of a failed 1953 attack on the Moncada Barracks in the city of Santiago de Cuba.	<u>26th of July</u> movement / <u>M-26-7</u>

P.D.A.

Q1	Depending on cultural sensitivities, couples engaging in activities such as kissing, hugging or even holding hands may be accused of performing a "PDA". What do the letters PDA represent in this context?	<u>Public Display of Affection</u>
Q2	Ultimately displaced by the widespread adoption of more highly capable smartphones, the personal digital assistant (PDA) was a multi-purpose mobile device which functioned as a personal information manager. Which company dominated this sector in the 1990s, with devices such as the Pilot, M100 and Treo?	<u>Palm</u>
Q3	Released in August 2002, <i>PDA</i> was the title of the debut single by which American rock band? The song was also included on their debut album, <i>Turn on the Bright Lights</i> , released earlier that same month.	<u>Interpol</u>
Q4	What do the letters PDA refer to when used to describe a behavioural profile characterised by an intense resistance to everyday tasks and expectations, often seen in individuals with autism?	<u>Pathological Demand Avoidance</u>

Winning Football Coaches '25

Q1	Which Dutch football manager was appointed head coach of English club Liverpool in June 2024, and subsequently led the team to a Premier League title in his first season?	Arne <u>Slot</u>
Q2	Which former player, still the record goal scorer for the Northern Ireland men's football team, managed Linfield to win the 2024/25 NIFL Premiership? This is the sixth league title this man has led the team to, since his appointment as manager in 2015.	David <u>Healy</u>
Q3	Which Austrian football coach has just guided his team Crystal Palace to its first major trophy, winning the FA Cup by defeating Manchester City?	Oliver <u>Glasner</u>
Q4	Which Dutch coach has had a fairytale six months, in the wake of the resignation of her then-boss Jonas Eidevall? Two weeks ago, just five months after she was named head coach, her team Arsenal won the Women's Champions League, by defeating Barcelona 1-0 in the final in Lisbon.	Renée <u>Slegers</u>

Colours of Pride

Q1	A pride flag is any flag that represents a segment or part of the LGBTQ community. The original pride flag was designed in 1978 and is known by what epithet, being reminiscent of a natural phenomenon with similar colours?	<u>Rainbow</u> flag
Q2	That first pride flag was designed by Gilbert Baker for the 1978 Gay Freedom Day celebration in which city, located on the west coast of the United States?	<u>San Francisco</u>
Q3	Baker designed the rainbow flag as an alternative to which existing symbol? This symbol had originated as one of the Nazi concentration camp badges, distinguishing those imprisoned because they had been identified by authorities as gay men or trans women. A two-word answer is required.	<u>Pink triangle</u>
Q4	Many variations of the original rainbow flag have now gained acceptance. Which community is represented by a flag of five horizontal stripes of three colours in this order: light blue, light pink, white, light pink, and light blue? In the 2024 Eurovision Song Contest semi-final, Irish musician Bambie Thug wore an outfit featuring these colours.	<u>Transgender</u>

Damon Albarn

Q1	English singer-songwriter Damon Albarn has been a constant member of which band since 1988, alongside guitarist Graham Coxon, bassist Alex James, and drummer Dave Rowntree? This band's only number 1 single in Ireland is their 1995 hit <i>Country House</i> .	<u>Blur</u>
Q2	Since 1998 Albarn has also been a constant member of which virtual band, that he founded in conjunction with comic book artist Jamie Hewlett? In the band's fictional world, Albarn provides the vocals for lead singer Stuart "2-D" Pot.	<u>Gorillaz</u>
Q3	Which other group started in 2005 as a project by Albarn with production by Danger Mouse? It later became a supergroup when bassist Paul Simonon of the Clash, guitarist Simon Tong of the Verve and drummer Tony Allen also joined. In total this band released two albums, a self-titled debut in 2007 and <i>Merrie Land</i> in 2018.	The <u>Good, The Bad And The Queen</u>
Q4	What was the name of Damon Albarn's 2014 debut solo album? After reaching the top 5 in both the Irish and UK charts, this album was subsequently nominated for the 2014 Mercury Prize.	<u>Everyday Robots</u>

Edna O'Brien

Q1	Irish author Edna O'Brien was born in December 1930 in the village of Tuamgraney, located in which county?	<u>Clare</u>
Q2	What was the name of Edna O'Brien's first published novel? Upon its release in 1960, this book recounting the lives of Caitheleen 'Kate' Brady and Bridget 'Baba' Brennan, was quickly banned by the Irish Censorship Board due to its perceived "indecentcy".	The <u>Country Girls</u>
Q3	Between 1954 and 1964, Edna O'Brien was married to which Irish author of Czech descent? This man's literary career was eclipsed by his wife's following the release of <i>The Country Girls</i> trilogy. In his later life, he would even make a discredited claim to have authored her books.	Ernest <u>Gébler</u>
Q4	What is the name of the feature length documentary on O'Brien, directed by Irish filmmaker Sinead O'Shea, that was released in January 2025?	<u>Blue Road</u> : The Edna O'Brien Story