

1. African Leaders

Q1	Which king was overthrown in the 1969 Libyan revolution, that brought Muammar Al Gaddafi to power? He had reigned since 1951.	King IDRIS
Q2	What is the family name of the father and son who were both President of the Democratic Republic of Congo between 1997 and 2019? The father succeeded Mobutu Sese Seko, and the son his father.	KABILA (Laurent Desire and Joseph)
Q3	Which military commander, revolutionary socialist leader and eventual first President of Mozambique died in an air crash in 1986?	Samora MACHEL

2. American Islands

Q1	Shared by Argentina and Chile, which is the largest island in South America, covering approximately 48,000 square kilometres?	TIERRA DEL FUEGO / Isla Grande de TIERRA DEL FUEGO
Q2	Queen Beatrix International Airport is located in Oranjestad. On which island is it to be found?	ARUBA
Q3	Which island is the fourth-largest of the Hawaiian Islands? Dubbed the "Garden Isle", it was the first Hawaiian island that Captain James Cook landed on and much of the original 'Jurassic Park' film was filmed here.	KAUA'I / KAUAI

3. American Liberation

Q1	What short-lived republic founded in 1819 by Simon Bolivar included much of present-day Panama, Venezuela, Ecuador and Colombia? It was dissolved in 1831 due to political differences.	GRAN COLOMBIA / GREATER COLOMBIA / REPUBLIC OF COLUMBIA
Q2	What name is given to the army led by General José de San Martín that came from Argentina in 1817 to help free Chile from the Spanish Empire? This army included Bernardo O'Higgins and his exiled forces.	ARMY of the ANDES / Ejército de los Andes
Q3	Giving its name to a crucial battle of the South American Wars of Independence that was fought on its slopes in May 1822, Pichincha is an active stratovolcano that overlooks which capital city?	QUITO

4. Currency

Q1	A new set of UK Sterling coins was released this year. What particular animal features on the 50 pence piece? Irish coin collectors will recognize it.	SALMON / Atlantic SALMON (Prompt on Fish)
Q2	Which Italian sculptor created the 1913 piece <i>Unique Forms of Continuity in Space</i> ? It is depicted on the Italian 20 cent euro coin.	Umberto BOCCIONI
Q3	Which African currency is named after the first major victory the country - which uses this currency - achieved during its war of independence?	NAKFA (Eritrea)

5. Elements

Q1	Robert Bunsen is best known for the Bunsen burner. But can you name either of the two alkali metal elements he discovered with the physicist Gustav Kirchhoff in 1860 and 1861 using the method of flame spectroscopy? Please give only one answer.	CAESIUM or RUBIDIUM
Q2	The Russian chemist Dmitry Mendeleev used what three-letter prefix to name undiscovered elements whose existence he predicted? It is the Sanskrit word for the number one.	EKA
Q3	The Alvarez hypothesis posits that the mass extinction of the dinosaurs about 66 million years ago was caused by the impact of a large asteroid on the Earth. One of the key pieces of evidence for this hypothesis is the high concentration of which element found all over the world in sedimentary rock layers at the Cretaceous–Paleogene boundary ?	IRIDIUM

6. French Film

Q1	Which French actress played Princess Isabelle in <i>Braveheart</i> and co-starred as Elektra King opposite Pierce Brosnan's James Bond in <i>The World Is Not Enough</i> ?	Sophie MARCEAU
Q2	Which French film director won the Palme d'Or at the 2023 Cannes Film Festival for the courtroom thriller <i>Anatomy of a Fall</i> ?	Justine TRIET
Q3	Which 1963 Jean-Luc Godard film featured Brigitte Bardot as the wife of a playwright reworking the script of Fritz Lang's screen adaptation of <i>The Odyssey</i> ? Some of the filming took place at the Casa Malaparte on Capri island.	CONTEMPT / LE MÉPRIS

7. Games

Q1	In which online social deduction game from Innersloth do most players play the role of Crewmates, with a few playing Impostors? Taking place in space-themed settings, players appear as colourful armless cartoon astronauts.	AMONG US
Q2	This Japanese games company was one of the world's largest producers of video arcade games in the 1980s and 1990s. Which company published - amongst others - Galaga, Ridge Racer, Tekken and Pole Position?	NAMCO / Bandai NAMCO
Q3	Who is the main protagonist of the video game Hades II? She is a Princess of the Underworld and sister to Zagreus, the protagonist of the first game.	MELINOË

8. Irish Fashion

Q1	She described her home at 71 Merrion Square, Dublin, as “the house that linen built” and from the 1950s on was one of the first Irish designers to achieve international repute, particularly in America. Often described as "Dublin's Dior", which designer was adept at reworking traditional Irish fabrics and styles to give them contemporary appeal?	Sybil CONNOLLY
Q2	One of Philip Treacy's most memorable creations was the headwear worn by Princess Beatrice at the 2011 royal wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton. What foodstuff nickname did the headwear acquire?	PRETZEL hat or fascinator
Q3	Which London-based Irish fashion designer is known for their iconic Stem leaf print, and has been called the "Queen of Prints"? In 2010, she was one of the six Irish fashion designers featured on a set of Irish postage stamps issued by An Post.	Orla KIELY

9. Irish Pop

Q1	Which band's debut album <i>Tourist History</i> won the Choice Music Prize for the 2010 Irish Album of the Year?	TWO DOOR CINEMA CLUB
Q2	Hozier became only the fourth Irish act to top the US Billboard Hot 100 chart when his song <i>Too Sweet</i> reached number one in April of this year. Which was the first Irish act to top the US Billboard Hot 100 chart?	Gilbert O'SULLIVAN (with <i>Alone Again (Naturally)</i>)
Q3	Which song by Irish electronic collective Belters Only, featuring vocals by Jazzy, reached number one in Ireland and the top 10 in the United Kingdom in 2022?	MAKE ME FEEL GOOD

10. Japanese Terms

Q1	In Japan, what name is given to survivors of the atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki? Due to public ignorance about the consequences of radiation sickness, they and their children were often discriminated against.	HIBAKUSHA
Q2	Which Japanese art of repairing broken pottery treats breakage and repair as part of the history of an object, rather than something to disguise? This term is also a song title on Lana Del Rey's most recent album.	KINTSUGI
Q3	Which Japanese concept, refers to having a direction or purpose in life, that which makes one's life worthwhile? An individual takes actions towards giving themselves satisfaction and a sense of meaning to life. The literal meaning of the word is "a reason for being".	IKIGAI

11. Kosmos

Q1	All Russian crewed spaceflights are launched from which spaceport operated by Russia within Kazakhstan?	BAIKONUR Cosmodrome
Q2	Who was the second cosmonaut in space? He performed his mission some four months after Yuri Gagarin in 1961.	Gherman TITOV
Q3	He directed the Soviet space program, overseeing Sputnik and Vostok projects that put a satellite into orbit and sent a man into space before the Americans. Whose unexpected death in 1966 interrupted plans for a Soviet crewed Moon landing?	Sergei KOROLEV

12. Marathon

Q1	Which athlete was disqualified from victory in the Marathon at the 1908 London Olympics, after being assisted across the finishing line? As compensation, Queen Alexandra, the wife of Edward VII, gave him a gilded silver cup.	Dorando PIETRI / accept DORANDO
Q2	During the marathon race at the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens, which race leader was pushed off the road by former priest Cornelius Horan? This rattled Brazilian runner subsequently finished in third place.	Vanderlei de LIMA
Q3	When John Treacy won silver in the marathon at the 1984 Summer Olympics, which British athlete finished behind him in third place?	Charlie SPEDDING

13. Music

Q1	The song <i>Gloomy Sunday</i> became well known in the English-speaking world after Billie Holiday released a version of the song in 1941. The song is also known as the "BLANK Suicide Song", where BLANK is the nationality of the composer of the song. What nationality is that?	HUNGARIAN / accept HUNGARY (Rezső Seress)
Q2	Which composer dedicated his 3rd Symphony to Richard Wagner, his 7th to King Ludwig II of Bavaria, his 8th to Emperor Franz Josef I of Austria and his unfinished 9th Symphony to God?	Anton BRUCKNER
Q3	"Fortissimo at last!" are words attributed to composer Gustav Mahler upon visiting what tourist attraction?	NIAGARA FALLS

14. Musk

Q1	In 2021, Pager, a male macaque monkey was shown playing Mind Pong. Which company did Elon Musk start in 2016 to explore way to connect the human brain to a computer interface?	NEURALINK
Q2	Musk's company xAI works in the area of artificial intelligence. What is the name of the company's AI chatbot, which is a word coined by Robert A. Heinlein in his novel <i>Stranger in a Strange Land</i> to describe a form of intuitive understanding?	GROK
Q3	One of Musk's children with musician Grimes was called X Æ A-12 (pronounced X AI Archangel) The A-12 Archangel part of the name referred to a vehicle built by which company?	LOCKHEED Martin / SKUNK WORKS

15. Sculpture

Q1	Which Greek sculptor constructed the Colossus of Rhodes, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World? Work on this bronze statue of the sun god Helios began in 282 BCE.	CHARES of Lindos
Q2	The Fountain Of The Four Rivers ('Fontana dei Quattro Fiumi') by Gian Lorenzo Bernini is located at Rome's Piazza Navona. The four rivers represented are the Nile, the Danube, the River Plate and which other river?	GANGES
Q3	Whose work "Moon Phases", consisting of 125 mini-sculptures of the moon, was aboard the Odysseus lander which landed on the moon in February 2024?	Jeff KOONS

16. Younger Readers

Q1	Whose picture-book <i>The Fly Who Flew to Space</i> went on sale this month? The book follows a little fly named Flynn who dreams of becoming an astronaut. It is currently rated at 4.9 stars out of 5 on Amazon.	Lauren SANCHEZ (fiancée of Jeff Bezos)
Q2	Elizabeth Wakefield and Jessica Wakefield are identical twins who attend which educational establishment in the books of Francine Pascal?	SWEET VALLEY High / SWEET VALLEY University
Q3	The very hungry caterpillar gets to eat a lot of food over his week as a caterpillar. Can you name either of the fruits he eats on the Thursday or Friday? Please give only one answer.	STRAWBERRY / ORANGE