

1. Horslips

Q1	Celtic rock band Horslips most famous track, 'Dearg Doom', appears on which 1973 album? It's a concept album recounting a major work of Irish mythology.	The Táin
Q2	Which member of the band, renowned for his shamrock bass, had a substantial career after the Horslips writing episodes of hit TV shows <i>Ballykissangel</i> and <i>The Darling Buds Of May</i> , and directing videos for U2? He was born in Co Tyrone, and was the brother-in-law of Seamus Heaney.	Barry Devlin
Q3	Despite their virtuosic output Horslips started as a pretend group for a TV commercial, as many of the early band worked in advertising. In 1973 they performed in an ad for which orange soft drink which was, according to the ad, "sparkling with flavour"?	Mirinda

2. Bebidas Portuguesas

Q1	Which Portuguese drink is exclusively produced in the Douro valley? Notable producers of this drink include Graham's, Cockburn's, and Sandeman.	Port
Q2	Which beer brand is the best selling in Portugal? The company is based in Porto, and the beer engenders great pride in northern Portugal: their biggest rival in the Portuguese beer market shares its name with a southern coastal town.	Super Bock (the southern town being Sagres)
Q3	Considered the basis of the Brazilian cocktail caipirinha, the ingredients of which cocktail , originating in Madeira and described as 'lethal', are the sugar cane alcohol aguardente, honey, sugar, and either orange juice or lemon juice?	Poncha

3. The English Papers

Q1	Though born in Tipperary in a Republican family, Brendan Bracken became a Tory minister, staunch defender of Churchill, and from 1945 to 1958, chairman of which broadsheet paper? Its concern is primarily economic affairs, and is printed on pink paper.	Financial Times / FT
Q2	Between 1979 and 1981 the controversial diplomat and politician Conor Cruise O'Brien was editor and chief of which weekly UK newspaper?	The Observer
Q3	Another Irish editor of The Observer is which Dublin born journalist who held the role from 2008 to 2018? He is no relation to the RTE executive who found fame as the founder of current affairs show, <i>Today Tonight</i> .	John Mulholland

4. Late Night

Q1	Which Irish-American host succeeded David Letterman in NBC's <i>Late Night</i> slot? He became the host of the <i>Tonight Show</i> for a brief and controversial stint in 2009/10, and now hosts a podcast series where he "Needs A Friend", and a HBO Max travelogue where he "Must Go".	Conan O'Brien
Q2	Which actor who appeared in <i>Coming To America</i> hosted his own late night show from 1989-1994? His crowd was notable for their fist pumping and barking like dogs, and during the 1992 Presidential election Bill Clinton played 'Heartbreak Hotel' on the saxophone on this man's show.	Arsenio Hall
Q3	Which former long serving correspondent for the <i>Daily Show</i> hosted her own show, <i>Full Frontal</i> , from 2016 to 2022? She set up a blind process for hiring writers that hid the gender and experience level of the applicants, resulting in a writing staff that was approximately half female and 30% non-white.	Samantha Bee

5. The Coveted 9am Slot

Q1	Which broadcaster held the coveted 9am slot on RTE Radio 1 until 1998, a few months before he stepped down as host of <i>The Late Late Show</i> ? The theme tune of his radio show, "Tico's Tune", is synonymous with people of a certain age for being sick off school.	Gay Byrne
Q2	Which woman replaced Gay Byrne in the coveted 9am slot on RTE Radio 1? A trained architect and one of Ireland's most prominent feminists through the 70s and 80s, she hosted the show until 2005, when she moved to a popular weekend slot. She died in January 2020.	Marian Finucane
Q3	Who hosted the coveted 9am slot on RTE Radio 1 between 2010 and 2015, sandwiching stints by erstwhile RTE golden boy Ryan Tubridy? A sports presenter and formerly a host of <i>The Business</i> and <i>Morning Ireland</i> , he received plaudits in 2013 for his candid admissions about severe depression taking him off air for 6 months.	John Murray

6. University of Galway alumni authors

Q1	Which notable Galway University graduate has published several works of poetry such as <i>The Betrayal</i> , and non-fiction including <i>Renewing The Republic</i> , which he wrote in 2011, the same year he became President of Ireland.	Michael D Higgins
Q2	Which graduate and creative writing lecturer at the University of Galway is the author of <i>Notes From A Coma</i> and <i>The Solar Bones</i> ?	Mike McCormack
Q3	Working in publishing after graduating from the University of Galway, who is the author of <i>The Amendments</i> , released in 2024?	Niamh Mulvey

7. Play Where?

Q1	The League of Ireland team Finn Harps play home games in which town?	Ballybofey
Q2	The Irish League team Glenavon play home games in which town?	Lurgan
Q3	The Scottish football team Queen Of The South play home games in which town?	Dumfries

8. Shameless Ulster Bias

Q1	<i>As writing this set probably rules the setter out of playing, here are three questions designed to make sure the stout children of Ulster aren't put at a disadvantage...</i> Which is the longest river in Northern Ireland? In Northern Ireland, to be "west of" this river is shorthand for a vast difference in quality of public service provision and general lack of wealth compared to the east.	Bann
Q2	Which UTV continuity announcer is famed in Ulster for his flamboyant descriptions of <i>Coronation Street</i> plotlines?	Julian Simmons
Q3	Which small town in Armagh is home to a famous 100 mile long motorbike race? "100" usually appears after the town's name in the name of the race.	Tandragee

9. P & T

Q1	Part of a logo once seen on a great amount of Irish government property, what did the letters P&T stand for in the context of a former Irish government department?	Posts and Telegraphs
Q2	A government act in 1983 led to the creation of two state owned companies, providing mail and communications services. Name both.	An Post & Telecom Eireann
Q3	Who was the last man to hold the position of Minister for Posts and Telegraphs before it became the Ministry of Communications in 1984? He was also a former Lord Mayor of Dublin and deputy leader of Fine Gael from 2001 to 2002.	Jim Mitchell

10. Aria Of Expertise

Q1	The New York Times obituary in 1977 of which Greek woman described her as "the soprano whose in tensely dramatic portrayals made her the most exciting opera singer of her time"?	Maria Callas
Q2	One of Callas' best known renditions, <i>Sempre Libera</i> is the finale of Act 1 of which Verdi opera?	La Traviata
Q3	Another standout Act 1 aria performed by Callas, <i>Una Voce (VOTCH-ay) Poco Fa</i> appears in which Rossini opera?	The Barber of Seville

11. Literature Of African Origin

Q1	Which Nigerian writer's work includes: <i>Purple Hibiscus</i> , <i>Half A Yellow Sun</i> , and <i>We Should All Be Feminists</i> ?	Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
Q2	<i>Rosewater</i> , <i>The Rosewater Insurrection</i> , and <i>The Rosewater Redemption</i> are Hugo nominated science fiction works by Yoruba-British author Tade Thompson collectively known by what name? Despite the name, Roald Dahl isn't much of a literary influence on the books.	The Wormwood Trilogy
Q3	Who wrote <i>The True Confessions of an Albino Terrorist</i> in 1984? An opponent of the Apartheid regime in his native country, he wrote in Afrikaans and English, and is mentioned as the only exception in the Spitting Image song, "I've Never Met A Nice South African"?	Breyten Breytenbach

12. Dire Strait

Q1	Promontories known as the Pillars of Hercules flank which body of water, with Spain on the north and Morocco to the south?	Strait of Gibraltar
Q2	What body of water lies between the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman? A vital trade route and "choke point" between the Persian Gulf and the Indian Ocean, it has often been a flashpoint of military and diplomatic tension.	Strait of Hormuz
Q3	If you travelled due north from the southern end of the Bass Strait, in which Australian state would you land?	Victoria

13. Great Scientific Days For The Parish

Q1	Which Anglo-Irish scientist published <i>The Sceptical Chymist</i> in 1661? He gives his name to a law that states a law stating that the pressure of a given mass of an ideal gas is inversely proportional to its volume at a constant temperature?	Robert Boyle
Q2	In 2018 which Ulster scientist won the Special Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics? She discovered the first radio pulsars in 1967, but was infamously not a recipient of the Nobel Prize when the discovery won that award in 1974.	Jocelyn Bell Burnell (accept either surname or both)
Q3	Born in Donegal in 1930, William Campbell won a Nobel Prize in Medicine in 2015 for his discovery of which class of drugs? These drugs and pesticides are used to treat parasitic worm infestations and to reduce insect pests.	Avermectins

14. Other Side Of The Camera

Q1	Which director played Mookie, a pizza delivery driver in <i>Do The Right Thing</i> , which he also directed?	Spike Lee
Q2	The acting credits of which director include <i>Hannah Takes The Stairs</i> and Wes Anderson's <i>Isle of Dogs</i> ? She's the first woman to date to direct a movie on her own that grossed over a billion dollars.	Greta Gerwig
Q3	Which comic actor and sketch comedian explained at an awards ceremony, where he was receiving an award for best first time director, that "The Emoji Movie actually helped me quit acting...I was offered the role of Poop. This is true. I would not make this up.". He is now a renowned director and CEO of Monkeypaw Productions.	Jordan Peele

15. Harry Clarke Ha Ha Ha

Q1	Though also working as an illustrator, the Dublin born artist Harry Clarke is most famous for his work in what medium? Marc Chagall also worked in this medium, producing works at the United Nations building in New York, and Chichester Cathedral.	Stained glass windows
Q2	In July 2024, after a long dispute the Court of Appeal has ruled that all six Harry Clarke stained-glass works in which venue were "windows as a matter of law" and therefore the property of the owner of the building, Johnny Ronan?	Bewley's Oriental Café
Q3	Also possessing six Harry Clarke works, the Chapel of the Sacred Heart is located in which town?	Dingle / An Daingean Uí Chúis

16. Irish Petrolheads

Q1	Which former racing driver turned constructor gave his name to a Formula One team that was a mainstay of the paddock from 1991 to 2005? Known for their savvy PR and bright yellow Benson & Hedges livery, Damon Hill brought the team a memorable first Grand Prix win in torrential rain at the Belgian Grand Prix in 1998.	Eddie Jordan
Q2	In 2017, Irish rally driver Rosemary Smith became the oldest person to drive an 800 break horsepower Formula 1 car, aged 79. At which circuit did she achieve this feat? It was the last track to host the French Grand Prix in 2022.	Circuit Paul Ricard (accept Le Castellet)
Q3	Which Irish rally champion was killed in a helicopter crash along with daughter Emma and son Mark, also a rally driver, in County Fermanagh in 2001? His engineering company was also involved in the construction of Belfast's Waterfront Hall, and Dublin's Dundrum Town Centre.	Bertie Fisher