

## DUBLIN QUIZ LEAGUE

### RUNNING ORDER + INDIVIDUAL QUESTIONS

SEASON 10 MATCH 8 (19th January 2026, 8.45pm) - set by Team Irish Life

### START OF QUIZ

Teams to toss a coin to determine A & B order

| <u>Round 1 - Individual</u>  | <u>Question</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <u>Answer</u>                               |
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| <b>Q1a</b> (Team A Person 1) | In the mid-90s, Noah Wyle ["wiley"] rose to fame playing Dr. John Carter in <b>which</b> <b>acclaimed NBC medical drama</b> , set in a Chicago hospital?                                                                                                       | <u>ER</u>                                   |
| <b>Q1b</b> (Team B Person 1) | <i>ER</i> was also the breakout role for <b>which future Oscar-winning actor</b> , who played Dr. Doug Ross on the show?                                                                                                                                       | George <u>Clooney</u>                       |
| <b>Q2a</b> (Team A Person 2) | <b>Which American football team</b> were the top NFC seed in this season's playoffs? The current NFC West champions, this team won their first and only Super Bowl in 2013.                                                                                    | Seattle <u>Seahawks</u>                     |
| <b>Q2b</b> (Team B Person 2) | In this season's NFL playoffs, <b>which team</b> were the top AFC seed? The current AFC West champions, this team won the most recent of their three Super Bowls in 2015.                                                                                      | Denver <u>Broncos</u>                       |
| <b>Q3a</b> (Team A Person 3) | <b>Which 16th century Pope</b> had the shortest recorded reign: just 12 days before dying of malaria? (No need for regnal number – just name will do)                                                                                                          | <u>Urban</u> (VII)                          |
| <b>Q3b</b> (Team B Person 3) | <b>Which 19th century Pope</b> had the longest verified reign, at nearly 32 years? (Again, no need for regnal number – just name will do)                                                                                                                      | <u>Pius</u> (IX)                            |
| <b>Q4a</b> (Team A Person 4) | <b>Which Sinn Féin TD</b> received the most first-preference votes of any candidate in the 2024 Irish general election: almost 19,000 votes?                                                                                                                   | Pearse <u>Doherty</u>                       |
| <b>Q4b</b> (Team B Person 4) | <b>Which constituency</b> took the longest to finish counting in the 2024 Irish general election? It took 14 counts and more than 43 hours to confirm the election of the final two candidates: the (unrelated) Fianna Fáil TDs Brendan Smith and Niamh Smyth. | <u>Cavan-Monaghan</u> (both words required) |

## **Round 2 - Team**

Team A to pick a topic first

Team B to pick a topic second

## **Round 3 - Individual**

|                              | <b>Question</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Answer</b>                                             |
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| <b>Q1a</b> (Team B Person 1) | <b>Which country</b> in the Middle East is the only country to border both the Caspian Sea and the Persian Gulf?                                                                                                                                                                                      | <u>Iran</u>                                               |
| <b>Q1b</b> (Team A Person 1) | <b>Which country</b> in the Southern Hemisphere is the only country to border both the Atlantic Ocean and the Indian Ocean?                                                                                                                                                                           | <u>South Africa</u>                                       |
| <b>Q2a</b> (Team B Person 2) | Orville Burrell is the real name of a rapper/singer/DJ born in Jamaica in 1968. He had four UK Number 1 hits between 1993 and 2001, and more recently won a 2019 Grammy Award for a reggae album in which he collaborated with Sting. He is better known by <b>what single-word stage name</b> ?      | <u>Shaggy</u>                                             |
| <b>Q2b</b> (Team A Person 2) | In the classic cartoon <i>Scooby-Doo</i> , the title canine's owner and partner-in-crime is also known by the nickname Shaggy. <b>What</b> is this character's actual first <u>or</u> last name?                                                                                                      | <u>Norville Rogers</u> (accept first <u>or</u> last name) |
| <b>Q3a</b> (Team B Person 3) | <b>What is the oldest computer programming language</b> still in use? Devised in 1957 at IBM, it was designed for mathematical & scientific purposes and is still used today in weather modelling and other applications involving large-scale number-crunching.                                      | <u>Fortran</u>                                            |
| <b>Q3b</b> (Team A Person 3) | Another of the oldest computer programming languages still in use is <b>which business-oriented language</b> , devised in 1960 via an effort sponsored by the US Department of Defense? Its primary use to this day is in business, finance and administrative systems for companies and governments. | <u>COBOL</u>                                              |
| <b>Q4a</b> (Team B Person 4) | Visitors to New York's Museum of Modern Art can see <b>which famous Vincent Van Gogh painting</b> , depicting the view from the east-facing window of his room at the Saint-Rémy-de-Provence mental asylum, just before sunrise?                                                                      | The <u>Starry Night</u>                                   |
| <b>Q4b</b> (Team A Person 4) | Also on show in MoMA is Salvador Dali's 1931 painting <i>The Persistence of Memory</i> . One of the most recognisable works of surrealism, it depicts (among other things) three "melting" examples of <b>what everyday object</b> ?                                                                  | <u>Clocks / watches</u>                                   |

#### Round 4 - Team

Team **B** to pick a topic first

Team **A** to pick a topic second

#### Round 5 - Individual

|                                             | Question                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Answer                                          |
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| <b>Q1a</b> (Team <b>A</b> Person <b>1</b> ) | Not to be confused with the NFL's Vince Lombardi Trophy or the NHL's Stanley Cup, <b>what name</b> is given to the NBA championship trophy? It is named after the man who was head of the NBA between 1975 and 1984.                                        | Larry <u><b>O'Brien</b></u> Championship Trophy |
| <b>Q1b</b> (Team <b>B</b> Person <b>1</b> ) | <b>What</b> is the equivalent trophy in Major League Baseball, awarded every year to the winners of the World Series? Unlike the other "Big 4" trophies in American sport, this trophy is <u>not</u> named after a person.                                  | <u><b>Commissioner</b></u> 's Trophy            |
| <b>Q2a</b> (Team <b>A</b> Person <b>2</b> ) | After being unsuccessfully Emmy-nominated 5 times for his role in <i>ER</i> , Noah Wyle finally won his first Emmy last year – coincidentally also for an acclaimed medical drama series set in a hospital emergency room. <b>Which HBO series</b> is this? | The <u><b>Pitt</b></u>                          |
| <b>Q2b</b> (Team <b>B</b> Person <b>2</b> ) | George Clooney has also done alright for himself since leaving <i>ER</i> . His latest accolade (a Golden Globe nomination) was just last month, for playing the title role of an aging movie star in <b>what Netflix film</b> ?                             | Jay <u><b>Kelly</b></u>                         |
| <b>Q3a</b> (Team <b>A</b> Person <b>3</b> ) | <b>Who</b> was the first female UK prime minister?                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Margaret <u><b>Thatcher</b></u>                 |
| <b>Q3b</b> (Team <b>B</b> Person <b>3</b> ) | <b>Who</b> was the first female German Chancellor?                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Angela <u><b>Merkel</b></u>                     |
| <b>Q4a</b> (Team <b>A</b> Person <b>4</b> ) | Prior to the introduction of the euro, <b>what</b> was the currency of Greece?                                                                                                                                                                              | <u><b>Drachma</b></u>                           |
| <b>Q4b</b> (Team <b>B</b> Person <b>4</b> ) | Prior to the introduction of the euro, <b>what</b> was the currency of Portugal?                                                                                                                                                                            | <u><b>Escudo</b></u>                            |

#### Round 6 - Team

Team **A** to pick a topic first

Team **B** to pick a topic second

| <b>Round 7 - Individual</b>                 | <b>Question</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>Answer</b>                                                                              |
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| <b>Q1a</b> (Team <b>B</b> Person <b>1</b> ) | The story of the <i>Táin Bó Cúailgne</i> (or "Cattle Raid of Cooley") is documented in three ancient manuscripts: the <i>Book of the Dun Cow</i> , the <i>Yellow Book of Lecan</i> and <b>which other</b> ? This 400-page manuscript has been described as " <i>the Wikipedia of the Middle Ages</i> " and went on public display in Trinity College Dublin last year after an extensive conservation project. | Book of <u>Leinster</u>                                                                    |
| <b>Q1b</b> (Team <b>A</b> Person <b>1</b> ) | In the story of the Táin Bó Cúailgne, Cúchulainn is aided in his fight against the invading armies by a supernatural figure who reveals himself to be Cúchulainn's father. <b>Who is this man</b> , a member of the Tuatha Dé Danann after whom a major ancient festival was named?                                                                                                                            | <u>Lugh</u> / <u>Lug</u> / <u>Lú</u> (all pronounced "loo") - Lughnasa was named after him |
| <b>Q2a</b> (Team <b>B</b> Person <b>2</b> ) | <b>Which major technology company</b> is the owner of Instagram?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <u>Meta</u> (accept <u>Facebook</u> )                                                      |
| <b>Q2b</b> (Team <b>A</b> Person <b>2</b> ) | <b>Which major technology company</b> is the owner of YouTube?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <u>Alphabet</u> (accept <u>Google</u> )                                                    |
| <b>Q3a</b> (Team <b>B</b> Person <b>3</b> ) | Before creating <i>The Simpsons</i> and <i>Futurama</i> , Matt Groening ["graining"] was better known for <b>which comic strip</b> featuring anthropomorphic rabbits and a gay couple called Akbar and Jeff? Launched in 1977, it was published weekly until 2012.                                                                                                                                             | <u>Life in Hell</u>                                                                        |
| <b>Q3b</b> (Team <b>A</b> Person <b>3</b> ) | In addition to <i>The Simpsons</i> and <i>Futurama</i> , Matt Groening also created a third animated series: <b>which 2018-2023 Netflix show</b> , that took place in the fictional medieval kingdom of Dreamland?                                                                                                                                                                                             | <u>Disenchantment</u>                                                                      |
| <b>Q4a</b> (Team <b>B</b> Person <b>4</b> ) | <b>How many</b> of the 50 US states have a name <u>ending</u> with the letter O?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <u>4</u> (Colorado, Idaho, New Mexico, Ohio)                                               |
| <b>Q4b</b> (Team <b>A</b> Person <b>4</b> ) | <b>How many</b> of the 50 US states have a name <u>ending</u> with the letter S?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <u>5</u> (Arkansas, Illinois, Kansas, Massachusetts, Texas)                                |

### **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                                                                      |
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| <b>What single letter</b> is the chemical symbol for potassium?                                                                                       | <u>K</u>                                                                    |
| Replacing its former currency the lev, <b>what country</b> on January 1st this year became the 21st EU country to adopt the euro as its currency?     | <u>Bulgaria</u>                                                             |
| Out of the 12 sovereign countries in South America, only 2 of them are landlocked. <b>Please name both?</b>                                           | <u>Paraguay</u> and <u>Bolivia</u> (need both)                              |
| In the Táin Bó Cúailgne, <b>what was the name</b> of Queen Maedhbh's husband, who led the cattle raid against Ulster? First name alone is sufficient. | <u>Ailill</u> ["al-ill"] <u>mac Máta</u> - accept first <u>or</u> last name |

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## TEAM QUESTIONS

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### Discworld

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| <b>Q1</b> | A flat world carried atop four elephants who stand on top of an even larger turtle, Discworld is the most famous creation of <b>what beloved British fantasy author</b> (1948-2015)?                                                    | Terry <u>Pratchett</u> |
| <b>Q2</b> | Ruled over by the Patrician and home to the Unseen University and the City Watch, <b>what is the hyphenated name</b> of the largest (and filthiest) city in the Discworld, which is the setting of many of the 41 novels in the series? | <u>Ankh-Morpork</u>    |
| <b>Q3</b> | The subject of much speculation on the Discworld as to its gender, purpose and direction, <b>what is the name</b> of the enormous turtle upon which the Discworld sits?                                                                 | Great <u>A'tuin</u>    |
| <b>Q4</b> | Enjoyed by several characters in the Discworld and featured in several books, <b>what board game</b> with an onomatopoeic name features a large number of dwarves trying to defeat a smaller number of trolls?                          | <u>Thud</u>            |

### Swift

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| <b>Q1</b> | A precursor to today's Bus Connects scheme, <b>what was the name</b> given to the Quality Bus Corridor (QBC) service launched by Dublin Bus in the early 1990s? These much-missed buses were painted with a distinctive colour scheme: white and grey with a blue and orange band on the side. | <u>City Swift</u>                                        |
| <b>Q2</b> | In the lead single from her most recent album <i>The Life of a Showgirl</i> , Taylor Swift sings about <b>which ill-fated Shakespearean character</b> ?                                                                                                                                        | <u>Ophelia</u> (the song is <i>The Fate of Ophelia</i> ) |
| <b>Q3</b> | <b>What satirical 1729 essay</b> by Jonathan Swift memorably suggested that Irish people could ease their poverty by selling their children to the wealthy as food?                                                                                                                            | A <u>Modest Proposal</u>                                 |
| <b>Q4</b> | One of the fastest Irish birds, <b>what is the binomial name</b> for the common swift? The repeated word in its name comes from the Greek for "footless", referring to the bird's relatively small and weak legs.                                                                              | <u>Apus apus</u>                                         |

### They Really Were Fab

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| <b>Q1</b> | Instrumental in the success of the Beatles was <b>what man</b> : their manager from 1961 until his sudden death in 1967 aged 32? Despite having the same surname, he is unrelated to a disgraced American financier who has been much in the news in recent years.                                                           | Brian <u>Epstein</u>                                   |
| <b>Q2</b> | Taken from a brand of cigarettes smoked by one of their recording engineers, <b>what</b> was the original working title of the Beatles' classic album <i>Abbey Road</i> ? Allegedly the band decided not to use this title as it would have forced them to travel all the way to Nepal for a photoshoot.                     | <u>Everest</u>                                         |
| <b>Q3</b> | Kicking off the British invasion of North America, <b>which Beatles single</b> was the band's first to top the Billboard Hot 100 in February 1964? It had been their fifth UK hit single when originally released three months prior.                                                                                        | <u>I Want to Hold Your Hand</u>                        |
| <b>Q4</b> | Two other musicians had been full-time members of the Beatles prior to their rise to fame: their original bassist, who left the band in 1961 and died of a brain haemorrhage the following year; and their original drummer who was sacked in 1962 and replaced by Ringo Starr. <b>Please name <u>both</u> of these men?</b> | Stuart <u>Sutcliffe</u> / Pete <u>Best</u> (need both) |

### Irish Rivers

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| <b>Q1</b> | Longer than any other river in Ireland or the UK, the Shannon touches all 4 provinces of Ireland as it winds 360 km from its source in <b>which Ulster county?</b> | <u>Cavan</u> |
| <b>Q2</b> | One of the three main rivers of Dublin, <b>which river</b> forms the border between Fairview and Ballybough before emptying into Dublin Bay at Clontarf?           | <u>Tolka</u> |
| <b>Q3</b> | Rising at the Devil's Bit Mountain, <b>what is the main river</b> that flows through Kilkenny city?                                                                | <u>Nore</u>  |
| <b>Q4</b> | According to Irish legend, the Salmon of Knowledge lived in <b>which notable Irish river?</b>                                                                      | <u>Boyne</u> |

### Military Codenames

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| <b>Q1</b> | Operation Barbarossa was the codename for the unsuccessful Nazi invasion of <b>what country</b> in 1941?                                                                                                                            | <u>Soviet Union</u> / <u>USSR</u> (accept <u>Russia</u> ) |
| <b>Q2</b> | <b>What was the two-word codename</b> given to the 1991 liberation of Kuwait by a US-led military coalition?                                                                                                                        | <u>Desert Storm</u>                                       |
| <b>Q3</b> | <b>What bladed weapon</b> gave its name to the Mossad operation to assassinate individuals accused of being involved in the 1972 Munich Olympics massacre?                                                                          | Operation <u>Bayonet</u>                                  |
| <b>Q4</b> | Known to the British as Operation Plane Fare, <b>what was the American codename</b> for the 1948-49 Berlin Airlift: the operation to airdrop thousands of tons of food and other supplies to the besieged residents of West Berlin? | Operation <u>Vittles</u>                                  |

### DC

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| <b>Q1</b> | Alongside Marvel, the other giant in the comic-book publishing world is DC, known for iconic characters such as Batman, Superman and Wonder Woman. <b>What does the D</b> in "DC" stand for? The answer is that of a completely different genre of comics, one the company originally focused on before turning to superheroes. | <u>Detective</u>        |
| <b>Q2</b> | Another famous DC Comics character is <b>which superhero</b> , real name Barry Allen, who goes by the nickname " <i>The fastest man alive</i> "? This hero was the subject of a big-budget 2023 movie where he was played by Ezra Miller.                                                                                       | The <u>Flash</u>        |
| <b>Q3</b> | <b>What is the name</b> of the prison dimension featured prominently in <i>Superman</i> comics and movies which houses several of his most powerful villains – most notably General Zod?                                                                                                                                        | The <u>Phantom Zone</u> |
| <b>Q4</b> | Unlike Marvel, who base most of their characters in New York, DC often use fictional cities: famously, Superman operates in Metropolis and Batman in Gotham City. <b>What fictional city</b> does the hero Nightwing (Dick Grayson) operate from – depicted as a crime-ridden city located near Gotham?                         | <u>Blüdhaven</u>        |

## Maritime Disasters

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| <b>Q1</b> | What <b>British passenger ship</b> was infamously sunk by a German U-boat in 1915 off the coast of County Cork, an act that helped draw the US into World War I?                                                                                       | RMS <u>Lusitania</u>   |
| <b>Q2</b> | What was the <b>two-word name</b> of the cruise ship that capsized off the Italian island of Giglio in 2012, killing 32 passengers? The captain was later convicted of manslaughter, for causing the accident by steering the ship too close to shore. | <u>Costa Concordia</u> |
| <b>Q3</b> | Following an onboard explosion, <b>what Russian submarine</b> sank in the Barents Sea in 2000, with the loss of all 118 crew on board?                                                                                                                 | <u>Kursk</u>           |
| <b>Q4</b> | In one of Ireland's worst post-war maritime disasters, <b>name the oil tanker</b> that exploded at Whiddy Island off Bantry Bay in 1979, killing 50 people?                                                                                            | <u>Betelgeuse</u>      |

## YouTubers

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| <b>Q1</b> | With the real name Jimmy Donaldson, <b>which YouTube star</b> is famous for his extreme and controversial philanthropy stunts such as giving away houses and cars? With over 450 million followers, his main channel is the most-subscribed on YouTube.                                                                             | <u>MrBeast</u>                                                                       |
| <b>Q2</b> | What is the <b>very appropriate name</b> of the educational YouTube channel created by brothers Hank and John Green, which produces short animated explainers on science and history?                                                                                                                                               | <u>Crash Course</u>                                                                  |
| <b>Q3</b> | Partly derived from his initials, <b>what is the 5 letter name</b> of the technology review channel hosted by Marques Brownlee – considered one of the most influential and respected such channels on YouTube?                                                                                                                     | <u>MKBHD</u>                                                                         |
| <b>Q4</b> | What <b>popular YouTube channel</b> , created by mathematician Grant Sanderson, is best known for visually intuitive explanations of topics such as linear algebra, calculus, and neural networks? The channel's name comes from the uniquely-coloured iris of Sanderson's right eye (a condition known as sectoral heterochromia). | <u>3Blue1Brown</u><br>(His right iris is $\frac{3}{4}$ blue and $\frac{1}{4}$ brown) |