

Irish Quiz League questions

Season 6 Round 3 — 2nd March 2026

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All questions correct as of the above date



Individual questions

Round 1

Q1 (Team A Player 1)	Which Irish politics and current affairs magazine was founded in 1977 by, amongst others, the journalist Vincent Browne? Among the list of well-known names who edited this magazine before its ultimate closure in 2009 were Fintan O'Toole, John Waters and Colm Tóibín <i>["toe-been"]</i> .	<u>Magill</u>
Q2 (Team B Player 1)	Which science fiction TV series , created by David Goyer and Josh Friedman, premiered on Apple TV+ in September 2021? This series features an ensemble cast led by Jared Harris and Lee Pace, and is based on a eponymous series of novels by Isaac Asimov.	<u>Foundation</u>
Q3 (Team A Player 2)	Which Irish electrical retail chain was founded by Gerry Houlihan in 1968, when he opened a shop in Dublin's Mountjoy Square? This company now has 23 outlets throughout Ireland, employing some 400 staff.	<u>D.I.D.</u> Electrical
Q4 (Team B Player 2)	What name of Greek origin describes fragmental material produced by a volcanic eruption regardless of composition, fragment size, or emplacement? Volcanologists refer to airborne fragments of this material as pyroclasts.	<u>Tephra</u>
Q5 (Team A Player 3)	Following the conclusion of a summit in January 2026, Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi and South Korean President Lee Jae-myung performed a surprise duet on which musical instrument ? Wearing personalised jackets, they sat side by side and performed hits including <i>Dynamite</i> by South Korean band BTS.	<u>Drums</u>
Q6 (Team B Player 3)	What name is given to a series of civil wars fought in the Kingdom of France between 1648 and 1653? In these conflicts, the government of the young King Louis XIV confronted the combined opposition of rebel princes, the nobility and the <i>Parlements</i> (regional court assemblies).	The <u>Fronde</u>
Q7 (Team A Player 4)	What is the single-word title of a series of action-adventure video games, the first of which was created in 2002 by 2K Czech (then known as Illusion Softworks)? This organised crime franchise consists of four main installments, all set in fictional locales modelled after real American or Italian cities.	<u>Mafia</u>
Q8 (Team B Player 4)	Name the Roscommon man who recently completed an almost two-year-long cycle from Ireland to Australia, to raise funds for the Mayo-Roscommon Hospice Foundation? This man travelled through 28 countries on his journey, between March 2024 and February 2026.	Fergal <u>Guihen</u> <i>["gwee-hun"]</i>

Round 3

Q1 (Team B Player 1)	Sporting the tagline "the front page of the agent internet", which internet forum designed exclusively for artificial intelligence agents was launched in January 2026 by entrepreneur Matt Schlicht?	<u>Moltbook</u>
Q2 (Team A Player 1)	Presumably named for an Irish-born military officer, which classic dish primarily consists of beef tenderloin wrapped in shortcrust pastry? Some recipes include wrapping the contents in prosciutto, or dry-cured ham, which helps retain moisture.	Beef <u>Wellington</u>
Q3 (Team B Player 2)	Believed to be in operation since 2009, the New Generation Cartel was founded and headed by Mexican drug lord Nemesio Oseguera Cervantes, commonly known as El Mencho, until he was killed by the Mexican army two weeks ago. The cartel is based in which western Mexican state ?	<u>Jalisco</u>
Q4 (Team A Player 2)	<i>Saint Francis Receiving the Stigmata</i> , the <i>Ghent Altarpiece</i> and the <i>Arnolfini Portrait</i> (a.k.a. <i>Arnolfini Wedding</i>) are some of the works of which early 15th century Flemish painter ?	Jan <u>van Eyck</u>
Q5 (Team B Player 3)	In a reciprocating engine, what three-word term describes the position of a piston when it is furthest from the crankshaft? For calibration purposes, this position is often marked as "TDC".	<u>Top Dead Centre</u>
Q6 (Team A Player 3)	Written by the German Catholic clergyman Heinrich Kramer (under his Latinised name Henricus Institor) and first published in the German city of Speyer in 1486, <i>Malleus Maleficarum</i> is the best-known treatise published on what topic ?	<u>Witchcraft</u> / <u>Hunting of witches</u> etc
Q7 (Team B Player 4)	In 2018, which Czech athlete became the first person to win two gold medals in the Winter Olympics using two different types of equipment (skis and snowboard)?	Ester <u>Ledecká</u>
Q8 (Team A Player 4)	Who was the winner of the Best Actress prize at the recent BAFTAs? This lady was honoured for her portrayal of Anne/Agnes Shakespeare in the movie <i>Hamnet</i> .	Jessie <u>Buckley</u>

Round 5

Q1 (Team A Player 1)	Which award-winning science fiction TV series , created by Dan Erickson, premiered on Apple TV+ in February 2022? The series follows employees at a biotechnology corporation who have undergone a procedure which splits a person's memories between work and their personal life.	<u>Severance</u>
Q2 (Team B Player 1)	Which is the single-word name of a series of action-adventure video games, the first of which was released in 2005 by Sega? This organised crime franchise consists of nine main installments, set primarily in the fictional Tokyo district of Kamurochō.	<u>Yakuza</u> / <u>Like a Dragon</u> (Japanese title)
Q3 (Team A Player 2)	What name of Javanese origin describes a violent type of mudflow composed of a slurry of pyroclastic material, rocky debris and water? This material flows downwards from a volcano, typically along a river valley, and is often extremely destructive and deadly.	<u>Lahar</u>
Q4 (Team B Player 2)	Celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2026, which Irish electrical retailer currently operates 11 locations, all in the east of the country? This retailer is owned by the McKenna family and is headquartered in Bray, County Wicklow.	<u>Power City</u>
Q5 (Team A Player 3)	What name is given to the civil war fought in England and Normandy between 1138 and 1153? This conflict erupted as part of a succession crisis, following the death of King Henry I.	The <u>Anarchy</u>
Q6 (Team B Player 3)	Who was the last Irish winner of an acting award at the BAFTAs before Jessie Buckley? This man received the Best Actor prize in 2024 for his role in <i>Oppenheimer</i> .	Cillian <u>Murphy</u>
Q7 (Team A Player 4)	In 2014, which American athlete became the first woman from that country to win a medal at both Summer and Winter Olympics, when she won a silver medal in the two-woman bobsleigh? This lady had previously won silver in the 100m sprint at Athens 2004 and gold as part of the 4x100m relay team in 2012.	Lauryn <u>Williams</u>
Q8 (Team B Player 4)	In November 2024, the AP reported that Lee Jae-myung's predecessor as President of South Korea, Yoon Suk Yeol, had frantically resumed playing which sport ? Even though he hadn't played the sport for "over 8 years", Yoon's staff saw it as a useful diplomatic strategy.	<u>Golf</u>

Round 7

Q1 (Team B Player 1)	First published in 1597, <i>Daemonologie</i> , a philosophical dissertation on necromancy and ancient black magic, was the work of which famous man ? In it, this man endorsed the practice of witch hunting.	James VI (of Scotland) / James I (of England)
Q2 (Team A Player 1)	What do the letters "NA" refer to when used to refer to an internal combustion engine? This term signifies that the engine does not have forced induction through a turbocharger or a supercharger.	Naturally Aspirated / Normally Aspirated
Q3 (Team B Player 2)	Which Irish political and current affairs magazine was launched in 1983 and still published fortnightly today? Often compared to the British magazine <i>Private Eye</i> due to its use of satire, this magazine has been edited by Paddy Prendeville since 1984.	The Phoenix
Q4 (Team A Player 2)	Founded as far back as the late 1960s, which organised crime syndicate significantly expanded its operations under the leadership of figures like Joaquín "El Chapo" Guzmán, to become one of the most powerful and influential criminal organisations in the world?	Sinaloa Cartel
Q5 (Team B Player 3)	The <i>Temptation of St. Anthony</i> , <i>The Garden of Earthly Delights</i> and <i>The Last Judgment</i> are some of the works of which early 15th century Dutch painter ?	Hieronymus Bosch / Jheronimus van Aken
Q6 (Team A Player 3)	Moltbook's growth has been catalysed by the popularity of which open-source autonomous artificial intelligence agent ? Developed by Australian Peter Steinberger, this agent was previously known as MoltBot.	OpenClaw / Clawdbot
Q7 (Team B Player 4)	Named for a Russian noble family of successful Russian merchants and industrialists, which dish consists of sautéed pieces of beef in a sauce of mustard and heavy sour cream? Mushrooms are common in many variants of this dish.	Beef Stroganoff / Beef Stroganov
Q8 (Team A Player 4)	Which Irish cyclist and author of adventure travel books (1931-2022) is best known for her 1965 book <i>Full Tilt: Ireland to India with a Bicycle</i> , about an overland cycling trip she completed between 1963 and 1965?	Dervla Murphy

Team questions

US Purchases

Q1	In 1803, for a cost of US\$15 million, or approximately \$18 per square mile, the US government acquired 2.1 million km ² (828,000 sq mi) of land from France, an area roughly a quarter of the current area of the United States. What is the name of this purchase , shared with a modern-day US state?	<u>Louisiana</u>
Q2	Labeled by its opponents as "Seward's Folly", in reference to the Secretary of State who agreed to it, the purchase of which modern state in 1867 saw the USA grow by 1.5 million km ² (586,000 sq mi) for a cost of just \$7.2 million or \$12 per square mile?	<u>Alaska</u>
Q3	Including the islands of St. Croix, St. Thomas and St. John, the purchase of which island group by the United States was finalised in a 1917 treaty? This purchase has been mentioned in the media in recent weeks, since in the same treaty the US also formally recognised Denmark's ownership of Greenland.	US <u>Virgin</u> Islands
Q4	Which land purchase of 1854 was the last substantial territorial acquisition in the contiguous United States, and defined the final Mexico-United States border? This purchase is named for the US government official who signed it.	<u>Gadsden</u> Purchase

Build That Wall

Q1	What cardinal direction is part of the name of an ancient retaining wall of the built-up hill known to Jews and Christians as the Temple Mount of Jerusalem? Its most famous section is commonly referred to in English as the "Wailing Wall".	<u>West</u> / <u>Western</u> Wall
Q2	What is the common name for the wall officially referred to as the "Anti-Fascist Protection Rampart" by its builders? Over 100 km long, its construction was spearheaded by Walter Ulbricht, who at the time was First Secretary of the Socialist Unity Party.	<u>Berlin</u> Wall (<i>Antifaschistischer Schutzwall</i>)
Q3	Built some twenty years after Hadrian's Wall to the south, and intended to supersede it, which turf fortification on stone foundations was built by the Romans across what is now the Central Belt of Scotland, between the Firth of Clyde and the Firth of Forth?	<u>Antonine</u> Wall
Q4	Measuring 2,700 km (1,700 miles) in length, the Moroccan Western Sahara Wall separates Moroccan-occupied areas on its west from the Polisario-controlled areas (nominally Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic) on its east. By what word , originally the Middle Dutch for a "level space, shelf, or raised barrier", is this fortification commonly known?	Western Sahara <u>Berm</u>

The Colour of Money

Q1	The cover of which album , released in 2024 by Charli XCX, is a square of lime green (Pantone 3507C) with the title in lowercase imposed in Arial font? The cover art and aesthetic originated a cultural phenomenon known as "BLANK Summer", where the album's title fills in the blank.	Brat
Q2	The footwear created by which French fashion designer all incorporate shiny, red-lacquered soles that have become his signature? The exact colour specified by this designer is Pantone 18-1663 TPX.	Christian Louboutin
Q3	Which American tractor manufacturer successfully sued its rival FIMCO in 2017, over the latter's use of the colours green and yellow? The court ruled that the appellant's colour combination (Pantone: PMS 364C & PMS 109C) qualified as a "famous" trademark since as early as the late 1960s.	John Deere
Q4	Which cosmetic brand's distinctive blue colour (Pantone 280C) has been protected via copyright by its parent company Beiersdorf since 2007?	Nivea

Voice Artists

Q1	Which American actor (1908 -1989), nicknamed "The Man of a Thousand Voices", is regarded as one of the greatest and most influential voice actors of all time? This man is particularly known for voicing many of the most famous <i>Looney Tunes</i> characters during the golden age of American animation.	Mel Blanc
Q2	As well as voicing characters such as Ralph Wiggum, Todd Flanders and Nelson Muntz, which Emmy Award-winning actress is best known as the voice of Bart Simpson in <i>The Simpsons</i> ?	Nancy Cartwright
Q3	Listed on Wikipedia as the fifth-highest grossing actor of all time, which man has provided his voice to over 850 roles on film, TV and video games since the late 1960s? Characters voiced by this actor include Garfield, Fred from <i>Scooby Doo</i> and Megatron from <i>Transformers</i> .	Frank Welker
Q4	In 1998, Entertainment Weekly described which voice actor as "the new Mel Blanc" and noted his ability to mimic well-known voices such as Bugs Bunny and Elmer Fudd – both of which he played in the 1996 movie <i>Space Jam</i> ? Other notable roles for this man have included Fry in <i>Futurama</i> and both of the title characters in <i>The Ren & Stimpy Show</i> .	Billy West

Snooker Champions

Q1	Which professional snooker player holds the Guinness World Record for the fastest competitive maximum break, compiled in a time of 5 minutes and 8 seconds at the 1997 World Championship? While he didn't win that tournament, this player has since won the World Professional Championship on seven occasions.	Ronnie <u>O'Sullivan</u>
Q2	Widely recognised as the most successful female player in the sport's history, which player has won the World Women's Snooker Championship a record 12 times and along with Luca Brecel is the reigning World Mixed Doubles champion?	Reanne <u>Evans</u>
Q3	In 2015, which Englishman became the second player to capture the World Professional Snooker championship after having previously won its amateur equivalent? Ireland's Ken Doherty had been the first person to complete this double.	Stuart <u>Bingham</u>
Q4	After losing in the final on three occasions, which Australian player finally won the World Snooker Championship in 1952? The status of this tournament is disputed as it had only two participants – due to many players boycotting the event to play in the 1952 World Professional Match-play Championship instead.	Horace <u>Lindrum</u>

Ladies Making Records

Q1	In 2020, whose seasonal hit <i>All I Want for Christmas Is You</i> broke the record for the longest climb to number 1 in the UK charts, 26 years after its original release?	Mariah <u>Carey</u>
Q2	In 2022, Mariah Carey's record for the longest climb to the top of the UK charts was taken by which other singer , who reached No. 1 with one of her singles almost 37 years after its first release?	Kate <u>Bush</u>
Q3	In 2025, who became the first female solo artist to simultaneously have four UK top-ten singles? These songs included her No. 1 hit <i>Man I Need</i> .	Olivia <u>Dean</u>
Q4	In May 2023, which musician from the Dublin suburb of Crumlin became the first Irish female solo artist to reach number one in the Irish singles chart in 14 years, with her song <i>Giving Me</i> ? She remains the only Irish female solo artist to top the chart in the 2020s.	<u>Jazzy</u> / Yasmine <u>Byrne</u>

The Atmosphere

Q1	Which of the layers of Earth's atmosphere extends from about 8 km above the poles (or 18 km above the equator) to about 50 km? Commercial airliners typically cruise in the lower reaches of this layer.	<u>Stratosphere</u>
Q2	Which region of the atmosphere was discovered in 1913 by French physicists Charles Fabry and Henri Buisson? In 1985, atmospheric research revealed that this layer was being depleted by chemicals released by industry, mainly chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs).	<u>Ozone</u> layer
Q3	Which is the lowest layer of the Earth's atmosphere, extending from the planet's surface 8-18 kilometres upwards to the lower stratosphere?	<u>Troposphere</u>
Q4	Also known as the E-region, which part of Earth's ionosphere is a layer of ionised gas occurring roughly between 90 and 150 km above the ground? It is crucial to long distance radio transmission since radio waves can "bounce" off this region to extend their reach.	Kennelly- <u>Heaviside</u> layer

Aosdána

(Its name meaning "people of the arts", Aosdána ["ace-dawna"] is an academy of artists founded by the Arts Council of Ireland. Membership, which is solely by invitation from current members, is limited to 250 individuals)

Q1	Which Dublin-born playwright, poet and novelist was one of the original 88 members of Aosdána in 1981? This man had previously received the 1969 Nobel Prize in Literature for his work, which had been in both English and French.	Samuel <u>Beckett</u>
Q2	Nine new members were elected at the 43rd General Assembly of Aosdána in September 2025. One of these was which singer-songwriter and musician from Strabane, County Tyrone? While this man's highest charting song on the Irish charts is <i>Nobody Knows</i> (1991), his signature song is 1986's <i>The Island</i> .	Paul <u>Brady</u>
Q3	Aosdána was established by the Arts Council in 1981, on the suggestion of which poet and critic , then serving as a Cultural Advisor to Taoiseach Charles Haughey? This man had earlier been part of the first Bloomsday celebration in 1954, along with Flann O'Brien, Patrick Kavanagh and Con Leventhal.	Anthony <u>Cronin</u>
Q4	Which Irish-language title , meaning "wise one" (and historically the title of the head of a bardic school) is the highest honour bestowed by Aosdána? The title is awarded for life to an existing Aosdána member with, at most, seven living holders being allowed. Samuel Beckett was the first person to receive this honour, in 1984.	<u>Saoi</u> ["see"]