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Online Quiz League

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Note to QMs (please read aloud to teams): Players are politely reminded to have their hands in view at all times

Round 1

1a	Since May 2010, there have been 16 Housing Ministers in the British government. Which Conservative politician was Housing Minister between May 2010 and September 2012? In August 2023, he was appointed as Secretary of State for Defence, having previously held the roles of Business Secretary and Energy Secretary in Rishi Sunak's government.	Grant <u>Shapps</u>
1b	In 2001, Billie Piper married which TV presenter and former BBC Radio 1 Breakfast Show host in a secret ceremony in Las Vegas? They divorced in 2007.	Chris <u>Evans</u>
2a	Who played the part of the coffee shop owner Mrs Miggins in the sitcom <i>Blackadder the Third</i> ? She also starred in the BBC comedy show <i>KYTV</i> during the early 1990s.	Helen <u>Atkinson-Wood</u>
2b	Premiering at the Almeida Theatre in 2017, which James Graham play, set in 1969, originally starred Bertie Carvel as media magnate Rupert Murdoch, and Richard Coyle as Larry Lamb, editor of <i>The Sun</i> newspaper?	<u>Ink</u>
3a	The violin; cello; and harp are all members of which section of an orchestra?	<u>Strings</u>
3b	One of the few national flags of Africa to not contain any red, yellow or green on their flag is the flag of which country in southern Africa? This flag is predominantly light blue, with a black horizontal band across the middle, with white fimbriation.	<u>Botswana</u>
4a	In the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul, Great Britain won its only gold medal to date in men's field hockey, when they beat which country 3-1 in the final? Heiner Dopp scored this country's goal in the final.	<u>West Germany</u> (prompt on Germany)
4b	On the pH scale, the numbers 1 to 6 on the scale consist of what corrosive liquids, that turn litmus paper red?	<u>Acids</u>

Round 2

1a	In March, which London-born singer-songwriter was announced as a headliner for the 2024 Glastonbury Festival? Featuring the singles "Physical" and "Break My Heart", her 2020 album went double platinum in the UK.	Dua <u>Lipa</u>
1b	Which poet and novelist turned down the role of Poet Laureate in 1813, fearing the position to be a "poisoned chalice"? His most famous poems include <i>Marmion</i> and <i>The Lady on the Lake</i> , but is best known for his series of <i>Waverley</i> novels.	Walter <u>Scott</u>
2a	On the Brighton and Hove version of Monopoly released in 2003, Preston Park and West Pier are what colour? In the London version of the game, this colour is represented by Old Kent Road and Whitechapel Road.	<u>Brown</u>
2b	First featured in 1952, Tony the Tiger is the official mascot of which Kellogg's breakfast cereal?	<u>Frosties</u> (or Frosted Flakes)
3a	In November 1995, Claudette Werleigh became the first female Prime Minister of which Caribbean island nation, in which the President appoints the Prime Minister? She resigned after 112 days in post and was succeeded by Rosny Smarth.	<u>Haiti</u>
3b	In mathematics, what name is given to the type of average calculated by adding all numbers in a given data set, and then dividing the result by the number of data points?	<u>Mean</u>
4a	Which 2013 film, directed by Woody Allen, stars Cate Blanchett as the titular Manhattan socialite who falls upon hard times, and has to move into the San Francisco apartment of her sister, played by Sally Hawkins?	<u>Blue Jasmine</u>
4b	Famed for its series of eruptions in 1815, what is the name of the active volcano with an elevation of 2850 metres that is located on the Indonesian island of Sumbawa in the Lesser Sunda Islands archipelago?	Mount <u>Tambora</u>

Round 3

1a	In the 2023/24 Big Bash League, which Australian top-order batter, who captained Adelaide Strikers, was the leading run-scorer in the men's competition, with 541 runs?	Matt <u>Short</u>
1b	Karachi is the largest city by population in which Asian country? Its capital is Islamabad.	<u>Pakistan</u>
2a	One of Russia's "Mighty Five" composers, which 19th-century composer wrote the opera <i>Boris Godunov</i> and the orchestral tone poem <i>Night on Bald Mountain</i> ?	Modest <u>Mussorgsky</u>
2b	Taking its name from the ancient Greek for "straight fracture", what tecto-silicate mineral, found in the formation of igneous rock and rich in potassium, is listed at 6 on the Mohs scale of hardness?	<u>Orthoclase</u> Feldspar (Prompt on Feldspar)
3a	Best known for her role as Karen, Steve McDonald's second wife, in <i>Coronation Street</i> , which actress's roles since leaving Weatherfield have included the titular medic in the drama series <i>Doctor Foster</i> ; Sergeant Rachel Bailey in <i>Scott and Bailey</i> ; and Miss Pinkerton in <i>Vanity Fair</i> ?	Suranne <u>Jones</u>
3b	Opened in 2017, which restaurant in North Kensington, headed by Clare Smyth, was awarded three Michelin stars in 2021?	<u>Core</u>
4a	Elizabeth I was the daughter of which wife of Henry VIII? His second wife, she was executed for treason in 1536, three years after Elizabeth's birth.	Anne <u>Boleyn</u>
4b	Who was the Roman goddess of wisdom? Her Greek counterpart is Athena.	<u>Minerva</u>

Round 4

1a	In March 2024, Emma Stone became the eighth woman to win two Academy Awards for acting by the age of 35. Which other actor achieved this by winning Best Actress for her performances in <i>The Accused</i> and <i>The Silence of the Lambs</i> ?	Jodie <u>Foster</u>
1b	Named for a well-known explorer, which species of penguin is most commonly found in Peru? They are notable for the distinctive pink base around their beak.	<u>Humboldt</u> penguin
2a	Which highly populated Western state was the first to be represented by two women in the US Senate at the same time - Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein - from 1993 to 2017?	<u>California</u>
2b	Granted city status as part of Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in 2022, Milton Keynes is located in which English county? Other towns in the county include Aylesbury, High Wycombe and Marlow.	<u>Buckinghamshire</u>
3a	In 2017, which Latvian tennis player won the French Open women's singles title, beating Simona Halep in the final? This remains her only appearance in a Grand Slam singles final to date.	Jelena <u>Ostapenko</u>
3b	<i>The Last Supper</i> ; <i>Lady With an Ermine</i> ; and <i>Vitruvian Man</i> are famous works by which Italian Renaissance artist?	<u>Leonardo da Vinci</u> (accept either underlined)
4a	Taking their name from a 1935 short story by W. Somerset Maugham, which Liverpoolian band, with Peter Coyle as their lead singer, achieved their only UK top 20 hit single in 1983 with the song "The First Picture of You"?	The <u>Lotus Eaters</u>
4b	The perfume house Editions de Parfums Frédéric Malle, the manufacturers of fragrances including <i>Portrait of a Lady</i> and <i>En Passant</i> , was sold to which cosmetics company in 2015? Its other brands include Jo Malone and Clinique.	The <u>Estée Lauder</u> Companies

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Round 5

1a	Which Conservative politician was Housing Minister between July 2019 and February 2020? After a three-year spell on the back benches, she returned to cabinet in November 2023, as Minister of State without Portfolio, informally titled "Minister for Common Sense".	Esther <u>McVey</u>
1b	Another national flag of Africa to not contain any red, yellow or green is the flag of which country in east Africa? This flag consists of a white star on a blue background.	<u>Somalia</u>
2a	Which actor played the part of Nursie in the sitcom <i>Blackadder II</i> ? She also starred as Mrs Stoneway in all seven series of the ITV sitcom <i>Watching</i> .	Patsy <u>Byrne</u>
2b	Premiering at the Young Vic in 2021, which James Graham play, a fictional retelling of the 1968 ABC televised debates between William F. Buckley and Gore Vidal, originally starred David Harewood and Charles Edwards in the title roles?	<u>Best of Enemies</u>
3a	Another 2024 Glastonbury headliner is which US singer-songwriter? Her 2023 UK top 5 hit "Kill Bill" was taken from her second album <i>SOS</i> , and she featured on Doja Cat's 2021 number 3 single, "Kiss Me More".	<u>SZA</u> ["scissor"] (accept Solana Imani Rowe)
3b	On the pH scale, the numbers 8 to 14 on the scale consist of what base substances that dissolve in water, and which turn litmus paper blue?	<u>Alkaline</u>
4a	Valued at £400, the Royal Pavilion is the most expensive property on the Brighton and Hove version of Monopoly. What is its equivalent in the London version?	<u>Mayfair</u>
4b	On New Year's Eve 2007, Billie Piper married which British actor, best known for his role as DS James Hathaway in the detective series <i>Lewis</i> ? They divorced in 2016, and judging by his entry into politics, he has not taken things well.	Laurence <u>Fox</u>

Round 6

1a	Taking their name from a 1960 short story by Frederik Pohl, which Liverpoolian band, with Ian McNabb as their lead singer, achieved their only UK top 20 hit single in 1983 with the song "Love is a Wonderful Colour"?	The <u>Icicle Works</u>
1b	Opened in 2003, which <i>nouvelle cuisine</i> restaurant in Mayfair, headed by Pierre Gagnaire, was awarded three Michelin stars in 2020?	<u>Sketch</u>
2a	In 2019, which Canadian tennis player won the US Open women's singles title, beating Serena Williams in the final? This remains her only appearance in a Grand Slam singles final to date.	Bianca <u>Andreescu</u>
2b	Commonly used as an abrasive on sandpaper, what rock-forming, naturally transparent mineral, a crystalline form of aluminium oxide, is listed at 9 on the Mohs scale?	<u>Corundum</u>
3a	Edward VI was the son of which wife of Henry VIII? His third wife, she died shortly after Edward's birth at Hampton Court Palace in 1537.	Jane <u>Seymour</u>
3b	Who was the Roman god of wine? His Greek counterpart is Dionysus.	<u>Bacchus</u>
4a	Which actress came to prominence on <i>Coronation Street</i> in the 1990s as Raquel Wolstenhulme? Since leaving Weatherfield, her roles have included Caroline Dawson in <i>Last Tango in Halifax</i> , and Sergeant Catherine Cawood in <i>Happy Valley</i> .	Sarah <u>Lancashire</u>
4b	Lagos is the largest city by population in which African country? Since 1991, its capital has been Abuja.	<u>Nigeria</u>

Round 7

1a	In the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Great Britain won its only gold medal to date in women's field hockey, when they beat which country 2-0 in a penalty competition? Kitty van Male scored two goals for this country in regulation time.	The <u>Netherlands</u> (Accept Holland)
1b	In mathematics, what name is given to the type of average calculated by identifying the middle value in a set of numbers?	<u>Median</u>
2a	The trumpet; trombone; and tuba are all members of which section of an orchestra?	<u>Brass</u>
2b	Coined by Chicago copywriter Emery Smith in 1959, "Put a tiger in your tank" is a slogan associated with which petrol company? This four-letter name is a trading name of ExxonMobil.	<u>Esso</u>
3a	Which 2011 film, directed by Woody Allen, stars Owen Wilson as the screenwriter Gil Pender ,who is forced to confront the shortcomings of his relationship with his fiancée, played by Rachel McAdams?	<u>Midnight in Paris</u>
3b	Which lake in North Sumatra occupies the caldera of a supervolcano, and is the largest volcanic lake in the world? It is the site of a supervolcanic eruption estimated to have occurred around 70,000 years ago, one of the largest explosive eruptions in Earth's history.	Lake <u>Toba</u>
4a	In July 1993, Sylvie Kinigi became the first female Prime Minister of which landlocked African country, in which the President appoints the Prime Minister? She was succeeded as Prime Minister by Cyprien Ntaryamira ["Nn-ta-ree-AH-mi-ruh"] in February 1994.	<u>Burundi</u>
4b	Which English poet and essayist turned down the role of Poet Laureate in 1757 following the death of Colley Cibber? A notably self-critical writer who only published 13 poems in his lifetime, his best known work is <i>Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard</i> .	Thomas <u>Gray</u>

Round 8

1a	Another woman to have won two acting Oscars by the age of 35 is which US actor, who won Best Actress for her roles in <i>Boys Don't Cry</i> and <i>Million Dollar Baby</i> ?	Hilary Swank
1b	<i>The Birth of Venus; Primavera; and Fortitude</i> are famous works by which Italian early Renaissance artist?	Sandro Botticelli (accept Alessandro Filipepi)
2a	Although she was the former First Lady of Arkansas (and the United States), Hillary Clinton became the first woman to represent which highly populated Eastern state in the US Senate in 2001? Kirsten Gillibrand currently represents this state in the US Senate.	New York
2b	Also granted city status in 2022, Doncaster is located in which English metropolitan county? Other towns in the county include Barnsley, Rotherham and Maltby.	South Yorkshire (prompt on Yorkshire)
3a	In the 2023/24 Big Bash, which Australian pace bowler, who plays for Brisbane Heat, was the leading wicket-taker in the men's competition, with 20? This included a spell of 2 for 12 in his team's victory in the final against Sydney Sixers.	Xavier Bartlett
3b	Before creating <i>Baccarat Rouge</i> and <i>Gentle Fluidity</i> for his namesake perfume house, Francis Kurk-dji-an created the men's fragrance <i>Le Male</i> for which fashion label, named for its founder, a French haute couture and prêt-à-porter fashion designer, who himself was creative director for Hermès from 2003 to 2010?	Jean Paul Gaultier
4a	Another of Russia's "Mighty Five", which composer wrote the orchestral suite <i>Capriccio Espagnol</i> , and the symphonic suite <i>Scheherazade</i> ?	Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov
4b	Also named for a famous explorer, which species of penguin is endemic to Patagonia? The adults are noted for having black backs and white abdomens, with two black bands situated between the head and the breast.	Magellanic penguin

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Spares

1	Currently undergoing renovation, the Camp Nou is usually home to which Spanish football team?	FC <u>Barcelona</u>
2	On 1 January 2023, the Euro replaced the Kuna as the national currency of which EU-member country?	<u>Croatia</u>
3	Who was the first leader of the Liberal Democrats, serving from their formation in 1988 until 1999?	Paddy <u>Ashdown</u>
4	Which 2024 biographical film stars Kirsten Callaghan as Mercedes Gleitze, who became the first British woman to swim the English Channel in 1927?	<u>Vindication Swim</u>