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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 | Judaism; Christianity; and Islam are the three main religions in a group named after which Hebrew patriarch, and his worship of God? | Abraham (or Abrahamic religions) |
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| 1b | One of the oldest and most famous unsolved problems in number theory is named after which mathematician, and states that every even natural number greater than 2 is the sum of two primes? | Goldbach's conjecture (Accept Christian Goldbach) |
| 2a | The Catholic popes Callixtus III and Alexander VI both came from which European papal family? Other notable members of this family were Lucrezia, a duchess famed for her beauty and learning, and Cesare, who inspired Macchiavelli's The Prince. | Borgia (accept Borja) |
| 2b | Which Belgian fashion designer, whose namesake company is headquartered in Manhattan, is best known for her interpretation, and subsequent popularisation, of the wrap dress? | Diane von Fürstenberg (accept Diane Halfin and DvF) |
| 3 a | Which British composer of film music scored seven James Bond films between 1963 and 1987, as well as the scores for Dances With Wolves and Out of Africa? | John Barry |
| 3b | Which lexicographer is the current occupant of Dictionary Corner in Countdown? | Susie Dent |
| 4 a | Set at the 2016 Rio Olympics, which athlete holds the British women's record in the hammer throw, with 74.54 m , which secured her the bronze medal? | Sophie Hitchon |
| 4b | Which motorway runs from west London to south-west Wales? Major settlements on the route include Swindon; Bristol; and Cardiff. | M4 |

## Round 2

| $\mathbf{1 a}$ | Probably emerging in BCE 1500 and lasting until 1 BCE, which culture, found in the southern Kaduna state of <br> Nigeria, were notable for their terracotta sculptures, which were first discovered in the village that names this <br> culture? | Nok culture |
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| $\mathbf{1 b}$ | Which fruit from Southeast Asia, with a notably thorn-covered rind, is banned from Singapore's Mass Rapid <br> Transit, as it has a highly distinctive and often unpleasant smell? | Durian |
| $\mathbf{2 a}$ | Which American author wrote the young adult fantasy novel Eragon, the first in his Inheritance Cycle? He was <br> 15 when he started writing it. | Christopher Paolini |
| $\mathbf{2 b}$ | Which black and white bird, with the binomial name pica pica, is the only bird known to recognise itself in the <br> mirror? It is the subject of a nursery rhyme where one is "for sorrow", and two "for joy". | Eurasian / common magpie |
| $\mathbf{3 a}$ | Which Test cricket ground in Leeds is the home to Yorkshire County Cricket Club? | Headingley Cricket Ground |
| $\mathbf{3 b}$ | What is the currency of Malaysia? It takes its name from the word for "jagged" in the Malay language. | Malaysian ringgit |
| $\mathbf{4 a}$ | Despite being a brass instrument, which instrument, with a two word name, is included in the most common <br> formation of a wind quintet, alongside a flute; oboe; clarinet; and bassoon? | French horn (prompt on horn |
| $\mathbf{4 b}$ | Which 2003 film, directed by Wolfgang Becker, follows an East German family concealing the fall of the Berlin <br> Wall and collapse of communism from their mother, recently awoken from a coma? | Good Bye, Lenin! |

## Round 3

| 1 a | On the standard UK version of the board game Monopoly, the light blue properties are The Angel, Islington; Euston Road; and which other? | Pentonville Road |
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| 1b | Which actress portrays Terri Coverley, the Director of Communications at the fictional Department for Social Affairs and Citizenship - or "DoSAC" - in the BBC political satire The Thick of It? | Joanna Scanlan |
| 2 a | Which British singer's last studio recording was a duet of the jazz standard "Body and Soul", with Tony Bennett? She died aged just 27 in 2011, having released two studio albums - Frank, and Back To Black. | Amy Winehouse |
| 2b | Which woman is the CEO of Bet365? She has been the highest-paid chief executive in the UK for several years. | Denise Coates |
| 3a | In 1918, who was the first woman elected to the UK House of Commons? However, she did not take her seat, in accordance with Sinn Fein's policy of abstentionism, and because she was imprisoned at the time. | Constance Markievicz (accept Constance Gore-Booth) |
| 3b | Photosynthesis converts carbon dioxide and water into oxygen and which other substance, which is then used in respiration? | Glucose |
| 4 a | Which American Impressionist painter and printmaker was one of "les trois grandes dames" - or three great ladies - of the movement? She had a long association with Edgar Degas. | Mary Cassatt |

Andrex (accept Kleenex Cottonelle)

## Round 4

| $\mathbf{1 a}$ | Which jazz fusion bassist was a member of Weather Report from 1976 to 1981, and is the only electric bassist <br> in the DownBeat Jazz Hall of Fame? His best-known composition, "Portrait of Tracy", demonstrates his <br> characteristic innovative use of harmonics. | Jaco Pastorius |
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| $\mathbf{1 b}$ | What city is the capital of Romania? | Bucharest |
| $\mathbf{2 a}$ | Which goalkeeper is the second most capped player of all time for the Republic of Ireland men's national <br> football team, winning 134 caps between 1996 and 2016? | Shay Given |
| $\mathbf{2 b}$ | The 90s football podcast Quickly Kevin, Will He Score? is hosted by Chris Scull; Michael Marden; and which <br> Devon-born comedian and television presenter? He also co-hosts Channel 4's The Last Leg. | Josh $\underline{\text { Widdicombe }}$ |
| $\mathbf{3 a}$ | Which 19th century Danish thinker is widely considered to be the first existentialist philosopher? | Søren Kierkegaard |
| $\mathbf{3 b}$ | Whose eponymous "Internet law" states that as an online discussion grows longer, regardless of topic, the <br> probability of a comparison to Adolf Hitler or Nazis approaches 1? | (Mike) Godwin's law (or rule) <br> of Nazi analogies |
| 4a | Which German-born American statesman, who died in November 2023 aged 100, was awarded the Nobel <br> Peace Prize in 1973 for negotiating a ceasefire in Vietnam? This award prompted Tom Lehrer to quip that <br> "political satire was obsolete" as a result. | Henry Kissinger |
| 4b | Which chemical element, the last in the lanthanide series and with the atomic number 71, takes its name from | $\underline{\text { Lutetium (prompt on Lu) }}$ |

## HALF-TIME - PLEASE CHANGE ORDER

## Round 5

| $\mathbf{1 a}$ | Which US president was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2009, only nine months into his presidency? He was <br> surprised by the award, but accepted nevertheless. | Barack $\underline{\text { Obama }}$ |
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| $\mathbf{1 b}$ | Whose eponymous "Internet law" states that the best way to get the right answer on the Internet is not to ask <br> a question, but to post a wrong answer? This refers to the tendency of people to correct something, rather <br> than answer a question in the first instance. | (Ward) $\underline{\text { Cunningham's law }}$ |
| $\mathbf{2 a}$ | One of the central thinkers of the Enlightenment, which German philosopher is best known for his 1781 work <br> Critique of Pure Reason? | Immanuel Kant |
| $\mathbf{2 b}$ | Which rare earth element in the lanthanide series, with the atomic number 67, takes its name from the Latin <br> name for Stockholm? | $\underline{\text { Holmium (prompt on Ho) }}$ |
| $\mathbf{3 a}$ | "Mercy, Mercy, Mercy" and "Walk Tall" are two of the best-known compositions by which Austrian jazz fusion <br> keyboardist, one of the founders of Weather Report? | Joe Zawinul |
| $\mathbf{3 b}$ | Josh Widdicombe co-hosted the panel show Hypothetical with which fellow comedian, from Kettering? He, in <br> turn, co-hosts the Off Menu podcast with Ed Gamble. | James Acaster |


| $\mathbf{4 a}$ | Which goalkeeper, who played for Everton from 2006-2016, is the eighth most capped player of all time for <br> the United States men's national team, with 121 caps between 2002 and 2017? | Tim Howard |
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| $\mathbf{4 b}$ | What city is the capital of Bulgaria? | Sofia |

## Round 6

| $\mathbf{1 a}$ | One of a minority of women within the movement, which Young British Artist won the 1997 Turner Prize for her <br> video piece 60 Minutes Silence? It was the first to feature an all-female shortlist: the other nominees were <br> Christine Borland; Angela Bulloch; and Cornelia Parker. | Gillian Wearing |
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| $\mathbf{1 b}$ | Respiration takes place in the cells of all living organisms, and can be done either with oxygen or without. Please <br> give the name for either of these forms of respiration. | Aerobic or anaerobic <br> (respiration) - Accept <br> either underlined word. |
| $\mathbf{2 a}$ | Which Labour Party politician served as MP for Blackburn from 1945 to 1979? One of the longest serving female <br> MPs in British history, she is the only woman ever to have held the office of First Secretary of State, and was <br> closely associated with Harold Wilson. | BarbaraCastle / Baroness <br> Castle of Blackburn <br> $\mathbf{2 b}$ <br> The superhero Juan Sheet is the mascot of which British kitchen roll brand? His catchphrase is "Juan Sheet does <br> [this brand name]". |
| $\mathbf{3 a}$ | On the standard UK version of the board game Monopoly, the orange properties are Bow Street; Marlborough (accept Bounty) <br> Street; and which other? | Vine Street |


| $\mathbf{3 b}$ | As of December 2023, who is the richest woman in the world? She is vice chair of L'Oréal. | Françoise Bettencourt <br> Meyers |
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| $\mathbf{4 a}$ | Tony Bennett's last studio album, released in 2021 at the age of 95, was Love For Sale, his second collaboration <br> with which American singer; songwriter, and actress? She had previously released The Fame Monster and Born <br> This Way. | Lady Gaga (accept Stefani <br> Angelina Germanotta) |
| $\mathbf{4 b}$ | Which actress portrays Nicola Murray, Secretary of State for DoSAC and eventual Leader of the Opposition, in The <br> Thick of It? | Rebecca Front |

## Round 7

| $\mathbf{1 a}$ | Which instrument is added to a string quartet to create a namesake quintet, prominent pieces for which <br> include Franz Schubert's Trout Quintet, and one by Robert Schumann, whose wife Clara played this instrument <br> for the first public performance of his 1842 Quintet in E flat major? | Pianoforte |
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| $\mathbf{1 b}$ | What is the currency of Paraguay? Its name is also one of the two official languages of Paraguay. | Paraguayan guaraní |
| $\mathbf{2 a}$ | Which Test cricket ground in Birmingham is the home to Warwickshire County Cricket Club? | Edgbaston Stadium |
| $\mathbf{2 b}$ | Which 2006 film, directed by Florian Henckel von Donnersmark, follows a Stasi officer through the 1980s <br> spying on a playwright living in East Germany? | The Lives of Others accept Das <br> Leben Der Anderen |
| $\mathbf{3 a}$ | Which ancient north African kingdom was centred on the Nile Valley in what is now Sudan and Egypt, in the | Kingdom of Kush / Kushite |


|  | region of Nubia? Its first capital was the city-state of Kerma. | Empire |
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| $\mathbf{3 b}$ | Another black and white animal that passes the "mirror test" is which apex predator of the oceanic dolphin <br> family? These animals have been controversially kept in captivity, most notoriously by SeaWorld. | Orca / killer whale / orcinus <br> $\underline{\text { orca }}$ |
| $\mathbf{4 a}$ | Which American author wrote the young adult fiction novel Holes, which follows Stanley Yelnats, who is sent <br> to a correctional camp after being falsely convicted of theft? | Louis Sachar |
| 4b | Which fruit from Southeast Asia, often used as a meat substitute - particularly in a "pulled" form - also often <br> emits an unpleasant aroma when fully ripe and unopened? | $\underline{\text { Jackfruit }}$ |

## Round 8

| $\mathbf{1 a}$ | Which athlete holds the British women's record in the javelin, since its 1999 redesign, with a throw of 66.17 m, <br> set in 2012? At Beijing 2008, she originally finished fourth, but had this upgraded to bronze in 2016 after the <br> original third-placed athlete was found guilty of doping. | Goldie Sayers |
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| $\mathbf{1 b}$ | Which TV presenter had a short stint presenting Countdown between 2021 and 2022? She is best known, <br> however, for hosting The Weakest Link from 2000 to 2017. | Anne Robinson |
| $\mathbf{2 a}$ | Which Italian composer of film music was closely associated with Sergio Leoni, scoring all of his films from A <br> Fistful of Dollars? One of his best-known works is "The Ecstasy of Gold", written for The Good, the Bad, and the <br> Ugly. | Ennio Morricone |
| $\mathbf{2 b}$ | Which motorway is the longest in the UK? It runs from the Midlands, at Junction 19 of the M1, to just south of <br> the Scottish border, where it becomes the A74(M). | $\mathbf{M 6}$ |
| $\mathbf{3 a}$ | Abraham's life story is told in which book? It is the first book of the Hebrew Bible and the Christian Old <br> Testament. | Genesis (accept Bereshit) |


| $\mathbf{3 b}$ | Described by Vogue as "perhaps the greatest living milliner", in 2000, which Irishman was the first hat designer <br> in 80 years to exhibit at Paris Fashion Week? | Philip Treacy |
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| $\mathbf{4 a}$ | Which Italian banking family and political dynasty produced four popes, including Leo X and Pius IV? They first <br> consolidated power in Florence under Cosimo, while other notable family members include Catherine and <br> Marie, both queens of France. | (de) Medici |
| $\mathbf{4 b}$ | One of the Millennium Prize problems, which doubly-eponymous conjecture describes the set of rational <br> solutions to equations defining an elliptic curve? As of 2023, only special cases have been proven. | Birch-Swinnerton-Dyer <br> conjecture |

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## Spares

| $\mathbf{1}$ | Celebrated for treating soldiers on both sides of the conflict without discrimination, Edith Cavell worked - and <br> was executed - during which global conflict? | First World War / World War I <br> $/$ The Great War |
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| $\mathbf{2}$ | One of the featured artists on Ezra Collective's 2023 Mercury-winning album Where I'm Meant To Be is which <br> Scottish singer, who sang on the track "Siesta"? Her debut studio album, Our Version of Events, was the best <br> selling album of 2012 in the UK. | Emeli Sandé |
| $\mathbf{3}$ | As of 2013, the cadence for a rugby union scrum has consisted of three words. Please give any one of these <br> three words. | "Crouch, bind, set" (Accept any <br> underlined part) |
| $\mathbf{4}$ | Dubbed the Great Comet of 1996, which comet was discovered by, and named after, an amateur Japanese | Comet Hyakutake |

