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Online Quiz League

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Round 1

1a	Which South American country is home to more Portuguese speakers than any other? It is also the site of landmarks such as <i>Christ the Redeemer</i> .	<u>BRAZIL</u>
1b	In geometry, what name is given to a two-dimensional shape that has nine sides?	<u>NONAGON</u> (accept <u>ENNEAGON</u>)
2a	The painter Joseph Stella is perhaps best known for his Precisionist paintings of which landmark in New York City , one of which is subtitled 'Variation on an Old Theme'?	<u>BROOKLYN BRIDGE</u>
2b	Two films hold the record for César wins, with 10; <i>Cyrano de Bergerac</i> , and what 1980 Francois Truffaut film , set in Nazi-controlled France? Catherine Deneuve won her first of two Best Actress Césars for this film.	<i>The <u>LAST METRO</u></i>
3a	What was the nickname of the heavyweight boxer James Douglas who was the undisputed world champion for eight months in 1990?	<u>BUSTER</u>
3b	<i>Armageddon</i> and <i>SuperNature</i> are among the stand-up tours of which comedian who also co-created and starred in the sitcom <i>The Office</i> ?	Ricky <u>GERVAIS</u>
4a	What is the name of the son of Hirohito who served as Emperor of Japan from 1989 until his abdication in 2019? He was succeeded by his son Naruhito.	<u>AKIHITO</u> (accept <u>HEISEI</u>)
4b	What modern portmanteau term describes a torrential infant bowel movement of huge volume and of such a consistency that it cannot be contained by a nappy?	<u>POONAMI</u>

Round 2

1a	Founding her own label bearing her double-barrelled name in 2014, which British-Jamaican fashion designer has described her ethos as “a distinct notion of cultural luxury that infuses European heritage with an Afro Atlantic spirit”? Her fashion collaborations include Adidas Originals and her 2020 take on Dior’s New Look.	Grace <u>WALES BONNER</u>
1b	What very famous site in India was built by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan as a mausoleum for his wife Mumtaz?	<u>TAJ MAHAL</u>
2a	The name of which other sea creature goes before ‘shark’ in the name of the largest shark species?	<u>WHALE</u>
2b	Which mountain is the second highest in Scotland and the highest in the Cairngorms?	<u>BEN MACDUI</u> (or <u>BEINN MACDUIBH</u>)
3a	Known for his films about social issues, what British film director is a two-time winner of the Palme d’Or at the Cannes Film Festival, for <i>The Wind That Shakes the Barley</i> in 2006 and for <i>I, Daniel Blake</i> in 2016?	Ken <u>LOACH</u>
3b	John Milton is the author of which epic poem in blank verse, that concerns the temptation of Adam and Eve by the fallen angel Satan and their expulsion from the Garden of Eden?	<u>PARADISE LOST</u>
4a	Grace Slick was the lead singer of which rock band who released the 1967 album <i>Surrealistic Pillow</i> ? Please answer with the name this band used at the time.	<u>JEFFERSON AIRPLANE</u>
4b	Which Ukrainian-born Soviet athlete who later represented Slovakia set a world record of 7.52 metres in the women’s long jump in 1988, which remains unbeaten?	Galina <u>CHISTYAKOVA</u>

Round 3

1a	Alan Ritchson plays the title character in what Amazon Prime Video action series , based on novels written by Lee Child? The title of this show is the surname of its protagonist.	<u>REACHER</u>
1b	The 1966 postmodern novella <i>The Crying of Lot 49</i> , which features a protagonist who may or may not have uncovered a centuries-old feud between secret societies, is a work by which American author ?	Thomas <u>PYNCHON</u>
2a	'The Invitation to the Jellicle Ball' and 'Memory' are songs that appear in which musical that premiered in 1981?	<u>CATS</u>
2b	British company Slazenger has the world's longest-running sports sponsorship, having provided the balls for which major British annual sporting event since 1902, as well as clothing and other equipment?	<u>WIMBLEDON</u>
3a	Sharing its name with a common greeting, which celebrity and royal news-containing magazine was first published in the UK in 1988, based on a popular Spanish magazine's format?	<u>HELLO!</u>
3b	Which Roman arch was constructed on the orders of Domitian to commemorate his brother's capture of Jerusalem in 70 CE?	Arch of <u>TITUS</u>
4a	Which Danish computer scientist developed the C++ [c plus plus] programming language that first appeared as an extension of C in 1985?	Bjarne <u>STROUSTRUP</u>
4b	Which Canadian served as the Governor of the Bank of England between 2013 and 2020?	Mark <u>CARNEY</u>

Round 4

1a	The recent African Cup of Nations football tournament was hosted by which nation , who also beat Nigeria in the final to win the competition?	<u>IVORY COAST</u> (or <u>CÔTE D'IVOIRE</u>)
1b	'Greedy' and 'You Broke Me First' were top 5 hits in the 2020s for which Canadian singer-songwriter ? She first came to prominence on the reality show 'So You Think You Can Dance'.	Tate <u>MCRAE</u>
2a	Which isolated archipelago , around 40 miles west of the rest of the Outer Hebrides, has been uninhabited since its evacuation in 1930?	<u>ST KILDA</u> (or <u>HIORT</u>)
2b	Previously a Mackintosh brand prior to its takeover by Nestlé, which light brown-coloured confectionery bar manufactured from sweetened condensed milk, butter and sugar was discontinued in 2023?	<u>CARAMAC</u>
3a	Which city , the second largest in the Thai province of Chonburi, has variously been dubbed "the world's sex capital" and a "modern-day Sodom and Gomorrah"? The Walking Street in this city is considered one of the main nightlife hubs in Asia and attracts tourists from across the globe.	<u>PATTAYA</u>
3b	The Martians were a group of prominent scientists who emigrated to the USA from Hungary in the early twentieth century. As well as being known for his work in quantum physics, which of the Martians proved the minimax theorem in 1928 and laid the basis for game theory?	John von <u>NEUMANN</u>
4a	Maria Callas, Joan Sutherland and Montserrat Caballé are all famous examples of singers with which classical voice type that has the highest vocal range of all voice types? The name of this voice also follows 'mezzo' [METS-oh] to give the name of a lower vocal range.	<u>SOPRANO</u>
4b	First airing in 1961 and broadcast every Sunday, what BBC TV show airs Christian hymns sung in a variety of churches across the UK?	<u>SONGS OF PRAISE</u>

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Round 5

1a	Voted number seven on a BFI list of the 100 best British films of all time, what 1969 Ken Loach film focuses on “hopeless case” Billy Casper and the bird he steals from a farm?	<u>KES</u>
1b	John Bunyan is the author of which alliteratively-titled work of prose fiction , a religious allegory that follows the protagonist Christian through his journey from this world to that which is to come?	<u>The PILGRIM’S PROGRESS</u>
2a	Who was the lead singer of the rock band Big Brother and the Holding Company? She went on to record the solo album <i>Pearl</i> , which was released in 1971, three months after her death.	Janis <u>JOPLIN</u>
2b	Which Bulgarian athlete set a world record of 2.09 metres in the women’s high jump in 1987, which still stands today?	Stefka <u>KOSTADINOVA</u>
3a	Which Italian fashion designer has been the creative director of Dior since 2016 and invited Grace Wales Bonner to reinterpret Dior’s New Look? She is known for including feminist messages in her collections, and made headlines with her T-shirts bearing the slogan ‘We Should All Be Feminists’ in 2017.	Maria Grazia <u>CHIURI</u>
3b	By what name , taken from the material they are made from, do we know the 8,000 sculptures of soldiers that were made for the mausoleum of the Chinese emperor Qin Shi Huang [chin shee hwang]?	<u>TERRACOTTA ARMY</u> (accept <u>TERRACOTTA WARRIORS</u>)
4a	What colour precedes ‘whale’ in the name of the largest whale species?	<u>BLUE</u>
4b	Which mountain in the Lake District is the third highest in England, after Scafell Pike and Scafell?	<u>HELVELLYN</u>

Round 6

1a	What was the nickname of American heavyweight boxer James Smith, who held the WBA world title between 1986 and 1987?	<u>BONECRUSHER</u>
1b	The <i>Mum Wants a Bungalow</i> tour and <i>The Tour That Doesn't Tour Tour...Now On Tour</i> are among the stand-up tours by which Bolton-born comedian who also created and starred in the sitcom <i>Phoenix Nights</i> ?	Peter <u>KAY</u>
2a	Who was the Japanese Prime Minister when Akihito abdicated the throne? This man was assassinated while giving a speech in Nara in July 2022.	Shinzo <u>ABE</u>
2b	What modern portmanteau parenting term is used to describe a rebellious and strong-willed three-year-old?	<u>THREENAGER</u>
3a	Which African country is home to more Arabic speakers than any other? It is also the site of landmarks such as the Luxor Temple.	<u>EGYPT</u>
3b	In geometry, what name is given to a two-dimensional shape with twelve sides?	<u>DODECAGON</u>
4a	By what name is the skyscraper at 40 West 40th Street in Midtown Manhattan referred to in the title of a 1927 Precisionist painting by Georgia O'Keefe, a prominent example of her series inspired by New York City?	<u>RADIATOR Building</u> – <i>Night, New York</i> (accept American <u>RADIATOR Building</u>)
4b	Catherine Deneuve won her second César Award for which 1992 film directed by Régis Wargnier [ray-jiss varn-yay]? This film concerns a French woman in colonial Vietnam and her adopted Vietnamese daughter.	<u>INDOCHINE</u>

Round 7

1a	Which Thai island group , located between Krabi and the island of Phuket, became a major tourist attraction after it was used in the 2000 film <i>The Beach</i> ? In recent years it has made the news due to the devastating impact of mass tourism on the natural environment.	<u>PHI PHI</u> (accept Ko <u>PHI PHI Le</u>)
1b	Which theoretical physicist , a member of the group known as the Martians, is often called the ‘Father of the Hydrogen Bomb’?	Edward <u>TELLER</u>
2a	José Carreras, Plácido Domingo and Luciano Pavarotti are all famous examples of singers in which classical voice type , a high male voice? The name of this voice follows ‘counter’ to give the name of a male falsetto voice type.	<u>TENOR</u>
2b	Debuting the same year as <i>Songs of Praise</i> , the BBC series <i>Points of View</i> was hosted for ten years by which English TV personality , better known as the long-time host of <i>The Weakest Link</i> ?	Anne <u>ROBINSON</u>
3a	The recent Asian Cup football tournament was hosted by which nation , who also beat Jordan in the final to win the competition? This is the second major tournament this nation has hosted in the last three years.	<u>QATAR</u>
3b	‘Little Things’ and a cover of East 17’s ‘Stay Another Day’ were recent hits for which British singer-songwriter ? She was first discovered at the age of fifteen after her version of Labrinth’s ‘Earthquake’ was uploaded to YouTube.	Jorja <u>SMITH</u>
4a	Gruinard [GRIN-yerd] Island in Scotland has been uninhabited since 1942 after it was deliberately contaminated with which deadly disease as part of a biological weapons test? This is also a disease of livestock.	<u>ANTHRAX</u>
4b	Which fizzy drink brand , advertised as having a ‘totally tropical taste’, was discontinued in February 2023 and rebranded as Fanta Pineapple and Grapefruit?	<u>LILT</u>

Round 8

1a	With a two-letter name meaning satisfactory, which British magazine concerned with celebrity news, weddings and gossip was first published in 1993 and is considered a rival to <i>Hello!</i> ?	<u>OK!</u>
1b	Which public baths were constructed in Rome from 212 and 216 CE and named after the emperor at the time of their inauguration? The baths' construction may have been ordered by Septimius Severus, who was the father of their namesake.	Baths of <u>CARACALLA</u>
2a	Which Dutch computer programmer was the creator of the Python programming language, which first appeared in 1991?	Guido van <u>ROSSUM</u>
2b	Which former Chief Executive of the Financial Conduct Authority succeeded Mark Carney as Governor of the Bank of England in 2020?	Andrew <u>BAILEY</u>
3a	One of Alan Ritchson's earlier TV roles was playing Arthur Curry – better known as Aquaman – on what TV series , which focused on a teenage Clark Kent before he adopted the persona of Superman? The title of this show is the name of Superman's home town.	<u>SMALLVILLE</u>
3b	The 1988 postmodern novel <i>Foucault's Pendulum</i> , which features a protagonist who may or may not have become an enemy of a centuries-old secret society, is a work by which author ?	Umberto <u>ECO</u>
4a	Which 1986 stage musical includes the songs 'The Music of the Night' and 'All I Ask of You'?	<i>The</i> <u>PHANTOM OF</u> <u>THE OPERA</u>
4b	Which sportswear manufacturer , founded in Australia but based in Nottingham, has sponsored the British swimming team since 2005? The name of this swimwear brand is often used generically for men's swimming briefs.	<u>SPEEDO</u>

Spares

1	Mach3, Sensor Excel and Venus are all razors sold by which American brand?	<u>GILLETTE</u>
2	Who played Effy Stonem in the E4 series <i>Skins</i> ? Her other roles include Cathy Earnshaw in Andrea Arnold's adaptation of <i>Wuthering Heights</i> and the lead in <i>Resident Evil: Welcome to Raccoon City</i> .	Kaya <u>SCODELARIO</u>
3	What word is used to describe a chemical that decreases the surface tension of a liquid?	<u>SURFACTANT</u> (accept <u>SURFACE-ACTIVE AGENT</u>)
4	Sapporo is the most populous city on which island of Japan?	<u>HOKKAIDO</u>

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