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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	One of the holiest sites for Shia Muslims, in which city in Iraq is the Imam Ali Shrine, believed to contain the tomb of 'Alī ibn Abī Tālib, the first Shia Imam? The city is also home to the largest cemetery in the world, Wadi-us-Salaam.	NAJAF
1b	Who is Mayor of Paris? She's the first woman to hold the office, and has served in the role since 2014.	Anne HIDALGO
2a	Denmark's Viktor Axelsen and China's An Se Young are the number one-ranked male and female players in which racquet sport , invented in 1873 by the Duke of Beaufort, and named after his Gloucestershire estate?	BADMINTON
2b	At which World Championships , held annually in Finland, do male competitors race while each carrying a female partner?	WIFE-CARRYING (accept similar descriptions)
3a	Which 2009 dance-pop hit by Lady Gaga and Beyoncé, named after a common device used inside and outside the home, is about ignoring calls from men while having fun?	TELEPHONE
3b	The standardised Air Quality Index (AQI) measures air quality and considers various pollutants, including "PM2.5" and "PM10". What does the "P" stand for in these abbreviations?	PARTICULATE (matter)
4a	Henri Matisse's 1937 painting "Woman in a BLANK Coat" (or "BLANK Robe and Anemones") depicts Matisse's assistant Lydia Delectorskaya in exotic Moroccan clothing of which colour , that replaces the word "blank" here?	PURPLE (accept VIOLET)
4b	Which Russian pre-school animated comedy TV show was named as the most watched pre-school series in the world for 2023? Its "Recipe for Disaster" episode is the most viewed video on YouTube that is not a music	MASHA AND THE BEAR

	video.	
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Round 2

1a	Featured in the V&A Museum's "Video Games: Design/Play/Disrupt" 2018 exhibition, which Thatgamecompany game , set in a vast desert, sees players communicate through musical tones? It won several awards at the 2013 BAFTA Video Games Awards, including Best Game Design.	JOURNEY
1b	Middle class repression erupts whenever Johnny Nice Painter or his wife Katie mentions which colour , sending him insane, shouting wildly about the despair of mankind? He was played by Charlie Higson from 1994-1997 on the Fast Show.	BLACK
2a	Also the name of a Stone Roses single, the Guaira, on the Paraná River between Paraguay and Brazil, ceased to exist (or didn't "carry on through it all") in 1982, and was an example of what type of geographical feature ?	WATERFALL
2b	Also called eclipse snakes, what is the name of the faint, wavy lines of alternating light and dark patterns that can briefly appear on the ground just before and after a total solar eclipse?	SHADOW BANDS (accept ECLIPSE BANDS or SHADOW SNAKES)
3a	Premiering in 1955, which Tennessee Williams play explores the tensions, repression and dysfunction within a wealthy Southern family, centering on the troubled marriage of Brick and Maggie Pollitt? The play was adapted as a film in 1958, with Elizabeth Taylor playing the titular metaphorical domestic animal.	CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF
3b	In perfumery, which French term gives its name to the traditional process of extracting essential oils and perfumes from flowers using odourless animal or vegetable fats?	ENFLEURAGE
4a	Which band was recognised by The Guinness Book of World Records as the "globe's loudest band" for a 1972 concert, during which the sound reached 117 dB and three members of the audience fell unconscious? They are probably best	DEEP PURPLE

	known for their hit "Smoke On the Water".	
4b	"The Belt and Road Initiative", the "One-Child Policy" and the "Cultural Revolution" are all projects and policies that have taken place in which Asian country ?	CHINA

Round 3

1a	German electronic music pioneer Klaus Schulze's Timewind album contains two tracks, "Bayreuth Return " and "Wahnfried 1883"; the latter a reference to which German composer's house? This composer is known for works including The Ring, Parsifal and The Rise Of The Valkyries.	Richard WAGNER
1b	Which bloodborne disease , spread by mosquitoes, has a name that likely originates from the characteristic symptom of jaundice, causing the namesake colour of the skin and eyes in severe cases?	YELLOW Fever
2a	Which 1946 George Orwell essay provided a description of his namesake ideal public house? Wetherspoons has taken the name for several of its outlets.	The MOON UNDER WATER
2b	Notable for its almost complete lack of dialogue, Jean-Jacques Annaud's 1988 award-winning family film follows the journey of what animal as he navigates the wilderness after being orphaned, encountering various challenges and dangers, and befriending an adult male?	BEAR ('The BEAR')
3a	In his 1957 essay collection 'Mythologies', philosopher Roland Barthes calls which French-language travel guide (France's oldest tourist guide series) an 'agent of blindness' because it does not offer travel but only monuments of the past and hides the true culture of the places and people"?	GUIDE BLEU (or BLUE GUIDE)
3b	Lemn Sissay, the official poet of the 2012 Olympics, wrote 'Spark Catchers' – now displayed in the Olympic Park. It is about a 1888 strike by women and teenage girls working in East London in which industry , whose process led to the 'phossy jaw' condition? Their action inspired a wave of collective organising among industrial workers.	MATCHes (accept MATCHMAKERS / MATCHGIRLS)

4a	Jim Thorpe was the first Native American to win a gold medal for the United States in the Olympics in 1912 in Stockholm. He won two gold in the decathlon, and the classic version of which other multidisciplinary sport , consisting of five events? Your answer should only be one word.	PENTATHLON (Do not accept Modern Pentathlon)
4b	A triangular road sign that depicts what may be mistaken for a man struggling to put up an umbrella indicates which common upcoming temporary hazard on a UK road?	ROAD WORKS

Round 4

1a	There once was a county, so green / By Shannon's side, its waters serene / Gives name to a poem / The short form is well known / Which county in Ireland do I mean?	LIMERICK
1b	Other than chopped tomatoes in a salad, tomato-based salsas, and the 'technical' fruit corn-on-the-cob, what is the only fruit available to buy at KFC in the UK, which comes as part of Kids' Buckets?	PINEAPPLE sticks
2a	Which dried, hollowed-out fruit also known as a bottle gourd, is used as a resonating chamber for various percussion instruments, including drums in many traditional African and Afro-Caribbean musical cultures? The sitar is a stringed instrument that commonly has one as its resonating chamber.	CALABASH
2b	Priest Miguel Hidalgo played a pivotal role in the fight for independence of which Latin American country from Spain in the early 19th century? Revolution came roughly 100 years later in the 1910s.	MEXICO
3a	This year (2024) Racheal Kundananji and Barbra Banda signed for teams in the American National Women's Soccer League (NWSL), becoming the most expensive two female players in the world. Which sub-Saharan African national team do they both play for?	ZAMBIA
3b	"Divorced, divorced, annulled. Annulled, still married" is one way of remembering the husbands of which English actress , author and columnist? One of the last surviving actresses from the Golden Age of Hollywood, she is perhaps best known for her role as Alexis Colby in Dynasty.	Joan COLLINS

4a	The flag of which large autonomous Danish island territory , known as Kalaallit Nunaat by its native people, has two equal horizontal bands of white (top) and red (bottom) with a red-and-white disk near the hoist side?	GREENLAND
4b	Which hypothetical elementary particle has been proposed to solve certain problems in the standard model of particle physics, particularly related to the strong force and the violation of CP symmetry? If they exist and have low mass within a specific range, they are of interest as a possible component of Cold Dark Matter (CDM).	AXIONS

HALF-TIME - PLEASE CHANGE ORDER

Round 5

1a	Premiering in 1945, which play by J.B. Priestley revolves around the investigation of a young woman's suicide and the revelations that unfold as a result, exposing the hypocrisy and moral failings of a wealthy family? Alastair Sim starred as the attendant investigator in the 1954 film adaptation.	AN INSPECTOR CALLS
1b	After enflourage, the fat becomes saturated with fragrance and is then called which six-letter term , nowadays used more often in connection with hair styling?	POMADE
2a	The Guaira Falls was the world's largest waterfall by volume, but disappeared due to the building of what type of structure ? A homophone of this word features as an interjection in the title of Sophie B Hawkins' 1992 hit, that precedes the phrase "I Wish I Was Your Lover".	DAM
2b	The series of demonstrations led by students and intellectuals in China in 1989 calling for political reform, greater democracy, and an end to corruption – and brutally suppressed – were focused in which square in Beijing ?	TIANANMEN Square
3a	Which 21-string West African harp-lute , featuring a calabash as its resonating chamber, completes the title of the 2017 song by the musical collective Les Amazones d'Afrique: "I Play the [BLANK]"? The song celebrates the strength and resilience of African women, with profits going to Dennis Mukwege's Panzi Foundation.	KORA

3b	What was the most common weather condition in the Repubblica Democratica Militaria between 1994 and 1997? Poula Fisch presented the weather on the country's Chanel 9 Neus show, played by the Fast Show's Caroline Aherne.	SCORCHIO (accept 45°C)
4a	The most expensive transfer outside the National Women's Soccer League also happened this year when Colombian Mayra Ramírez signed for which English Women's Super League team ?	CHELSEA
4b	Which complex form of mirage , seen in both polar regions and deserts, occurs when layers of air with different temperatures and densities cause light rays to bend and create distorted images of distant objects, often appearing as shimmering, elongated shapes or structures in the sky or on the horizon?	FATA MORGANA

Round 6

1a	In Mythologies, Barthes demonstrates how mythologies are formed to perpetuate ideologies of the ruling class and its media using an example of a front cover from the July 1955 edition of which French-language weekly news magazine , showing a young black soldier in French uniform saluting?	PARIS MATCH
1b	Named after the naval officer and hydrographer who devised it, which measure relates wind speed to observed conditions at sea or on land? The scale ranges from calm to hurricane-force.	BEAUFORT wind force scale
2a	The Prince of Wales pub serves as a meeting place for the Birmingham foundry workers in the 1929 modernist novel "Living", written by which English writer ? His other novels include Party Going, Loving and Doting.	Henry GREEN
2b	What's the most subscribed pre-school series on YouTube? Now also a successful Netflix series, the channel, which specialises in 3D animation videos of nursery rhymes, was the target of diss-track by PewDiePie in 2021.	COCOMELON – Nursery Rhymes
3a	Egyptians Ali Farag and Nour El Sherbini are the number one-ranked male and female players in which racquet sport , which shares its name with a herbaceous 'technical' fruit in the gourd family?	SQUASH

3b	Who is Mayor of Berlin? In 2023 he became Berlin's first conservative mayor in 22 years.	Kai WEGNER
4a	Which 2007 hit by Rihanna , named after a common device used outside the home, had the longest run at number one of any single of the noughties, coinciding with the prolonged rain and flooding in the UK?	UMBRELLA
4b	The inaugural World Championships of which extreme sport were held in Bavaria in 2002? In this activity, people take namesake boards (usually used inside the home) to remote locations and perform the namesake action (or 'chore') on items of clothing.	Extreme IRONING

Round 7

1a	Who became the next band to be listed as the "loudest band" record holder in 1976, helped by the acoustics at Charlton's The Valley football stadium? It was one of their late drummer's last major appearances with the band.	The WHO
1b	"Divorced, divorced, died. Divorced, divorced twice, divorced, divorced" is a way of remembering the husbands of which British-American actress , who played the leading role alongside her two-time husband Richard Burton in the 1963 film Cleopatra?	Elizabeth TAYLOR
2a	Also featuring in the Design/Play/Disrupt exhibition, which FromSoftware game follows the player's character through the decaying, Gothic city of Yharnam, where a disease turns its inhabitants into monstrous creatures? It won the 2016 BAFTA Video Games Award for Game Design, among many others.	BLOODBORNE
2b	Another hypothetical particle considered one of the leading candidates for dark matter are WIMPs. The W and	MASSIVE

	I stand for “weakly” and “interacting”, and the P is for “particle”. What does the M stand for?	
3a	Three line poetry / Syllables five, seven, five / Which Japanese form?	HAIKU
3b	On a UK McDonalds menu, melon is available from June to August, pineapple sticks from December to January, and which two fruits that come together in a bag from February to May and September to November?	APPLEs and GRAPEs
4a	Which volcanic island country gained full independence from Denmark in 1944? Its flag has a white-edged red Nordic cross with a blue background.	ICELAND
4b	Poet and writer José Martí organised and inspired the independence movement of which Caribbean island country against Spanish rule in the late 19th century? Its revolution came over fifty years later in the 1950s.	CUBA

Round 8

1a	Billy Mills of the native Oglala Lakota people became the only American to ever win gold in which long-distance track event in the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo, considered one of the greatest upsets of all time? The distance is double the length of a parkrun.	10,000 METRES (accept 10K)
1b	In DH Lawrence's 1913 short story “Strike-Pay,” the group of Nottinghamshire men who spend their strike pay on a day out were working in which industry? Workers in this industry were involved in the Tonyandy riots of 1910-11, part of the wider Great Unrest of 1911-1914.	COAL mining
2a	Clean Bandit sampled which classical composer’s String Quartet No. 21. in their 2013, hit “[This Composer's] House”? This composer's actual house was in Vienna, where he wrote music for the operas The Marriage of	Wolfgang Amadeus MOZART

	Figaro, Don Giovanni and Così Fan Tutte.	
2b	An image showing a motorbike apparently jumping over a car, both in a red circle, forbids what type of vehicles on a UK road?	MOTOR VEHICLES (accept CARS AND MOTORBIKES)
3a	Described as "the heart of the Shia Iran", in which city is the Imam Reza Shrine – the largest mosque in the world by area? It's Iran's second-most populous city.	MASHHAD
3b	Tonic water, which contains quinine, can be used for the treatment of which blood borne tropical disease , spread by mosquitoes? Its name originates from the Medieval Italian for "bad air".	MALARIA
4a	In Henri Matisse's 1915 abstract painting of a curtain, in his paintings in 1926 and 1937 of odalisques, and in his 1938 painting, Cat with Red Fish, the titular objects are which colour ?	YELLOW
4b	Frequently listed as one of the greatest films of all time, Robert Bresson's 1966 tragic film "Au Hasard Balthazar" follows the life journey of a what animal as he passes through various owners, experiencing the harsh realities of human existence?	DONKEY

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Spares

1	The first five letters of which subregion of Oceania can go in front of 'Bikini' (an atoll within this subregion in the Pacific Ocean), to form the name of a minimalist bikini that uses less fabric than a traditional bikini?	MICRONESIA
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2	Which series of sticker trading cards , originally released in 1985 were designed to parody the Cabbage Patch Kids dolls popular at the time?	GARBAGE PAIL KIDS
3	Which two-word alliterative term , first used by K. Eric Drexler in Engines of Creation (1986) refers to a hypothetical global catastrophe where self-replicating nanobots consume all matter, turning it into a mass of the namesake colour and consistency?	GREY GOO
4	What are the three colours of the annual New Orleans Mardi Gras parade, which feature on its flag? They also appear on the flag of Grenada, along with red, white and black.	PURPLE, GREEN and GOLD/YELLOW