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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	The top-selling video game designed specifically for virtual reality technology is which 2019 rhythm game , released originally on PS4 and Windows, in which players must hit coloured blocks using illuminated swords?	<u>BEAT SABER</u>
1b	A staple of rock guitar technique is a type of chord consisting only of a root note and the fifth of the scale. These are sometimes called 'fifth chords', but usually referred to by what other name ?	<u>POWER</u> chords
2a	One of the most prestigious libraries in the ancient world was located in which Egyptian city , which was also the site of a lighthouse regarded as one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World?	<u>ALEXANDRIA</u>
2b	Tenzing Norgay, who climbed Mount Everest with Edmund Hillary in 1953, is perhaps the most famous representative of what ethnic group , who live primarily in Nepal and are traditionally employed as guides by climbers in the Himalayas?	<u>SHERPA</u>
3a	The book most often borrowed from UK libraries in the 2000s was 'The Story of Tracy Beaker', a children's novel by which author ?	Jacqueline <u>WILSON</u>
3b	In March 2021, Meghan Markle and Prince Harry gave a much-publicised interview to which American media personality , who hosted a namesake talk show between 1986 and 2011? She is often referred to by her first name alone.	Oprah <u>WINFREY</u> (accept Oprah)
4a	What three-word Latin phrase , which can be abbreviated to NCM, is used in legal contexts to refer to someone who is not of sound mind?	<u>NON COMPOS MENTIS</u>
4b	t-RNA is one of the main varieties of ribonucleic acid, a molecule essential in biological processes. What does the letter T stand for in t-RNA?	<u>TRANSFER</u>

Round 2

1a	Which Norwegian explorer , who led the first successful expedition to the South Pole, disappeared in 1928 in circumstances that have never been fully established?	Roald <u>AMUNDSEN</u>
1b	The Queen song 'Bohemian Rhapsody' had a resurgence in popularity following its appearance in which 1992 comedy film starring Mike Myers and Dana Carvey, based on a sketch from the American TV show 'Saturday Night Live'?	<u>WAYNE'S WORLD</u>
2a	The 2015 African Footballer of the Year award was given to which player , who captains the Gabonese national team and won the FA Cup with Arsenal in 2019?	Pierre-Emerick <u>AUBAMEYANG</u>
2b	March has been designated internationally as a month of awareness of what common medical condition , in which tissue similar to the lining of the uterus grows outside of the uterus?	<u>ENDOMETRIOSIS</u>
3a	What name of French origin is given to the deep-fried sugar-dusted choux pastries, commonly eaten as breakfast items but also popular as desserts, which form an ubiquitous part of the cuisine of New Orleans?	<u>BEIGNET</u>
3b	A famous rising trumpet motif opens the famous 'Sunrise' section of which 1896 tone poem , composed by Richard Strauss?	<u>ALSO SPRACH</u> <u>ZARATHUSTRA</u> (accept Thus Spoke (or Spake) Zarathustra)
4a	The English baronet Sir Percy Blakeney leads a double life in which classic 1905 novel by Baroness Orczy, regarded by many as having pioneered the concept of a hero with a secret identity?	<i>The</i> <u>SCARLET</u> <u>PIMPERNEL</u>
4b	In which Canadian city, the second most populous in the country, is the French language spoken by 66% of the population?	<u>MONTREAL</u>

Round 3

1a	Controversial at the time due to its sympathetic portrayal of poor labourers, the 1875 painting known in English as 'The Floor Scrapers' was created by which French artist , loosely associated with the Impressionist movement?	Gustave <u>CAILLEBOTTE</u> ("KYE-uh-BOTT")
1b	The marine mammal 'Orcinus orca' is most commonly known by what two-word name ? Despite the name, there are no recorded instances of fatalities due to these animals in the wild.	<u>KILLER WHALE</u>
2a	What two-word alliterative name is usually given to the marketing practice in which a company promotes their brand by having branded items appear within unrelated media, such as a TV show or film?	<u>PRODUCT PLACEMENT</u>
2b	Regarded by anime fans as one of the "Big Three", which globally popular anime series , based on a manga and first broadcast in 2002, revolves around the efforts of a young blonde-haired ninja-in-training who seeks to become respected in his village of Konohagakure?	<u>NARUTO</u>
3a	Which Labour politician , who represented Glasgow constituencies in the UK Parliament between 1978 and his death in 2000, was elected as the inaugural First Minister of Scotland following the creation of the modern Scottish Parliament?	Donald <u>DEWAR</u>
3b	A UNESCO World Heritage Site named 'Frontiers of the Roman Empire' contains the ruins of Hadrian's Wall and of which more northerly Roman wall , which stretched between the Firth of Clyde and the Firth of Forth in central Scotland?	<u>ANTONINE</u> Wall
4a	In basketball, what name is usually given to the action of bouncing the ball on the floor repeatedly, which allows a player to move around the court? The 'double' version of this, in which a player stops doing it then starts again, constitutes a foul.	<u>DRIBBLING</u>
4b	The headline performer at the 2020 Blackpool Illuminations switch-on ceremony was Mel C of the Spice Girls. What is her surname , for which the 'C' stands?	<u>CHISHOLM</u>

Round 4

1a	An owl's face on a green background forms the logo of which online travel company , founded in 2000, particularly popular as a means of writing and reading customer reviews?	<u>TRIPADVISOR</u>
1b	Three rivers form the border between Russia and Northeast China - the Argun and Ussuri rivers, and which longer river , nearly 3,000 kilometres in length?	<u>AMUR</u> (or Heilongjiang)
2a	A 1953 essay by Isaiah Berlin popularised the notion of dividing people into two categories: those who know one big thing, and those who know many things. What two animals were used to represent these categories? Both are required, though order is not important.	<u>HEDGEHOG</u> and <u>FOX</u>
2b	What 1982 song , a clichéd choice of music at sporting events, is by far the best-selling single by the American rock band Survivor?	<u>"EYE OF THE TIGER"</u>
3a	Which Czechoslovak-born American tennis player , a long-time advocate of gay and bisexual rights, won 19 Grand Slam singles titles between 1978 and 1990, including 9 Wimbledon titles?	Martina <u>NAVRATILOVA</u>
3b	Isaac Newton maintained a long-running and bitter feud with which German mathematician and polymath , who is regarded as having discovered calculus independently of Newton in the late 17th century?	Gottfried <u>LEIBNIZ</u>
4a	Which Aztec deity , regarded as a god of war and typically represented as a hummingbird, is said to have instructed the Aztecs to build their capital city of Tenochtitlan where they saw an eagle on a cactus eating a snake? This prophecy is represented on the Mexican flag.	<u>HUITZILOPOCHTLI</u> (wheat-zee-lo-POTCHED-lee) (be lenient with pronunciation)
4b	The 1952 film adaptation of Oscar Wilde's 'The Importance of Being Earnest' featured which actress as Lady Bracknell? Her delivery of the line "A handbag?" has become famous in itself.	Edith <u>EVANS</u>

HALF-TIME - PLEASE CHANGE ORDER

Round 5

1a	A green cartoon owl is the logo and mascot of which website and app , released to the public in 2012, which aims to help its users learn languages?	<u>DUOLINGO</u>
1b	Isaac Newton maintained a long-running and bitter feud with which English physicist and polymath , whose innovations in the late 17th century include his namesake law concerning the extension of springs?	Robert <u>HOOKE</u>
2a	Three paintings entitled 'The Third-Class Carriage', which depict working-class Parisians, were created in the 1850s and '60s by which French painter, sculptor and printmaker , at times controversial for the social commentary inherent in his work?	Honoré <u>DAUMIER</u> ("DOE-mee-ay")
2b	Regarded by anime fans as one of the "Big Three", which globally popular anime series , based on a manga and first broadcast in 2004, revolves around the exploits of the orange-haired teenager Ichigo Kurosaki, who reluctantly takes on the role of Soul Reaper in Karakura Town?	<u>BLEACH</u>
3a	Which politician and former party leader , who represented Scottish Borders constituencies in the UK Parliament between 1965 and 1997, served as the inaugural Presiding Officer of the modern Scottish Parliament? He resigned from the House of Lords in 2020.	David <u>STEEL</u>
3b	A UNESCO World Heritage Site named 'Heart of Neolithic Orkney' contains several structures, including a cluster of ten well-preserved houses which date from approximately 3000 BC. This cluster is known by what name ?	<u>SKARA BRAE</u>
4a	Martina Navratilova has led calls to rename a major sports venue in Australia is named for which tennis player , who has won more Grand Slam singles titles than any other player in history? The name choice has been controversial due to this player's outspoken opposition to same-sex relationships.	Margaret <u>COURT</u>
4b	What 1986 song , a clichéd choice of music at sporting events, is by far the best-selling single by the Swedish rock band Europe?	"The <u>FINAL COUNTDOWN</u>"

Round 6

1a	The 2016 African Footballer of the Year award was given to which player , who captains the Algerian national team and has won the Premier League with both Leicester City and Manchester City?	Riyad <u>MAHREZ</u>
1b	What name , derived from the name of a former kingdom in present-day Nepal, is used to refer to soldiers of Nepalese nationality who serve in the militaries of various nations, including the British Army?	<u>GURKHA</u> (or Gorkha)
2a	One of the last of the great libraries of the ancient world was located in what city , which served as the capital of the Byzantine Empire and was known in early antiquity as Byzantium?	<u>CONSTANTINOPLE</u> (accept Istanbul)
2b	A famous rising trumpet motif opens which famous short orchestral work , composed in 1942 by Aaron Copland? The main tune was later incorporated into Copland's Third Symphony.	<i><u>FANFARE FOR THE COMMON MAN</u></i> (be lenient as long as three main words are there)
3a	The book most often borrowed from UK libraries in 2014 was 'Inferno', a thriller novel by which author ? It forms part of his Robert Langdon series.	Dan <u>BROWN</u>
3b	Meghan Markle had reportedly been in talks to give an interview to which American comedy actress and media personality , whose namesake talk show has aired since 2003? A selfie she orchestrated at the 2014 Oscars ceremony has become the second-most-retweeted tweet of all time, though her show has recently been criticised for its toxic work environment.	Ellen <u>DEGENERES</u> (accept Ellen)
4a	What name of Yiddish origin is given to the crescent-rolled pastries, usually made with cream cheese and often filled with fruit and nuts, which form a ubiquitous part of Israeli cuisine and are popular among the Jewish diaspora worldwide?	<u>RUGELACH</u>
4b	In the USA, March has been designated as a month of awareness of what incurable disease of the central nervous system , in which nerve sheaths in the brain and spinal cord are damaged? The two-word name of the condition refers to the numerous scars that form within the nervous system.	<u>MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS</u> (accept MS)

Round 7

1a	The two shrines at the top of the great Templo Mayor in Tenochtitlan were dedicated to Huitzilopochtli and which other Aztec deity , typically depicted with goggled eyes and fangs? He is particularly associated with rain, and it is thought that sacrifices were made to him in order to ensure favourable weather.	<u>TLALOC</u>
1b	The 1947 film adaptation of Oscar Wilde's 'An Ideal Husband' starred which actor as Viscount Arthur Goring? He also starred in the Alfred Hitchcock films 'Stage Fright' and 'Under Capricorn', and was the second husband of Elizabeth Taylor.	Michael <u>WILDING</u>
2a	In basketball, what name is usually given to the action of jumping in the air and putting the ball directly into the basket? The term has come to be used generally to describe a foregone conclusion or easy success.	(SLAM) <u>DUNK</u>
2b	What word follows 'black' in a common name for spiders of the genus Latrodectus, known for their distinctive hourglass-shaped markings? Despite their morbid name and reputation, their bites have almost never resulted in fatalities in modern times.	<u>WIDOW</u>
3a	What two-word alliterative name is usually given to a product sold deliberately below its usual market price, in order to attract consumers towards a particular vendor or stimulate sales of more profitable goods?	<u>LOSS LEADER</u>
3b	The 2020 Blackpool Illuminations switch-on ceremony featured a performance by which London street dance troupe , who beat Susan Boyle to win the 3rd series of 'Britain's Got Talent' in 2009?	<u>DIVERSITY</u>
4a	In a famous paradox attributed to the ancient philosopher Zeno of Elea, a footrace is imagined between a mythical figure and an animal, with the apparent and strange result that the animal cannot be beaten. What mythical figure and animal are usually imagined in this paradox? Both are required.	<u>ACHILLES</u> and <u>TORTOISE</u> (accept turtle)
4b	Two rivers form the border between China and North Korea - the Tumen river, and which longer river , around 790 kilometres in length?	<u>YALU</u> (or Amnok / Amrok)

Round 8

1a	The 1898 short story 'The Ides of March' by E. W. Hornung introduced which popular literary character , an archetypal 'gentleman thief' who leads a double life?	Arthur J. <u>RAFFLES</u>
1b	What name , an abbreviated Italian word, is usually given to a clamp placed on the frets of a guitar in order to shorten the playable length of the strings, and thus raise the pitch produced?	<u>CAPO</u> (accept capodastro or capotasto)
2a	What three-word Latin phrase , which can be abbreviated to IFD, is used in legal contexts to refer to a situation in which someone is caught in the act of committing a crime?	<u>IN FLAGRANTE DELICTO</u>
2b	In which Spanish city , the second most populous in the country, is the Catalan language understood by 95% of the population?	<u>BARCELONA</u>
3a	In which exploration video game , originally released on PS4 and Windows in 2016, can players theoretically visit over 18 quintillion planets? The subsequent implementation of virtual reality technology has helped improve the game's initially poor reputation.	<u>NO MAN'S SKY</u>
3b	RNA differs from DNA in that it does not have thymine as one of its four constituent bases, instead having which other base , symbolised by the letter U?	<u>URACIL</u>
4a	Which American aviator , the first female pilot to fly solo across the Atlantic, disappeared in 1937 in circumstances that have never been established?	Amelia <u>EARHART</u>
4b	The Queen song 'Don't Stop Me Now' had a resurgence in popularity following its appearance in which 2004 comedy horror film starring Simon Pegg and Nick Frost, the first film in the so-called 'Cornetto Trilogy'?	<u>SHAUN OF THE DEAD</u>

IF SCORES ARE LEVEL ARE ROUND 8, SWITCH THE ORDER AND PLAY ROUND 9

Round 9

1a	Since 1988, the shortest-distance swimming event at the Summer Olympic Games has been a freestyle race over what distance ?	<u>50 METRES</u>
1b	Three years after her previous studio album, which singer topped the album charts in 2020 with the album 'Future Nostalgia'? It included the singles 'Don't Start Now' and 'Physical'.	Dua <u>LIPA</u>
2a	The novel known in English as 'The Tale of Genji', a classic of Japanese literature which is often said to be the world's first novel, was written in the 11th century by which author ?	<u>MURASAKI SHIKIBU</u> (accept either part)
2b	Pope John Paul II was the first non-Italian Pope in over 450 years. In which country was he born?	<u>POLAND</u>
3a	Pope Francis was the first ever Pope to be born in the Southern Hemisphere. In which country was he born?	<u>ARGENTINA</u>
3b	The poetic diary known in English as 'The Narrow Road to the Deep North', a classic of Japanese literature, was written in the 17th century by which author , widely regarded as the greatest master of haiku?	<u>MATSUO BASHO</u> (accept either part)
4a	Four years after her previous studio album, which singer topped the album charts in 2020 with the album 'Chromatica'? It included the singles 'Rain on Me' and 'Stupid Love'.	Lady <u>GAGA</u> (accept Stefani Germanotta)
4b	Since 2000, race walking has been contested at the Summer Olympic Games has been contested over only two distances. What is the shorter of the two?	<u>20 KILOMETRES</u>

IF SCORES ARE STILL LEVEL AFTER ROUND 9, ASK THE BELOW QUESTION TO THE TEAM CAPTAINS

WHOEVER IS CLOSEST WILL PROGRESS

PLEASE NOTIFY JON STITCHER WHO HAS WON IF THE MATCH GOES TO A TIEBREAK QUESTION AS THE SCORER CANNOT HANDLE THIS YET

NEAREST THE BULL:

To the nearest foot, how long was the Ever Given boat that blocked up the Suez Canal?

Ans: 1,312 (ft)

Spares

1	What name , after the British mathematician who popularised them in the 1880s, is given to a type of diagram in which the relationships between items are represented by placing them in overlapping circles?	<u>VENN diagram</u>
2	What word , deriving ultimately from a French word for a small ball, is given to the main cluster of cyclists that forms during a cycling race?	<u>PELTON</u>
3	The yuan is the basic unit of China's currency, but what is the official name of the currency as a whole? It is rendered in English as an eight-letter word.	<u>RENMINBI</u>
4	Which British impressionist and voice actor is best known for his impression of Margaret Thatcher, which he performed throughout the original run of the satirical TV series <i>Spitting Image</i> ?	Steve <u>NALLON</u>