



ONLINE QUIZ LEAGUE

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Round 1

1a	The capital cities of Bahrain, Nicaragua and Somalia all start with which letter of the alphabet?	<u>M</u> (Manama, Managua and Mogadishu, respectively)
1b	Which 1984 Hollywood sci-fi movie, directed by James Cameron, was released in Poland under the title, <i>The Electronic Murderer</i> ?	<u>The Terminator</u>
2a	The four novels <i>The Jewel in the Crown</i> , <i>The Day of the Scorpion</i> , <i>The Towers of Silence</i> and <i>A Division of the Spoils</i> , published between 1966 and 1975, comprise which tetralogy by British author Paul Scott?	The <u>Raj Quartet</u> (accept The <u>Raj Series</u>)
2b	Name any one of the three astronauts who, in July 1971, journeyed to the moon aboard Apollo 15? Two of these astronauts became the seventh and eighth men to walk on the lunar surface, the other did a Michael Collins and monitored their activities from the command module.	<u>David Scott</u> , <u>James Irwin</u> or <u>Alfred Worden</u>
3a	Which British TV sitcom, that aired between 1990 and 2000, features the antics and mishaps of enforced-retiree Victor Meldrew (played by Richard Wilson) and the resulting exasperation of his long-suffering wife, Margaret?	<u>One Foot in the Grave</u>
3b	Worn by Gilles Grimandi, Ashley Cole and Dennis Bergkamp (among others), which Premier League football club's away kit was sponsored by Japanese video-games giant Sega for three seasons between 1999 and 2002?	<u>Arsenal</u> (The home kit during this time was sponsored by Dreamcast, a now discontinued Sega console)
4a	At which castle in Gloucestershire is it claimed that a captive King Edward II of England was murdered with a red-hot poker on 21 st September 1327?	<u>Berkeley Castle</u>
4b	Cheongwadae, which translates as 'pavilion of blue tiles', also known as the Blue House, is the executive office and official residence of the president of which Asian country?	<u>South Korea</u>

Round 2

1a	<i>Idomeneus, King of Crete</i> and <i>La Clemenza di Tito</i> are two little-known, Italian-language operas by which well-known composer, who wasn't himself Italian?	Wolfgang Amadeus <u>Mozart</u>
1b	Said to have been produced for at least 2,000 years, the pine resin-infused wine, retsina, has its origins in which Mediterranean country and is still made there today?	<u>Greece</u>
2a	Founded in 1764, which of the USA's eight Ivy League universities is located in Providence, Rhode Island? It was the first college in the U.S. to accept students regardless of their religious affiliation.	<u>Brown University</u>
2b	The three Great Pyramids of Giza, attributed to the pharaohs Khufu, Khafre and Menkaure, were all built during which numbered dynasty of Ancient Egypt, that occurred during the Old Kingdom period?	<u>Fourth/4th Dynasty / Dynasty IV</u> (c. 2613 to c. 2494 BC).
3a	Born in 1877, and killed in 1918 by the direct impact of an artillery shell, which English horror/fantasy author's two most famous works are <i>The House on the Borderland</i> (published 1908); and, <i>The Night Land</i> (published 1912)?	William Hope <u>Hodgson</u>
3b	Which radioactive element was used in a self-luminous paint that early 20 th century female factory workers applied to watch dials at three different factories in the eastern United States? They ingested this element after being instructed to "point" their brushes on their lips in order to give them a fine tip.	<u>radium</u>
4a	Skeletor was the famous arch-enemy of He-Man in the 1983 animated series <i>He-Man and the Masters of the Universe</i> ; but what was the name of the witch who acted as his second-in-command, and was more intelligent and powerful than all of his other minions combined?	<u>Evil-Lyn</u> (prompt, if just Lyn given as answer)
4b	Which former National Basketball Association player still holds the single-game scoring record after he scored 100 points for the Philadelphia Warriors in their 169-147 win over the New York Knicks in 1962? He had a short-lived movie career, fighting Arnold Schwarzenegger in the 1984 film <i>Conan the Destroyer</i> .	Wilt <u>Chamberlain</u>

Round 3

1a	Which incredibly strong cocktail, consisting of absinthe and iced champagne, was said to have been invented by author Ernest Hemingway and shares its name with a novel of his that was first published in 1932?	<u>Death in the Afternoon</u>
1b	Which Indian Premier League cricket team play their home games at Kolkata's Eden Gardens Stadium, the country's oldest cricket ground?	The Kolkata <u>Knight Riders</u>
2a	A. S. Byatt, Pat Barker and Arundhati Roy were the three female winners during the 1990s of which prestigious literary award?	The <u>Booker</u> Prize for Fiction (accept, <u>Man Booker</u> Prize)
2b	Who directed these three classic movies of the 1950s: <i>Sunset Boulevard</i> , <i>The Seven Year Itch</i> and <i>Some Like it Hot</i> ?	Billy <u>Wilder</u>
3a	The five inhabited islands that comprise the Small Isles of Scotland's Inner Hebrides are Canna, Rum, Eigg, Sanday and... which other?	<u>Muck</u>
3b	Name the Anglo-Irish woman who, on the 7 th April 1926, attempted to assassinate Italy's fascist leader, Benito Mussolini? The single shot she fired grazed his nose, but he was otherwise unharmed. The lady in question was eventually deported back to Britain without charge and spent the rest of her days in a Northampton asylum.	Violet Albina <u>Gibson</u>
4a	At the inaugural Music of Black Origin (MOBO) Awards in 1996 which eyepatch-wearing, British singer/songwriter, won the Best Single category with her track <i>Give Me a Little More Time</i> ?	<u>Gabrielle</u> (accept, Louise Gabrielle <u>Bobb</u>)
4b	Spica is the brightest star of which constellation of the zodiac? It is the second-largest constellation in the night sky, after Hydra, and visible in the northern hemisphere from March to July.	<u>virgo</u>

Round 4

1a	“It was a queer, sultry summer, the summer they electrocuted the Rosenbergs, and I didn’t know what I was doing in New York.” This opening line, by protagonist Esther Greenwood, is from which semi-autobiographical novel, first published in 1963?	<u>The Bell Jar</u> (by Sylvia Plath)
1b	In 1938, which British ocean liner reclaimed the Blue Riband accolade, from the French liner SS Normandie, by crossing the Atlantic in regular service with a new record highest average speed?	The RMS <u>Queen Mary</u>
2a	Based on the eight-novel sequence of the same name by sci-fi author James S. A. Corey, which Amazon Prime series is set several hundred years in the future, against a backdrop of political stand-off between the colonies of Earth, Mars and The Belt? It sees Captain James Holden and his crew attempt to uncover a sinister conspiracy involving an alien protomolecule that threatens the whole of humanity.	<u>The Expanse</u>
2b	The annual tennis competition the Billie Jean King Cup (known as the Fed Cup until September 2020) is the women’s equivalent of which men’s international, team tournament?	<u>Davis Cup</u>
3a	Which song by British singer-songwriter, Seal, appeared in the 1994 film <i>The NeverEnding Story III</i> and was re-released a year later as part of the soundtrack to the movie <i>Batman Forever</i> ?	<u>Kiss from a Rose</u>
3b	Since 1928, which president has featured on the obverse of the U.S. twenty-dollar bill?	<u>Andrew Jackson</u>
4a	Which group of islands in the Tyrrhenian Sea, sometimes referred to as the Lipari Group, are named for a Greek demi-god of the winds? Stromboli, with its active volcano, is, along with Lipari, two of the seven main islands that comprise this group.	<u>Aeolian Islands</u>
4b	Name the forest-dwelling, bipedal, ape-like creature from North American folklore that’s said to have been glimpsed by thousands of eyewitnesses and is now an icon of Cryptozoological studies?	<u>Bigfoot</u> or <u>Sasquatch</u> (either equally acceptable)

HALF TIME – SWITCH ORDER

Round 5

1a	Lending its name to a Shipping Forecast area, which island, officially part of the Shetland Islands, lies approximately halfway between the mainland of Shetland and the Orkneys?	<u>Fair Isle</u>
1b	Name the Russian woman who, on 30 th August 1918, attempted to assassinate Vladimir Lenin? Two of the three shots she fired resulted in injuries from which Lenin never fully recovered. She was arrested by the Cheka secret-police and executed a few days later.	Fanny Efimovna <u>Kaplan</u>
2a	At the inaugural MOBO Awards in 1996, which DJ and sometime-actor, whose real name is Clifford Joseph Price, won the Best Album category with his debut album 'Timeless'? He's also well known for sporting grills (precious metal jewellery worn over the teeth).	<u>Goldie</u>
2b	Aldebaran is the brightest star of which constellation of the zodiac? It is a prominent northern-hemisphere constellation, lying immediately north-west of Orion.	<u>taurus</u>
3a	Which cocktail, popular during the Prohibition Era, is made with white rum, pineapple juice, grenadine and Maraschino liqueur and is named after a female silent movie star? Her first name and surname are required, please.	<u>Mary Pickford</u>
3b	Which Indian Premier League cricket team play their home games at Chennai's M. A. Chidambaram Stadium, the country's second-oldest cricket ground?	The Chennai <u>Super Kings</u>
4a	Rachel Whiteread and Gillian Wearing were the only two female recipients during the 1990s of which prestigious arts award?	The <u>Turner Prize</u>
4b	Who directed these three classic movies of the 1950s: <i>Roman Holiday</i> , <i>The Big Country</i> and <i>Ben-Hur</i> ?	William <u>Wyler</u>

Round 6

1a	Which song by British funk and acid jazz band Jamiroquai appeared on the soundtrack to the 1998 film <i>Godzilla</i> ? The song was also included as a bonus track on 'Synkronized', the band's fourth studio album.	<u>Deeper Underground</u>
1b	Since 1914, which president has featured on the obverse of the U.S. fifty-dollar bill?	Ulysses S. <u>Grant</u>
2a	Which chain of islands, located between Corsica and the Italian mainland, are named after an Italian region? Montecristo, from the title of the Alexandre Dumas novel, is, along with Elba, two of the seven main islands that comprise this group.	<u>Tuscan Archipelago</u> (accept, Toscana Archipelago National Park / Tuscan Islands / Tuscan group, or anything similar, as long as Tuscan or Toscana is mentioned)
2b	Name the mountain-dwelling, bipedal, ape-like creature from Himalayan folklore that numerous eyewitnesses claim to have spotted over the years and, like Bigfoot, is now an icon of Cryptozoological studies?	<u>Yeti</u>, <u>Meh-Teh</u> or <u>Abominable Snowman</u> (all three equally acceptable)
3a	"Many years later, as he faced the firing squad, Colonel Aureliano Buendia was to remember that distant afternoon when his father took him to discover ice." This is the opening line to which widely acclaimed, magic-realist novel, first published in 1967?	<u>One Hundred Years of Solitude</u> (by Gabriel Garcia Márquez)
3b	In 1938, which British train set the world speed record for steam locomotives when it achieved a speed of 126mph on the East Coast Main Line near Grantham, Lincolnshire? It is a record this engine still officially holds today.	The <u>Mallard</u> (accept, LNER Class A4 4468 Mallard)
4a	Based on the novel of the same name by sci-fi author Richard K. Morgan, which Netflix series is set in the year 2384 and begins with the mind of former elite soldier Takeshi Kovacs released from mental prison and "spun up" into a new body? Kovacs is then asked to solve a high-profile murder in exchange for his permanent resurrection.	<u>Altered Carbon</u>
4b	Contested between teams from Europe and the United States, the biennial golf competition the Solheim Cup is the women's equivalent of which men's international tournament?	<u>Ryder Cup</u>

Round 7

1a	Which British TV sitcom, originally airing between 1990 and 1995, features the antics and mishaps of snobbish, lower-middle-class, social-climber Hyacinth Bucket/Bouquet (played by Patricia Routledge) and the resulting exasperation of her long-suffering husband, Richard?	<u>Keeping Up Appearances</u>
1b	Worn by Gabriel Batistuta, Rui Costa and Edmundo (among others), which top-flight, Tuscan-based Italian football club's kit was sponsored by the Japanese video-games giant Nintendo for two Serie A seasons between 1997 and 1999?	<u>Fiorentina</u>
2a	At which castle, in what is now West Yorkshire, is it claimed that King Richard II of England was killed by his captors after being starved to death in February of the year 1400?	<u>Pontefract Castle</u>
2b	The Casa Rosada, or Pink House, home to the presidential and governmental offices, as well as a museum dedicated to former presidents, is located in which country of the Americas?	<u>Argentina</u>
3a	The capital cities of Bhutan, Honduras and Libya all start with which letter of the alphabet?	<u>T</u> (Thimphu, Tegucigalpa and Tripoli, respectively)
3b	Which 1975 Hollywood movie, directed by Steven Spielberg, was released in France under the title of, <i>The Teeth from the Sea</i> ?	<u>Jaws</u>
4a	The four novels, <i>Justine</i> , <i>Balthazar</i> , <i>Mountolive</i> and <i>Clea</i> , published between 1957 and 1960, comprise which tetralogy by British author Lawrence Durrell?	The <u>Alexandria Quartet</u> (accept, The Alexandria Series)
4b	Name any one of the three astronauts who, on 27 th January 1967, died in a cabin fire at Cape Kennedy during the launch rehearsal test of Apollo 1?	Ed <u>White</u> , Virgil "Gus" <u>Grissom</u> or Roger <u>Chaffee</u>

Round 8

1a	Born in 1878, under which pen-name did Anglo-Irish writer Edward John Moreton Drax Plunkett publish most of his 90-odd fantasy novels and short stories? He is best remembered today for his first book <i>The Gods of Pegāna</i> , and 1924's <i>The King of Elfland's Daughter</i> .	Lord <u>Dunsany</u>
1b	Which toxic element was a major chemical component of Scheele's Green, a yellowish-green pigment used in the 19 th century to colour wallpaper, paints, wax candles and even some children's toys? Unsurprisingly, contact with it resulted in numerous people being slowly poisoned.	<u>arsenic</u>
2a	What's the name of the evil "ever-living" sorcerer, and main antagonist, in the cartoon series <i>Thundercats</i> , whose largely incompetent henchmen include the creatures, Monkey-un, Jackal-man and Slythe?	<u>Mumm-Ra</u>
2b	Who is the all-time leading scorer in NBA history, amassing an incredible 38,387 career points between 1969 and 1989? He had a short-lived movie career, fighting Bruce Lee in the 1972 film <i>Game of Death</i> .	Kareem Abdul <u>Jabbar</u>
3a	<i>The Siege of Corinth</i> and <i>Moses and Pharaoh</i> are two little-known, French-language operas by which well-known composer, who wasn't himself French?	Gioachino <u>Rossini</u>
3b	The fortified wine, marsala, is produced in the region surrounding a namesake town on which large Italian island?	<u>Sicily</u>
4a	Founded in 1754, which of the USA's eight Ivy League universities is the only one located in the city of New York? It was the first college in the U.S. to grant an MD, or Doctor of Medicine degree.	<u>Columbia University</u>
4b	Hatshepsut, the longest-reigning female Pharaoh; Akhenaten (a.k.a. Amenhotep IV) and Tutankhamun, all reigned during which numbered dynasty of Ancient Egypt, that occurred during the New Kingdom period?	<u>Eighteenth/18th Dynasty / Dynasty XVIII</u> (c. 1550 to c. 1290 BC).

Spare Questions

1	Which seaside town in Cornwall, England is home to one of the UK's four Tate galleries and the Barbara Hepworth Museum and Sculpture Garden?	<u>St Ives</u>
2	Mammoth Cave National Park, home to the world's longest cave system, is located in which landlocked U.S. state?	<u>Kentucky</u>
3	Which comedy actor voiced the timid, hamster side-kick Penfold in the original <i>Dangermouse</i> series, that ran from 1981 to 1992?	Terry <u>Scott</u>
4	Which unorthodox crusade to the Holy Land is said to have taken place in the year 1212, but with very few (if any) of the young participants actually making it to their destination, largely due to being sold into slavery or shipwrecked during the journey?	<u>Children's Crusade</u>
5	The blue agave plant is the base ingredient of which distilled alcoholic drink?	<u>tequila</u>
6	In Islam, which name is given to someone who can recite the whole of the Quran from memory?	<u>Hafiz</u>
7	Which king of Mycenaean Greece has been portrayed on screen	<u>Agamemnon</u>

	by Brian Cox in the film <i>Troy</i> (2004) and by Sean Connery in 1981's <i>Time Bandits</i> ?	
8	Which NFL team's helmets are bright orange with black stripes?	Cincinnati <u>Bengals</u>