



## **ONLINE QUIZ LEAGUE**

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**Round 1**

1a	In online video gaming, you will often see the four-letter acronym GLHF being typed by players at the start of proceedings: if GL stands for “Good Luck”, <b>what does “HF” represent?</b>	<b><u>HAVE FUN</u></b>
1b	Widely regarded as one of the worst accents in film is the Cockney accent of <b>which American actor</b> , in the role of Basher, in the <i>Ocean’s 11</i> franchise? Perhaps he learned from his lack of preparation, as he actually took up the trumpet when cast as Miles Davis in the biopic <i>Miles Ahead</i> .	<b>Don <u>CHEADLE</u></b>
2a	Regarded as one of the most virtuosic players ever, <b>which Canadian jazz pianist</b> was sometimes known by the honorific “The Maharaja”? His album <i>Night Train</i> is seen as a textbook on trio playing, having inspired Diana Krall to become a pianist.	<b>Oscar <u>PETERSON</u></b>
2b	<i>The Joy Luck Club</i> is a 1989 novel by <b>which Chinese-American author?</b> It focuses on the stories of four Chinese-American immigrant families in San Francisco who start a club where they play mahjong; eat; and reminisce.	<b>Amy <u>TAN</u> (accept <u>TAN Enmei</u>)</b>
3a	In rugby union’s Six Nations, <b>which two countries</b> compete for the Auld Alliance Trophy (please spell out A-U-L-D!)? It recognises the fact that the two of them joined forces to resist English domination of Europe between the 13 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup> centuries.	<b><u>SCOTLAND</u> and <u>FRANCE</u></b>
3b	<b>Which large estuary</b> on the East Coast of England is formed by the rivers Ouse and Trent? A bridge built across it in 1981 to link the city of Hull with Lincolnshire was at the time the longest suspension bridge in the world.	<b><u>HUMBER</u></b>
4a	3, 7, 31, 127, and 8191 are the first terms in a sequence of numbers named after <b>which French polymath?</b> These numbers are all prime numbers that are one less than a power of 2.	<b>Marin <u>MERSENNE</u></b>
4b	The box on Facebook where users click to post their own content usually displays <b>what inquisitive four word question?</b>	<b><u>WHAT’S ON YOUR MIND?</u></b>

## Round 2

1a	Perhaps the most economically priced restaurant to be awarded a Michelin star is the original Mong Kok location of <b>which Hong Kong restaurant chain?</b> The chain has since expanded internationally, with franchises in 12 countries.	<b><u>TIM HO WAN</u></b> (NB the original Mong Kok restaurant has now moved to Olympian City, but retains its star)
1b	<b>Which common household device</b> was discovered by accident by engineer Percy Spencer? While working on research into radar technology in the 1940s, he noticed that the magnetron he was using had melted a chocolate bar in his pocket.	<b><u>MICROWAVE</u></b> oven
2a	<b>Which digital TV channel</b> was originally branded as UK Gold 2, but adopted its current name in 2007 along with the slogan "The home of witty banter"? It was the original home of the show <i>Taskmaster</i> before it moved to Channel 4.	<b><u>DAVE</u></b>
2b	In American football, a quarterback will often try a speculative long pass into the endzone in the final seconds of a game (or half). <b>What two-word name</b> is usually given to such a pass, reflecting the fact that its success may require the team's prayers to be answered?	<b><u>HAIL MARY</u></b>
3a	<b>Which American</b> came to Merton College, Oxford on a Rhodes scholarship in 1958? Highlights of a wide-ranging career since then include writing the song <i>Help Me Make It Through the Night</i> , and playing the character Abraham Whistler in the trilogy of films about the vampire hunter <i>Blade</i> .	Kris <b><u>KRISTOFFERSON</u></b>
3b	Whose show usually fills the 10am to 1pm slot on BBC Radio 6 Music on Saturdays? Before becoming a broadcaster, he had musical success in the 1990s and 2000s as lead singer with the American band Fun Lovin' Criminals.	<b><u>HUEY MORGAN</u></b> (accept either)
4a	<b>Which European microstate</b> is the only one in the world which is sometimes described as a "Most Serene Republic"?	<b><u>SAN MARINO</u></b>
4b	<b>Which Chinese emperor</b> (reigned 1402-1424), the third of the Ming dynasty, oversaw the construction of the Forbidden City in Beijing, and the Porcelain Tower of Nanjing? Directly translated, his regnal name means "perpetual happiness". You may give either the imperial or personal name.	The <b><u>YONGLE</u></b> ("yong-luh") Emperor (accept <b><u>ZHU DI</u></b> or <b><u>CHU TI</u></b> )

**Round 3**

1a	<b>Which Commonwealth country</b> is the setting for the Booker Prize winning novels <i>Heat and Dust</i> , <i>The God of Small Things</i> , and <i>Staying On</i> ?	<u>INDIA</u>
1b	The Carnival of the Animals is a work of music by <b>which French composer</b> ?	Camille <u>SAINT-SAËNS</u>
2a	Located in the Andes, near the Argentina-Chile border, the summit of <b>which South American stratovolcano</b> makes it the highest active volcano in the world?	<u>Nevado OJOS DEL SALADO</u>
2b	<b>What insurance company</b> shares its name with an incredibly famous battle that took place on the south coast of England? This insurance company's phone number – and irritatingly catchy jingle – contains the year of the battle in question.	<u>HASTINGS</u> Direct / Insurance Services Ltd
3a	Manolo Blahnik; Christian Louboutin; and Jimmy Choo are all designers most notable for producing <b>which item of clothing</b> ?	<u>SHOES/FOOTWEAR</u> (etc)
3b	<b>Which American explorer</b> was the first man to circumnavigate the Earth in a balloon, doing so in 2002?	Steve <u>FOSSETT</u>
4a	<b>Which American voice actor</b> , perhaps best known for his work on <i>The Simpsons</i> , voicing Troy McClure and Lionel Hutz (among other characters), was tragically murdered by his wife in 1998 at the age of just 49?	Phil <u>HARTMAN</u>
4b	<b>Which Kenyan middle distance runner</b> was the first, and so far only, man to break 1 minute and 41 seconds for the 800m, setting this world record at the 2012 London Olympics?	David <u>RUDISHA</u>

Round 4

1a	The 2016 leak of some 11.5m documents in what has been dubbed as the Panama Papers primarily concerns files created by and taken from <b>which Panamanian offshore law firm and corporate service provider?</b> In the spirit of their creative accounting, and because it's a friendly, we'll accept either half of their name.	<u><b>MOSSACK FONSECA</b></u>
1b	In which <b>northern English town</b> can you find the World of Glass museum? Since 1826, it has been home to Pilkington Glass, and saw the invention of "float glass" in the 1950s.	<u><b>ST HELENS</b></u>
2a	Despite being botanically a hardwood tree, <i>ochroma</i> produces one of the softest and lightest woods found in nature: it is often used in model-making under <b>what more common name?</b>	<u><b>BALSA</b></u>
2b	<b>Which influential London-born actor</b> became the son-in-law of American playwright Eugene O'Neill by marrying his daughter Oona in 1943? Although her father opposed the relationship because of the age gap, the couple had eight children and remained together until his death in 1977.	<u><b>Sir Charles 'Charlie' CHAPLIN</b></u>
3a	A regular on both Sky and BBC coverage, <b>which cricket commentator</b> , born in High Wycombe in 1985, was the first woman of Indian heritage to play for England? She was part of the squad which won the 2009 World Cup.	<u><b>Isa GUHA</b></u> (NB her first name is occasionally pronounced "EE-sha" or "Isha")
3b	Around halfway through proceedings, ITV's <i>Love Island</i> splits up its original contestants and sends half of them to <b>what other location</b> , where new Islanders are introduced, to "shake things up" among the pre-existing couples? This literally translates into Spanish as "Love House".	<u><b>CASA AMOR</b></u>
4a	In 2012, <b>which "diminutive" rapper</b> became the most successful male artist on the Billboard Hot 100 when he overtook Elvis with his 109 <sup>th</sup> chart entry (though Drake has subsequently surpassed both of them)? His 2011 album 'Tha Carter IV' has sold around 6 million copies worldwide.	<u><b>LIL WAYNE</b></u> (prompt on <b>Dwayne CARTER</b> , which is not acceptable on this occasion as it's in the question!)
4b	The Turner Prize has often had its fair share of somewhat controversial nominations. <b>Which 1992 nominee</b> caused quite a stir with his installations, including a shark preserved in formaldehyde, entitled <i>The Physical Impossibility of Death in the Mind of Someone Living</i> , dubbed by The Sun as "£50,000 for fish without chips"?	<u><b>Damien HIRST</b></u>

HALF TIME – SWITCH ORDER

Round 5

1a	<b>Which European country</b> (which does not play in rugby's Six Nations) has been an official ally of first England, and later Great Britain, since a treaty signed by Edward III in 1373? The two regularly joined forces to resist the power of Spain in medieval times.	<b><u>PORTUGAL</u></b>
1b	<b>Which large estuary</b> which sits between Norfolk and Lincolnshire is formed by the rivers Witham, Welland, Nene, and Great Ouse? Legend has it that King John of England lost his jewels in this body of water in 1216.	The <b><u>WASH</u></b>
2a	An ancient algorithm for finding all prime numbers up to any specified limit is a "Sieve" named after <b>which ancient Greek polymath</b> ? It does this by iteratively marking as composite the multiples of each prime, starting with 2.	<b><u>ERATOSTHENES</u> of Cyrene</b>
2b	The box on Twitter where users click to post their own content usually displays <b>what inquisitive two word question</b> ?	<b><u>WHAT'S HAPPENING?</u></b>
3a	The 2017 leak of some 13.4m documents from the legal firm Appleby, and corporate services providers Estera and Asiaciti ( <i>Asia-city</i> ) Trust, were given what name?	<b><u>PARADISE</u> Papers</b>
3b	Widely regarded as one of the worst accents in film is the Cockney accent of <b>which English actor</b> , in the role of Pete Dunham, in <i>Green Street</i> ? He probably didn't learn from his lack of preparation, though, as his American accent in <i>Sons of Anarchy</i> sometimes demonstrates.	<b>Charlie <u>HUNNAM</u></b>
4a	One of Oscar Peterson's biggest influences, <b>which American jazz pianist</b> was simply nicknamed "God"? Known for definitive interpretations of <i>Tiger Rag</i> and <i>Tea For Two</i> , he extended the vocabulary and boundaries of jazz piano far beyond his initial stride influences, establishing new ground through use of reharmonisations; voicings; and bitonality.	Art <b><u>TATUM</u></b>
4b	<i>Wild Swans</i> is a 1991 novel by <b>which Chinese-British author</b> ? It focuses on the stories of three female generations in China – mother, daughter, and granddaughter – with the last of these being autobiographical.	Jung <b><u>CHANG</u></b> (accept <b><u>CHANG</u> Jung or <u>ZHANG</u> Rong)</b>

Round 6

1a	<b>Which American</b> came to New College, Oxford on a Rhodes scholarship in 1985? Although she was initially seen as a leader of third-wave feminism after writing the bestseller <i>The Beauty Myth</i> , in recent years she has been discredited as an academic, and become better-known for promoting conspiracy theories, especially in relation to the COVID pandemic.	<b>Naomi <u>WOLF</u></b>
1b	Whose show usually fills the 10am to 1pm slot on BBC Radio 6 Music on Sundays? Before becoming a broadcaster, she had a successful musical career in the 1990s as lead singer with the Welsh band Catatonia.	<b><u>CERYS MATTHEWS</u></b> <b>(accept either)</b>
2a	In its full official name, <b>which Middle Eastern country</b> is the only one in the world which describes itself as a "Hashemite" Kingdom?	<b>Hashemite Kingdom of <u>JORDAN</u></b>
2b	<b>Which Chinese emperor and military leader</b> (reigned 1735-1796), the fifth of the Qing dynasty, saw the Qing Empire/China expand to its greatest extent during his reign? An apocryphal story about his travels has given rise to the culture of finger-tapping in thanks whenever someone pours Chinese tea. You may give either the imperial or personal name.	<b>The <u>QIANLONG</u> Emperor</b> <b>(accept <u>HONGLI</u>)</b>
3a	One of the most astronomically priced gastronomic disappointments, according to Jay Rayner's infamous review, is to be found at <b>which three-star Parisian "restaurant"</b> - or "scene of the crime", as Rayner dubbed it - that is part of the Four Seasons Hotel George V?	<b><u>LE CINQ</u></b>
3b	<b>Which ubiquitous antibiotic medicine's</b> properties were first discovered by Sir Alexander Fleming in 1928 when a mould sample accidentally contaminated the bacteria he was working on and killed them?	<b><u>PENICILLIN</u></b>
4a	When the digital TV channel UKTV Drama was re-branded in 2008, and adopted the slogan " <i>The home of crime drama</i> ", <b>what appropriate new name</b> - which you might often hear in a police investigation - did the channel take?	<b><u>ALIBI</u></b>
4b	In basketball, a player will often try a speculative long shot at the end of a game or period. <b>What two-word alliterative name</b> is given to such a shot, because it has to be airborne before the audible signal that the play-clock has reached zero?	<b><u>BUZZER BEATER</u></b>

**Round 7**

1a	Costa; Oakley; and Ray-Ban are all brands most notable for producing <b>what accessory?</b>	<b><u>SUNGLASSES</u></b> (or similar, prompt on GLASSES)
1b	<b>Which Austrian skydiver</b> was the first man to break the sound barrier without vehicular power, when jumping off a helium balloon as part of the Red Bull Stratos project in 2012?	Felix <b><u>BAUMGARTNER</u></b>
2a	In tribute to Phil Hartman, actor Billy West deliberately modelled the voice of <b>which egotistical and boorish character</b> in <i>Futurama</i> on Hartman as a tribute?	<b>Captain Zapp <u>BRANNIGAN</u></b> (prompt on Zapp/Captain Zapp)
2b	<b>Which American swimmer</b> was the first, and so far only, <i>woman</i> to break 8 minutes and 5 seconds in the 800m freestyle swimming, setting this world record at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics?	Katie <b><u>LEDECKY</u></b>
3a	<b>Which non-Commonwealth country</b> is the setting for the Booker Prize winning novels <i>Vernon God Little</i> , <i>The Sellout</i> , and <i>Lincoln in the Bardo</i> ?	<b><u>UNITED STATES</u> of America</b>
3b	Pictures at an Exhibition is a work of music by <b>which Russian composer?</b>	Modest <b><u>MUSSORGSKY</u></b>
4a	<b>Which dormant volcano</b> on the Ring of Fire is the tallest mountain on Earth from base to peak? This is due to the base being on the sea floor.	<b><u>MAUNA KEA</u></b> (just to be clear, do not accept MAUNA LOA, which is a different peak entirely)
4b	<b>What insurance company</b> shares its name with an incredibly famous Briton who was Prime Minister from 1940-1945, and again from 1951-1955? This insurance company's nodding dog mascot perhaps bears a slight resemblance to the man in question.	<b><u>CHURCHILL</u> Insurance</b>



## Round 8

1a	A regular on both Sky and BBC coverage, <b>which cricket commentator</b> , born in Lambeth in 1983, was the first black woman to play for England? She was part of the squad which won the 2009 World Cup, and was awarded an MBE in 2021.	Ebony <u>RAINFORD-BRENT</u>
1b	After a male contestant successfully secures a date with a female contestant on ITV's <i>Take Me Out</i> , they are whisked off to <b>which fictional Spanish island</b> ? This island's name is also that of a hit single by ABBA.	<u>FERNANDO'S</u>
2a	<b>Which "diminutive" rapper's</b> 2019 single <i>Old Town Road</i> spent a record 19 weeks at number 1 on the Billboard Hot 100? Take care not to confuse him with the other rapper who inspired this man's stage name.	<u>LIL NAS X</u> (prompt on LIL NAS but do not accept or prompt on just NAS)
2b	The Turner Prize has often had its fair share of somewhat controversial nominations. <b>Which 1999 nominee</b> caused quite a stir with her piece, <i>My Bed</i> , which gained notoriety and media backlash describing it as farcical, with many outlets claiming anyone could exhibit an unmade bed? As the artist rightly points out, though - they didn't...	Tracey <u>EMIN</u>
3a	In online video gaming, you will often see the four-letter acronym GGWP being typed by players at the end of proceedings: if GG stands for "Good Game", <b>what does "WP" represent</b> ?	<u>WELL PLAYED</u>
3b	In which <b>group of islands in the Venetian Lagoon</b> can you find a Museum of Glassware in the former home of a bishop? The area was originally independent of the city of Venice and has been famous since the 14 <sup>th</sup> century for its high-quality hand-blown glass.	<u>MURANO</u>
4a	<b>Which variety of pyroclastic rock</b> ( <i>i.e.</i> one formed in volcanic eruptions) is so light that it will float on water? Its most common household use is as an abrasive to remove hard skin from the feet.	<u>PUMICE</u>
4b	<b>Which distinguished London-born actor</b> became the son-in-law of American playwright Arthur Miller by marrying his daughter Rebecca in 1996? The couple met when he was starring in the film version of one of her father's plays and remain married to this day.	<u>Daniel DAY-LEWIS</u>

## Spare Questions

1	<b>Which pair of French brothers</b> are known as pioneers in aviation, launching the first confirmed human-piloted ascent, in their namesake hot-air balloon, in 1783?	Joseph-Michel and Jacques-Étienne <u>MONTGOLFIER</u>
2	In its full official name, <b>which country of South America</b> is the only one in the world which describes itself as a "Plurinational" Republic?	Plurinational Republic of <u>BOLIVIA</u>
3	<i>Pachinko</i> is a 2017 novel by <b>which Korean American author</b> , which follows a Korean family which emigrates to Japan? The novel is split into three parts, covering various timespans from 1910 to 1989.	Min Jin <u>LEE</u>

4 **Which useful everyday product** stems from Spencer Silver's accidental creation of a low-tack; reusable; pressure-sensitive adhesive, when he was in fact trying to create the very opposite - a super-strong adhesive?

**POST-IT NOTE (accept similar, like sticky note etc)**