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## Online Quiz League

## Questions set by: OQL Committee <br> For use in: Cup/Plate Final matches played 20/4/22

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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

Please remind the scorer that they must select 'CUP match' for the result to be recorded and the handicaps to be loaded into the scorer.

## Round 1

| 1a | When it appears in the name of a South Asian dish, the word 'aloo' typically indicates that the dish contains what vegetable? | POTATO |
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| 1b | Vercingetorix was captured by Roman forces in the aftermath of which battle in 52 BC ? | Battle of ALESIA |
| 2a | Matthew Syed, Tin-Tin Ho and Desmond Douglas are considered to be among the greatest ever British players of what sport? | TABLE TENNIS (accept PING-PONG or WHIFF-WHAFF) |
| 2b | Which British author wrote the 2014 book $H$ is for Hawk, a memoir of a year spent training a northern goshawk following the death of her father? For the book, she was awarded the Samuel Johnson Prize, now known as the Baillie Gifford Prize for Non-Fiction. | Helen MACDONALD |
| 3 a | Which Polish-born mathematician coined the term 'fractal' to describe shapes which have a repeating pattern at every scale, such as the shape created by his namesake set? | Benoit B. <br> MANDELBROT |
| 3b | The Madrigal family are the central characters of which 2021 animated Disney film, which recently won the Academy Award for Best Animated Feature? | ENCANTO |
| 4 a | Le carnaval romain is an 1844 concert overture by which French composer? It uses material from his earlier opera Benvenuto Cellini. | Hector BERLIOZ |
| 4b | Prior to its adoption of the Euro in 2002, which European country had used the guilder as its currency since the 15th century? | The NETHERLANDS (accept HOLLAND) |

## Round 2

| 1 a | In chemistry, what name, beginning with ' $\mathrm{V}^{\prime}$ ', is given to the ability of an atom to combine with other atoms, typically quantified as the number of electrons it will lose, add, or share? | VALENCE (or VALENCY) |
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| 1b | At the start of a frame in snooker, which colour of ball is placed at the top corner of the triangle of red balls? It has a value of six points. | PINK |
| 2 a | Which politician, previously the Prime Minister of Luxembourg, served as President of the European Commission from 2014 until 2019? | Jean-Claude JUNCKER |
| 2b | Which Estonian island is the second-largest island in the Baltic Sea, behind only Gotland? It became part of the Governorate of Livonia in 1721, when it was ceded to the Russian Empire by the Treaty of Nystad. | SAAREMAA |
| 3 a | What name, from the Yoruba language, is given to a brightly-coloured shirt-like garment covering the top half of the body, commonly worn in West Africa and popular throughout the African diaspora? | DASHIKI |
| 3b | 'Oh Bondage Up Yours!' , released in 1977, was the debut single for which band, fronted by singer Poly Styrene? The band later found chart success with songs such as 'Germ Free Adolescents'. | X-RAY SPEX |
| 4 a | Featuring as a specialist subject in the recent grand final of Mastermind, which British sitcom, first aired in the 1970s and ' 80 s, starred Ronnie Barker and David Jason as Arkwright and Granville? | OPEN ALL HOURS (do not accept Still Open All Hours) |
| 4b | The Monarch of the Glen, a 19th-century painting by British artist Sir Edwin Landseer, depicts what animal? | STAG (accept DEER) |

## Round 3

| 1 a | Rising north of Kilmeston in Hampshire, which river flows through Winchester towards the south coast of England, where its estuary meets that of the River Test to form Southampton Water? | River ITCHEN |
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| 1b | Pharrell Williams featured in 3 of the 10 best-selling singles in the UK in the 2010s. Which song by Daft Punk, which topped the UK Singles Charts in 2013, credits Williams and Nile Rogers as co-writers, and features Williams as the lead vocalist? | 'GET LUCKY' |
| 2 a | In which 1948 film does Humphrey Bogart play Frank McCloud, a retired Army major? While staying in a hotel during a storm, McCloud is taken prisoner by the henchmen of gangster Johnny Rocco, played by Edward G. Robinson. | KEYLARGO |
| 2b | In Albert Einstein's famous equation 'E equals M C squared', the letter 'c' stands for 'constant' - to which physical constant does this refer? | SPEED OF LIGHT (in a vacuum) |
| 3a | Which title character, created by Belgian cartoonist Hergé, is usually accompanied on his adventures by his faithful dog, Snowy? | TINTIN |
| 3b | Which 1994 puzzle video game, a largely-ignored entry in the Mario series, was developed by Fantasy Factory and released on the Philips CD-i? | HOTEL MARIO |
| 4 a | Fraser Nelson is the current editor of which British weekly magazine, traditionally associated with political conservatism? | The SPECTATOR |
| 4b | In the abbreviation AER , referring to a common type of interest rate applied to mortgages and loans, the letters ' AE ' stand for what two words? | ANNUAL <br> EQUIVALENT (rate) |

## Round 4

| 1a | In 1514, which Italian Renaissance artist created a painting entitled Sacred and Profane Love, which depicts two women sitting on a sarcophagus, with a child, thought to represent Cupid, playing between them? | TITIAN (accept Tiziano <br> VECELLI or Tiziano <br> VECELLIO) |
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| 1b | The second series of which American comedy-drama TV show, starring Natasha Lyonne and Amy Poehler, is being released on Netflix this week? The series follows a game developer who becomes caught in a mysterious time loop and is forced to relive the same night over and over again. | RUSSIAN DOLL |
| 2 a | Covered by Paul Anka on his 2005 album Rock Swings, which song, originally released by Oasis in 1995, begins with the lines: "Today is gonna be the day that they're gonna throw it back to you"? | 'WONDERWALL' |
| 2b | Octavia and Fabia are car models produced by which European motor manufacturer? | ŠKODA |
| 3a | Which Indian Ocean island nation, whose capital is Malé, can claim to have the 'lowest highest point' of any country in the world, with its highest point, Mount Villingili, being only 5 metres above sea level? | MALDIVES |
| 3b | Which now-infamous man, one of the most influential figures in the government of Nazi Germany, was head of the Schutzstaffel, or SS, from 1929 until 1945? | Heinrich HIMMLER |
| 4 a | Which 46-year-old golfer was recently named as the captain of the European team for the 2023 Ryder Cup? He won the 2016 Open Championship at Royal Troon with an overall score of 264, a record for a major championship. | Henrik STENSON |
| 4 b | With some species reaching over 20 metres in length, Shastasaurus is the largest known genus of which extinct marine reptiles of the Mesozoic era? These reptiles roughly resembled modern dolphins, with long pointed heads, short necks, and vertical tail fins. | ICHTHYOSAURS |

## HALF-TIME - PLEASE CHANGE ORDER

## Round 5

| $\mathbf{1 a}$ | What name, from Arabic, is given to a loose-fitting hooded robe which covers the full body, and has been common attire for <br> men and women throughout the Maghreb since ancient times? | $\underline{\text { DJELLABA }}$ |
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| $\mathbf{1 b}$ | The songs 'Go Wild in the Country' and 'I Want Candy', released in 1982, were Top Ten hit singles for which band, fronted <br> by the teenage singer Annabella Lwin? | BOW WOW WOW (do <br> not accept or prompt on <br> 'Bow Wow') |
| $\mathbf{2 a}$ | Featuring as a specialist subject in the recent grand final of Mastermind, which British filmmaker directed the Academy <br> Award-winning film 12 Years a Slave, and shares his name with a 20th-century Hollywood actor nicknamed 'The King of <br> Cool'? | Steve $\underline{\text { McQUEEN }}$ |
| $\mathbf{2 b}$ | Whistlejacket, an 18th-century painting by British artist George Stubbs, depicts what animal? | HORSE |
| $\mathbf{3 a}$ | Often contrasted with 'covalent' bonding, in which electrons are shared between atoms, what type of chemical bonding <br> relies on electrostatic attractions between atoms of different charges or electronegativities? | $\underline{\text { IONIC bonding }}$ |
| $\mathbf{3 b}$ | At the start of a frame in snooker, which colour of ball is placed at the centre of the table, equidistant from the two side <br> pockets? It has a value of five points. | $\underline{\text { BLUE }}$ |
| $\mathbf{4 a}$ | Which politician, previously the Prime Minister of Poland, served as President of the European Council from 2014 until <br> 2019? | Donald TUSK |
| 4b | Germany's largest island is Rügen, which is also the largest of the Pomeranian islands. What island, split between Germany <br> and Poland, is the second largest of the Pomeranian islands, and is also the most populous island in the Baltic Sea? | $\underline{\text { USEDOM }}$ |

## Round 6

| 1 a | Surrounded entirely by South Africa, which small, mountainous African nation has the world's 'highest lowest point', with its lowest point, the confluence of the Orange and Makhaleng rivers, being 1,400 metres above sea level? | LESOTHO |
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| 1b | Which now-infamous man, one of the most influential figures in the government of Nazi Germany, was Reich Minister of Propaganda from 1933 until 1945? | Joseph GOEBBELS |
| 2 a | Which 46-year-old golfer was recently named as the captain of the US team for the 2023 Ryder Cup? He won the 2015 Open Championship at St Andrews after a four-hole playoff, having previously won the Masters in 2007. | Zach JOHNSON |
| 2b | The order Pythonomorpha was proposed in 1869 as a classification for which large, extinct aquatic reptiles, which were then thought to be closely related to snakes, but are now more commonly believed to be related to monitor lizards? These reptiles, which flourished in the late Cretaceous period, had large toothed jaws, long flattened tails, and characteristically broad, paddle-like limbs. | MOSASAURS |
| 3 a | In 1444 , which Italian Renaissance artist created a small painting entitled The Flagellation of Christ, which shows three figures conversing in the foreground, seemingly oblivious to the titular event taking place behind them? | Piero della FRANCESCA <br> (accept Piero del BENEDETTO) |
| 3 b | The third series of which American action-comedy TV series, starring Elliot Page and Tom Hopper among others, is due to be released on Netflix in June 2022? The series follows a group of seven superheroes who were assembled into a crimefighting team by their adoptive father. | The UMBRELLA ACADEMY |
| 4 a | Covered by Paul Anka on his 2005 album Rock Swings, which song, originally released by Survivor in 1982, begins with the lines: "Rising up, back on the street, did my time, took my chances"? | 'EYE OF THE TIGER' |
| 4 b | Ibiza and Alhambra are car models produced by which European motor manufacturer? | SEAT |

## Round 7

| 1a | In 1882, which German mathematician described a non-orientable surface, known as his namesake 'bottle', which in theory can be formed by joining two sides of a sheet to form a tube, then looping the tube back through itself and joining its edges? | Felix KLEIN |
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| 1b | Which song from the film Encanto became a hit single in 2022, spending more time at Number One on the Billboard Hot 100 than any other Disney song, and also topping the UK Singles Chart? | 'WE DON'T TALK ABOUT BRUNO' |
| 2 a | Pines of Rome, a 1924 tone poem depicting various locations in Rome, is the second of which Italian composer's three tone poems about the city? | Ottorino RESPIGHI |
| 2 b | Prior to its adoption of the Euro in 2002, which European country had used the escudo as its currency since 1911? | PORTUGAL |
| 3a | When it appears in the name of a South Asian dish, the word 'gobi' typically indicates that the dish contains what vegetable? | CAULIFLOWER |
| 3b | Marcus Licinius Crassus was killed during which battle in 53 BC ? | Battle of CARRHAE |
| 4 a | Laura Massaro, Nick Matthew and Peter Nicol are considered to be among the greatest ever British players of what sport? | SQUASH |
| 4 b | In 2008, the Samuel Johnson Prize was awarded to which British author, for her book The Suspicions of Mr Whicher or The Murder at Road Hill House? She was shortlisted for the award again in 2020, for her book The Haunting of Alma Fielding. | Kate SUMMERSCALE |

## Round 8

| 1 l | Which title character, created by Rene Goscinny and Albert Uderzo, is accompanied on his adventures by Obelix and his faithful companion, Dogmatix? | ASTERIX (accept ASTERIX the Gaul) |
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| 1b | Between 1993 and 1996, three video games were released for the Philips CD-i which featured characters from the Legend of Zelda series, though they were largely ignored and are not usually considered to be official entries in the series. Give the title of any one of the three games. | Zelda: The WAND OF GAMELON or Link: The FACES OF EVIL or ZELDA'S ADVENTURE |
| 2 a | Zanny Minton Beddoes is the current editor of which British weekly publication, which predominantly focuses on current affairs and business, and is traditionally associated with political liberalism or centrism? | The ECONOMIST |
| 2b | In the abbreviation SVR, referring to a common type of interest rate applied to mortgages and loans, the letters 'SV' stand for what two words? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { STANDARD VARIABLE } \\ & \text { (rate) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 3 a | Rising near Oulston Reservoir in North Yorkshire, which river flows through Strensall and Haxby, before joining the River Ouse in the centre of York? | FOSS |
| 3b | Another of 2013's best-selling songs was which controversial Number One single by Robin Thicke, on which Pharrell Williams is credited as a featured artist as well as a co-writer? | 'BLURRED LINES' |
| 4 a | Humphrey Bogart played the role of Linus Larrabee in which 1954 romantic drama film, in which Linus and his brother compete for the affections of his family chauffeur's daughter, played by Audrey Hepburn? | SABRINA |
| 4 b | For what does the letter 'E' stand in Albert Einstein's famous equation 'E equals M C squared'? | ENERGY |

If the scores are level after Round 8, please play Round 9 - if scores are still level after that, the tie should be broken using the 'Nearest the Bull' question that follows. If the 'Nearest the Bull' question is required, please inform Jon Stitcher or Aidan Linge of the result.

## Round 9

| 1 a | In the traditional Scottish song known as the 'Skye Boat Song', it is said that which real-life figure "will keep watch by your weary head"? She is known for helping Bonnie Prince Charlie to escape to Skye in 1746, following the Battle of Culloden. | Flora MacDONALD |
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| 1b | In the sitcom Friends, which American actor played the character Janice, noted for her on-and-off relationship with Chandler, her laugh which other characters find annoying, and her catchphrase of "Oh my god!"? | Maggie WHEELER |
| 2 a | Which Spaniard is the current manager of Arsenal men's football club? | Mikel ARTETA (accept Mikel Arteta AMATRIAIN) |
| 2b | One of the most influential works by H. P. Lovecraft is a 1928 short story entitled The Call of... which fictional creature? This creature, an enormous cosmic entity with a tentacled head, would go on to appear in a number of stories by Lovecraft and other authors. | CTHULHU |
| 3 a | In the sitcom Friends, the character Gunther, noted for his bright blond hair and his infatuation with Rachel, was played by which American actor who died in 2021? | James Michael TYLER |
| 3b | Flora MacDonald was a member of Clan MacDonald, 30 members of which were infamously killed by government forces in a 1692 event known as the 'Massacre of...' where? | GLENCOE |
| 4 a | One of the most influential works by John Wyndham is a 1951 novel entitled The Day of... which fictional creatures? These creatures, a species of enormous man-eating plants, would go on to appear in several films and stories by other authors. | TRIFFIDS |
| 4b | Which Italian is the current manager of Tottenham Hotspur men's football club? | Antonio CONTE |

## Nearest the Bull

If this question is required, each team must nominate one player only to answer this question. The QM should read the question aloud and ask the two nominated players to send them a private message with their answer. Whichever team's answer is closer to the correct answer wins the match.

Q: In baseball, a 'perfect game' is one in which, over nine innings or more, a team successfully prevents their opponents from reaching first base on any occasion. How many times has this feat been achieved in Major League Baseball matches?

## A: 23

## Spares

| $\mathbf{1}$ | The name of which antiquated device, used to restrain a person by their head and hands so that they may be <br> punished or humiliated, is also used as a verb, meaning to lambast or ridicule? This device is similar to stocks, which <br> were instead normally used to restrain someone by their feet. | $\underline{\text { PILLORY }}$ |
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| $\mathbf{2}$ | The magazines Vogue, Vanity Fair and $G Q$ are all published by which global media company, named for the <br> American publishing magnate who founded it in 1909? | $\underline{\text { CONDÉ NAST }}$ |
| $\mathbf{3}$ | At the recent Olivier Awards, the award for Best Actor in a Supporting Role was unusually shared by seven actors, <br> who together operate a puppet tiger in which stage play, adapted from a 2001 novel? | $\underline{\text { LIFE OF PI }}$ |
| $\mathbf{4}$ | Much of the work of the Nobel Prize-winning economist Elinor Ostrom has focused on finding solutions to what <br> economic problem, known by a four-word name? In this phenomenon, a group of people with unrestricted access to <br> a resource will ultimately cause the depletion of the resource by acting according to their own interests rather than <br> those of the group. | $\underline{\text { COMMONS }}$ |

