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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

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| <p>1a</p> | <p>In Japanese folklore, what name is given to a fox with supernatural powers? These creatures are held to be able to speak, shapeshift, and live for hundreds of years, and in art are frequently shown with as many as nine tails.</p> | <p>KITSUNE [three syllables, KIT-su-neh, but be lenient with pronunciation]</p> |
| <p>1b</p> | <p>In <i>John Wick: Chapter 2</i>, the role of the villain's silent bodyguard, Ares, is played by what genderfluid actor, who first came to prominence as Stella on <i>Orange Is the New Black</i>?</p> | <p>Ruby ROSE</p> |
| <p>2a</p> | <p>Since the foundation of the Gymnastics World Championships, only six women have achieved the distinction of taking medals in all six disciplines at a single Championships. Who was the most recent and only American woman to achieve the feat, doing so in 2018?</p> | <p>Simone BILES</p> |
| <p>2b</p> | <p>Who was the first female singer to win <i>The X Factor</i>, winning the 3rd series of the show in 2006? She was that year's Christmas number one with "A Moment Like This" and followed it in 2007 with "Bleeding Love", the year's best-selling single.</p> | <p>Leona LEWIS</p> |
| <p>3a</p> | <p>Which prominent public couple welcomed their second child in 2021, a daughter named Lilibet Diana?</p> | <p>(Prince) HARRY AND MEGHAN (Markle) / THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF SUSSEX / accept any sensible variation</p> |
| <p>3b</p> | <p>Which Irish nationalist politician, socialist and suffragette was in 1918 the first woman to be elected to the British Parliament, but did not take her seat owing to both being a member of Sinn Fein and being in prison at the time?</p> | <p>Constance MARKIEVICZ</p> |
| <p>4a</p> | <p>In linguistics, what is the term for the simplified, multi-origin quasi-languages that form where people with no common language work together? These are not considered full languages and usually do not have a fully developed grammar. They frequently arise in trading communities, and the name derives from a Chinese rendering of "business".</p> | <p>PIDGIN</p> |

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| 4b | What word beginning with M describes the ability of a metal to be shaped without cracking? | MALLEABILITY (any version of MALLEABLE) |
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Round 2

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| 1a | In 2021, the Premier League established its own Hall of Fame. One of the first two players to be inaugurated was which English striker , who holds the record for goals in the Premier League, scoring 260 of them for both Blackburn Rovers and Newcastle United? He now works as a pundit for the BBC. | Alan SHEARER |
| 1b | Named in reference to a story from the Bible, what is the traditional name of the laryngeal prominence, which is the lump made where the larynx and its surrounding cartilage sticks out at the front of the neck? | ADAM'S APPLE |
| 2a | Marina Abramovic is a Serbian-American artist who works in what discipline ? Prominent works in her long career include <i>Cut Piece</i> in 1964 and <i>The Artist is Present</i> in 2010. | PERFORMANCE art (accept descriptive answers) |
| 2b | In 2021, who succeeded Lenin Moreno as president of Ecuador? They share their surname with a sitcom title character. | Guillermo LASSO |
| 3a | Named a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2005, what paleontological site in northern Egypt is almost unique for the extraordinary number, density, and comparative completeness of whale fossils preserved there? The site's name in Arabic means, appropriately enough, "Valley of the Whales". | WADI AL-HITAN [hit-AN] |
| 3b | Sometimes known as rumba shakers, which rattle-like percussion instruments , common in Latin music, are played in pairs and were traditionally made from gourds filled with dried beans? | MARACAS |
| 4a | Sainsbury's Hooplas and Tesco's Hoops are both own-brand copies of what Nestlé cereal ? | CHEERIOS |
| 4b | The 1984 Talking Heads concert film <i>Stop Making Sense</i> , often cited as one of the greatest in its genre, was directed by | Jonathan DEMME |

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| | which film-maker ? He won an Academy Award for Best Director in 1992 for <i>The Silence of the Lambs</i> . | |
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Round 3

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| 1a | Pastry treats stamped with decorative designs and with a red bean, lotus seed or other filling are one of the traditional celebratory foods of what Chinese holiday ? | MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL / MOON FESTIVAL / MOONCAKE FESTIVAL |
| 1b | What 1871 opera set in Egypt ends with the title character dying in the love interest's arms, while priests offstage sing a hymn to the god Ptah? | AIDA [eye-EE-da] |
| 2a | There are four countries, 3 in Africa and 1 in Asia, that contain which six-letter word that can also precede pig to give the name of a rodent? | GUINEA |
| 2b | Which judge on <i>Strictly Come Dancing</i> , who usually sits second from left, joined the show after being a dancer and judge on the German version <i>Let's Dance</i> , and is the sister of the Strictly pro Oti? | Motsi (Motshegetsi) MABUSE |
| 3a | The French author and philosopher Simone de Beauvoir is best known for what 1949 text , now regarded as one of the foundational works of feminist philosophy? | THE SECOND SEX |
| 3b | What was finally launched from the European Space Agency base in French Guiana on Christmas Day 2021, after years of budget overruns, construction setbacks and delays? | the JAMES WEBB SPACE TELESCOPE (accept WEBB TELESCOPE) |

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| 4a | In chess, what Italian term is sometimes used to denote a single move or turn, often when discussing moves left within a time limit? It has a distantly related use in music. | TEMPO |
| 4b | Which Celtic queen led a rebellion against the Roman occupation in around 60 CE, and according to longstanding urban legend is buried somewhere under what is now King's Cross Station? | BOUDICCA |

Round 4

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| 1a | What mountain range begins in Slovakia and the south of Poland and arcs around to the south and east through Ukraine, Romania and Serbia? | CARPATHIANS |
| 1b | Edward II is widely suspected to have had a romantic relationship with what male courtier , who he ennobled as the Earl of Cornwall in 1307? | Piers GAVESTON |
| 2a | Succeeding Ross McEwan, Alison Rose became the CEO of what major British banking group in 2014? The group includes two major banks and has at different times been named after both - you may give either its current or previous namesake. | NATWEST (now) / ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND (then) |
| 2b | There are many pairs of prime numbers that differ by exactly two, for example, seventeen and nineteen. It is theorised that there are an infinite number of these pairs, but this has never been formally proven. What is the common name of the conjecture stating that there <i>are</i> an infinite number of such pairs? | TWIN PRIME conjecture |

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| 3a | In standard competition darts, what is the lowest total it is <u>not</u> possible to score with a single dart? | 23 |
| 3b | One of the shortest items on Radio 4, what morning religious broadcast has gone out six days a week since 1970 and featured, among others, two archbishops of Canterbury, two Chief Rabbis, and two Popes? | THOUGHT FOR THE DAY |
| 4a | The title characters of which 1868-69 novel by Louisa May Alcott are the sisters Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy March? | LITTLE WOMEN |
| 4b | One of the fastest songs in musical theatre, what is the three-word title of the rapped number delivered by the Marquis de Lafayette in <i>Hamilton</i> , describing the assistance rendered by France to the USA in the leadup to the battle of Yorktown? | "GUNS AND SHIPS" |

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Round 5

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| 1a | What mountain range runs the length of mainland Italy, beginning in the northwest province of Liguria and running all the way to Reggio di Calabria on the southern coast? | APENNINES |
| 1b | James I is widely suspected to have had a romantic relationship with what male courtier , who he made a duke in 1623? You may give his name or that of the dukedom by which he is frequently known. | George VILLIERS / BUCKINGHAM |
| 2a | Pastry treats made in the shape of a triangle and with a poppy-seed, prune jam, or other filling are one of the traditional celebratory foods of what Jewish holiday ? | PURIM |
| 2b | One of the shortest items on Radio 4, what vital nautical update has gone out four times a day on BBC radio since the | The SHIPPING FORECAST |

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| | BBC was formed, and before that direct from the Met Office? | |
| 3a | The title character of which 1938 novel by Daphne Du Maurier is the deceased first wife of Maxim de Winter? | REBECCA |
| 3b | What 1875 opera set in Spain ends with the title character dying in her jealous ex-partner's arms, while a crowd offstage cheers her matador love interest? | CARMEN |
| 4a | In chess, what Italian term - meaning "little flank" - is sometimes used to denote moving a bishop up to the second rank early in the game? | FIANCHETTO [fi-an-KET-o] |
| 4b | The Webb Telescope will lie 'behind' Earth relative to the sun, circling a point in space where the gravitational pulls of the Sun and Earth are counterbalanced and so allow for a stable orbit. This point, and four others with the same property, are named after what eighteenth-century astronomer ? | Joseph-Louis LAGRANGE |

Round 6

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| 1a | In Japanese folklore, what is the name of the amphibious creature that has a dished cavity on its head containing water? Traditionally to defeat this creature it must be persuaded or tricked into spilling or drying up the water. | KAPPA |
| 1b | In <i>John Wick: Chapter 3</i> , the role of the mysterious and nameless Adjudicator is played by what non-binary actor , who first came to prominence as Brandy on <i>Orange Is the New Black</i> ? | Asia Kate DILLON |

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| 2a | Alongside Shearer, the second player to be inaugurated into the Premier League Hall of Fame upon its opening was which French striker ? He scored 175 league goals for Arsenal, winning the League's Golden Boot award for top scorer on 4 occasions. He is currently an assistant coach for the Belgian national team. | Thierry HENRY |
| 2b | Which journalist and Labour MP for Blackburn became in 1968 the first, and so far only, woman to hold the office of First Secretary of State, and was instrumental in the passage of the Equal Pay Act 1970? | Barbara CASTLE |
| 3a | In linguistics, what is the term for a language that has evolved from a combination of several others, often but not always when a generation of children learn a pidgin as their first language? These are full, stable languages with their own consistent grammar, and examples include the major languages of Haiti and Papua New Guinea. | CREOLE |
| 3b | Named in reference to a story from Greek mythology, what is the traditional name of the calcaneal [kal-KANE-i-al] tendon, which runs down the back of the lower leg and anchors the calf muscles to the heel bone? | ACHILLES TENDON |
| 4a | Aldi's Seal Bars and Sainsbury's Polar Bars are both own-brand copies of which McVities chocolate-covered biscuit ? | PENGUIN |
| 4b | Resembling clamshells linked together with string held in each hand, which percussion instruments are traditionally used whilst dancing the flamenco? | CASTANETS |

Round 7

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| 1a | In standard competition darts, what is the highest number it is possible to legally "check out" from in a single turn of three darts? | 170 (T20, T20, bull) |
| 1b | Other than 2, any even number up to at least four quintillion can be written as the sum of two prime numbers. It is theorised that <i>every</i> even number other than 2 is the sum of two primes, but this has never been formally proven. What German mathematician names the conjecture stating that <i>all</i> even numbers above 2 have this property? | Christian GOLDBACH (accept GOLDBACH CONJECTURE) |
| 2a | The American author and activist Betty Friedan is best known for what 1963 text , now regarded as one of the foundational works of second-wave feminism? | THE FEMININE MYSTIQUE |
| 2b | One of the fastest songs in musical theatre, what is the three-word title of the patter song delivered by panicking bride-to-be Amy (or in some productions, groom-to-be Jamie) in <i>Company</i> ? The title drops the word "not" from the hysterically repeating refrain. | "GETTING MARRIED TODAY" |
| 3a | Succeeding her father Emilio, Ana Patricia Botín [bo-TEEN] became the chair of what major international bank in 2014, having previously been head of its UK office? | SANTANDER |
| 3b | Which judge on <i>Strictly Come Dancing</i> , who usually sits second from right, joined the show to replace former head judge Len Goodman and was previously a pro with more than a dozen international Latin titles? | Shirley BALLAS |
| 4a | There are three countries, 2 in Africa and 1 in Asia, that begin with which five-letter word that can precede Park to give the name of an animated TV series? | SOUTH |
| 4b | Which folk hero supposedly led the resistance against Prince John and the Sheriff of Nottingham, and according to longstanding local legend is buried at All Saints Church in Pontefract? | ROBIN HOOD |

Round 8

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| 1a | Which prominent public figure and his third wife welcomed their second child together in 2021, a daughter named Romy Iris Charlotte? | (Carrie and) Boris JOHNSON / accept THE JOHNSONS |
| 1b | Who were the first group to win <i>The X Factor</i> , doing so in the 8th series in 2011? They've scored 5 number one singles, including "Black Magic" and "Shout Out To My Ex". | LITTLE MIX |
| 2a | Named a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2003, what rock formation in northeastern Sudan was a major centre of the ancient worship of Amun, and overlooked the city of Napata, the capital of the empire of Kush? The site encompasses several ruined temples and an array of Nubian-style pyramids. | JEBEL BARKAL |
| 2b | What word beginning with D describes the ability of a metal to be drawn and pulled, such as into a wire? | DUCTILITY (any version of DUCTILE) |
| 3a | Before Simone Biles, the last woman to medal in all six events at a single Gymnastics World Championships was Yelena Shushunova in 1987, while the first was Larisa Latynina in 1958 - both representing which country , which was until its dissolution the dominant force in world gymnastics? | SOVIET UNION (Prompt on Russia/Belarus/Ukraine or any other former Soviet Union country) |
| 3b | In 2021, who became president-elect of Honduras, set to replace Juan Orlando Hernandez? They share their surname with another prominent political figure of the 20th century. | Xiomara [see-o-MAR-a] CASTRO |
| 4a | What artist had performance pieces including selling empty air (or more accurately, certificates of "ownership" for empty air) for gold, but is mainly known now for his trademark "International" shade of blue? | Yves KLEIN |
| 4b | Considered a spiritual sequel to <i>Stop Making Sense</i> , the 2020 David Byrne concert film <i>American Utopia</i> was directed by which film-maker ? He was nominated for three Academy Awards in 2019 and won one, for Best Adapted Screenplay. | Spike LEE |

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Spares

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| 1 | Acetic acid is the formal name of what familiar substance that might go on chips? | VINEGAR |
| 2 | A Maritime province of Canada and a Pacific territory of France both have names that translate as "New" what other country? | SCOTLAND (Nova Scotia and New Caledonia) |
| 3 | Which Caribbean-born British singer-songwriter had her first top 10 hit in 1976 with "Love and Affection", the lead single from her self-titled album in the same year? | Joan ARMATRADING |
| 4 | The 2020 Olivier Award for Best New Play went to <i>Leopoldstadt</i> , the most recent work by which British playwright , whose other one-word titles include <i>Hapgood</i> , <i>Travesties</i> , and <i>Arcadia</i> ? | Tom STOPPARD |