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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

| 1 a | Which 2021 film, directed by Adam McKay, stars Leonardo DiCaprio and Jennifer Lawrence as astronomers attempting to warn the world about an approaching comet that threatens to destroy humanity? | $\underline{\text { DON'T LOOK UP }}$ |
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| 1b | Though the European Parliament often meets at the Espace Léopold in Brussels, its official home is the Louise Weiss building in which French city? | STRASBOURG |
| 2 a | Which card game, reputedly a favourite of Winston Churchill, is played with a double pack of 64 cards, with ranks ranging from ace down to 7? A player receives points for 'brisques' and for making 'melds', with the winner typically being the first player to score 1,000 points. | BEZIQUE (accept BÉSIGUE) |
| 2b | One of seven bones in the human body that articulate to form the eye socket, which bone in the cranium contains the fossa that houses the pituitary gland? Its shape resembles that of a butterfly with extended wings. | SPHENOID bone |
| 3a | By far the most popular over-the-counter anti-diarrhoea medication is loperamide, which is most commonly sold under what brand name? The drug is often given to sufferers of inflammatory bowel disease. | IMODIUM |
| 3b | The rose, myrtle and dove are some of the symbols associated with which deity of Greek mythology, the goddess of love and beauty, who is typically identified with the Roman goddess Venus? | APHRODITE |
| 4 a | Which seaside town in Lancashire is home to a famous tower which was first opened to the public in 1894 and inspired by one in Paris? | BLACKPOOL |
| 4 b | One of the best-known works by which English composer is the choral song 'Jerusalem', a setting of a poem by William Blake? | Hubert PARRY |

## Round 2

| 1a | The name of which Cumbrian town precedes 'Mint Cake' in the name of a sugar-based confection that is popular among climbers? | KENDAL |
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| 1b | Which small brown bird, with the scientific name Troglodytes troglodytes, is the most common wild bird in the UK, with over 8 million breeding territories? | Eurasian WREN |
| 2 a | Known as the 'Pink City' due to the colour of its buildings, which city is the capital of the Indian state of Rajasthan? | JAIPUR |
| 2b | After Neil Gorsuch, which judge became the second associate justice nominated to the US Supreme Court by Donald Trump, replacing Anthony Kennedy in October 2018? During his controversial confirmation hearings, he was questioned regarding accusations of historic sexual misconduct. | Brett KAVANAUGH |
| 3 a | What name is given to the Danish film-making movement co-founded by Lars von Trier in 1995, which aimed to eschew special effects and post-production in favour of character development and story-telling? | DOGME 95 ['pronounced 'dogma' or 'DOE-ma'] |
| 3b | The songs 'Last Train to Clarksville' and 'Daydream Believer' were originally recorded by which band, who rose to fame in the 1960s? | The MONKEES |
| 4 a | Since 2001, when the official ITTF rules were changed, how many points have been required to win a game of table tennis? Previously, 21 points were required. | $\underline{11}$ |
| 4b | Denounced as a 'degenerate artist' by the government of Nazi Germany, which German painter and printmaker, associated with the New Objectivity movement, was particularly noted for his realistic depictions of the brutality of war? His best-known works include The Trench, Metropolis and Stormtroopers Advancing Under Gas. | Otto DIX (accept Wilhelm DIX) |

## Round 3

| 1 a | 'Steelbacks' is the name of the limited overs team of which county cricket club? They won the T20 Blast competition in 2016, while captained by Alex Wakely. | $\frac{\text { NORTHAMPTONSHIRE }}{\text { (accept NORTHANTS) }}$ |
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| 1b | Dubbed 'The Human Timekeeper' for his drumming ability, which musician played drums for Booker T \& the M.G.'s from the group's formation until his murder in 1975? | Al JACKSON Jr. (accept Albert JACKSON Jr.) |
| 2 a | If you add the letter 'S' to the end of the chemical element with the symbol Fe , you get the surname of which English actor, who rose to fame playing Charles Ryder in ITV's 1981 adaptation of Brideshead Revisited? | Jeremy IRONS |
| 2b | Which fairy tale by Hans Christian Andersen tells the story of a young sea-dwelling creature who wishes to give up her life in the water in order to gain a human soul? | The LITTLE MERMAID |
| 3 a | The Gulf of Bothnia is an arm of the Baltic Sea that lies between Sweden and which other European nation? | FINLAND |
| 3b | What word, derived from an Ancient Greek word meaning 'joined' or 'yoked', is used in astronomy to refer to a straight-line configuration of three or more celestial bodies, such as the Earth, Moon and Sun during a solar eclipse? The word is sometimes used more broadly to refer to any interesting configuration of celestial bodies. | SYZYGY |
| 4 a | What app, which allows users to create cartoon-like representations of themselves, was acquired by Snap Inc. in 2016 and integrated into the messaging service Snapchat, where it is typically used to create personal avatars? The avatars themselves are generally referred to by this name. | BITMOJI |
| 4b | Which battle, fought near a Yorkshire village on Palm Sunday in 1461, is commonly considered to be the bloodiest battle ever fought on English soil? | Battle of TOWTON [the 'Tow' in 'Towton' rbymes with 'cow'] |

## Round 4

| $\mathbf{1 a}$ | Which mountain range, extending from northern Greece into southern Albania, has its highest point at Mount <br> Smolikas? | $\underline{\text { PINDUS Mountains (accept }}$ <br> PINDHOS) |
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| $\mathbf{1 b}$ | Which $\mathbf{1 9 3 6}$ novel by William Faulkner, set before, during and after the American Civil War, recounts the life of <br> Thomas Sutpen through a series of flashbacks? The novel's title refers to a biblical character. | $\underline{\text { ABSALOM, ABSALOM! }}$ |
| $\mathbf{2 a}$ | Which controversial British television personality is the author of a book entitled You Are What You Eat, first <br> published in 2004? | Gillian $\underline{\text { McKEITH }}$ |
| $\mathbf{2 b}$ | 'Bad Guy', which was listed by Billboard as the fourth-best-selling song of 2019, was recorded by which singer? It was <br> released as the fifth single from her album When We All Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go? | Billie EILISH (accept Billie <br> O'CONNELL) |
| $\mathbf{3 a}$ | Beginning in 1996, which British sailor won medals in sailing at five consecutive Olympic Games, including four <br> gold medals? | Ben AINSLIE (accept Charles <br> AINSLIE) |
| $\mathbf{3 b}$ | Remembered as one of the most bizarre incidents in warfare, the so-called 'War of the Stray Dog' broke out between <br> Greece and which other country in 1925, after a soldier was shot for crossing a border while chasing his runaway <br> dog? | $\underline{\text { BULGARIA }}$ |
| $\mathbf{4 a}$ | A vampire who kills people in order to feed, Coach Feratu is a gym teacher in which adult animated TV series, <br> whose other characters include Hemorrhage and Birdperson? | RICK AND MORTY |
| $\mathbf{4 b}$ | In chemistry, what name is given to a substance that dissolves a solute, resulting in a solution? | $\underline{\text { SOLVENT }}$ |

## HALF-TIME - PLEASE CHANGE ORDER

## Round 5

| 1a | Home to an observation tower that opened in 2016, which seaside resort in Sussex is more famous for its Royal Pavilion? | BRIGHTON |
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| 1b | The sword, spear and shield are among the symbols associated with which deity of Greek mythology, the god of war, who is typically identified with the Roman god Mars? | ARES |
| 2 a | A feature on the instant messaging app Snapchat allows users to create a collection of photos and videos taken over the last 24 hours, which can be watched as a montage. What name is given to these collections? | STORY (or STORIES) |
| 2 b | Which drummer, best known for having played drums for Elvis Presley between 1954 and 1968, was portrayed by Ed Begley Jr. in the 1979 film Elvis? | D. J. FONTANA (accept Dominic FONTANA) |
| 3a | 'Rapids' is the name of the limited overs team of which county cricket club? They won the T20 Blast competition in 2018, while captained by Moeen Ali. | WORCESTERSHIRE |
| 3b | In optics, what word is used to refer to the difference in the apparent position of an object when it is viewed from different lines of sight? Astronomers often use this phenomenon to calculate a star's distance from Earth, by observing its apparent position at different points in the Earth's orbital cycle. | PARALLAX |
| 4 a | Which 2021 film, directed by Ridley Scott, stars Lady Gaga as an Italian woman who marries into the titular family? | HOUSE OF GUCCI |
| 4 b | The Binnenhof, which houses the parliament of The Netherlands, is located in which city? It is the third-largest city in the Netherlands, and the capital of the province of South Holland. | The HAGUE (accept Den HAAG) |

## Round 6

| 1 a | Which controversial British television personality co-starred alongside Aggie McKenzie in the TV show How Clean Is Your House? You may answer with either her first name or surname. | KIM WOODBURN (accept either underlined name) |
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| 1b | In chemistry, what term describes any substance that increases the rate of a chemical reaction, without being chemically changed itself? | CATALYST |
| 2 a | Known as the 'Pink City' due to the colour of its buildings, which city is the capital of the Occitanie [ock-SEE-tanee] region in southern France? The city is home to the head office of Airbus, as well as the reigning champions of the European Rugby Champions Cup. | TOULOUSE |
| 2b | Which associate justice of the US Supreme Court was nominated by Donald Trump to replace Ruth Bader Ginsberg in September 2020? During her confirmation hearings, she was questioned regarding her devout Catholic beliefs, with Senator Dianne Feinstein remarking that "the dogma lives loudly within you, and that is a concern". | Amy Coney BARRETT |
| 3a | Lars von Trier co-founded Dogme [dogma] 95 with which other Danish director, whose best-known films include The Celebration, released in 1998, and Another Round, released in 2020? | Thomas VINTERBERG |
| 3b | The Nude Dancers, Marzella and Street, Berlin are among the best-known works of which German expressionist painter and printmaker, a founding member of the group known as 'Die Brucke'? He was denounced as a 'degenerate artist' by the government of Nazi Germany, and over 600 of his works were sold or destroyed. | Ernst Ludwig KIRCHNER |
| 4 a | Beginning in 1984, which British rower won gold medals in rowing at five consecutive Olympic Games? | Steve REDGRAVE |
| 4b | Which country music star featured alongside Lil Nas X on a popular remix of the hit song 'Old Town Road', which was listed by Billboard as the biggest-selling song of 2019? | Billy Ray CYRUS |

## Round 7

| 1 a | The childlike and incompetent Coach Steve is a gym teacher in which adult animated TV series, whose other characters include the Shame Wizard and Maurice the Hormone Monster? | BIG MOUTH |
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| 1b | In a story often cited as one of the most bizarre incidents of warfare, which nation's army is said to have shot around 150 of its own men dead at the 1788 Battle of Karánsebes [KAW-ran-sheh-besh], believing themselves to be the invading Ottoman army? | AUSTRIA |
| 2a | Since 2010, when the scoring system was changed, how many points have been awarded to the winner of a race in Formula One? Previously, 10 points were awarded. | $\underline{25}$ |
| 2b | Which corvid, with the scientific name Pica pica and recognisable by its distinctive black and white plumage, was one of the ten most commonly-sighted birds in the UK in 2021 according to the RSPB's 'Big Garden Birdwatch'? | Eurasian MAGPIE (accept Common MAGPIE) |
| 3a | What word precedes 'Mowbray' in the name of a Leicestershire town that gives its name to a type of pork pie? | MELTON |
| 3b | The songs 'California Dreamin' and 'Monday, Monday' were most famously recorded by which band, who rose to fame in the 1960s? | The MAMAS \& THE PAPAS |
| 4 a | Predominantly in southern Bulgaria but extending into Greece, which mountain range of south-eastern Europe has its highest point at Golyam Perelik? | RHODOPE Mountains [ROE-doh-pee] |
| 4b | Published between 1951 and 1975, which twelve-volume novel series by Anthony Powell, set before, during and after the Second World War, recounts the life of the Old Etonian Nick Jenkins? The series is named after, and inspired by, a 17th-century painting. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A DANCE TO THE MUSIC OF } \\ & \underline{T I M E} \end{aligned}$ |

## Round 8

| $\mathbf{1 a}$ | Which trick-taking card game, usually played with two teams of two players, is thought to have been responsible <br> for introducing the joker into the modern deck of cards in the 1860 s ? It is played with a deck of 24,28, or 32 standard <br> playing cards, with ranks ranging from ace down to 9,8 or 7. | EUCHRE |
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| $\mathbf{1 b}$ | One of the best-known works by which English composer, who went blind in later life, is the tone poem On <br> Hearing the First Cuckoo in Spring? | Frederick $\underline{\text { DELIUS }}$ |
| $\mathbf{2 a}$ | If you add the letter 'S' to the end of the chemical element with the symbol Ag, you get the surname of which <br> American actor, best-remembered for his role as Sergeant Bilko in a namesake 1950 s sitcom? | Phil $\underline{\text { SILVERS }}$ |
| $\mathbf{2 b}$ | Which fairy tale by Hans Christian Anderson tells the story of a baby bird who is rejected by his peers due to his <br> different appearance? On maturing, he sees his reflection and discovers that he has grown into a beautiful swan. | The UGLY DUCKLING |
| $\mathbf{3 a}$ | The Gulf of Riga is a bay of the Baltic Sea that lies between Latvia and which other European nation to its north? | ESTONIA |
| $\mathbf{3 b}$ | Which battle, fought near a hamlet in southern Warwickshire on the 23 rd of October, 1642, is generally considered <br> to be the first major battle of the English Civil War? | Battle of EDGEHILL |
| $\mathbf{4 a}$ | What brand of antacid medication, one of the most popular over-the-counter treatments for heartburn, is often <br> advertised using animated depictions of firefighters? Its 'Double Action' tablets claim to treat both heartburn and <br> indigestion. | GAVISCON |
| $\mathbf{4 b}$ | The cribriform plate, which supports and protects the olfactory bulb, is part of which bone, one of seven bones in the <br> human body that articulate to form the eye socket? | ETHMOID bone |

Spares

| $\mathbf{1}$ | The Straits of Mackinac [MACK-i-naw] connect Lake Michigan to which other of North America's 'Great <br> Lakes'? As a consequence, this lake and Lake Michigan are sometimes considered to constitute a single body of water. | Lake HURON |
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| $\mathbf{2}$ | Which online game, whose rules are very similar to those of the game show Lingo, experienced an explosion in <br> popularity in late December 2021? Many players of this game (notably OQL founder Jon Stitcher) share their results <br> on social media, using arrays of green and yellow squares. | WORDLE |
| $\mathbf{3}$ | Jennifer Croft's English-language translation of the novel The Books ofJacob was released in November 2021. The <br> novel was originally written in Polish by which Nobel laureate? | Olga TOKARCZUK [toh- <br> CAR-chook] |
| $\mathbf{4}$ | The art of reproducing everyday sound effects for use in media, typically radio programmes or film soundtracks, is <br> commonly referred to by what name, the surname of an American sound artist who pioneered the practice? | FOLEY (art) |

