



ONLINE QUIZ LEAGUE - REGIONS

Questions set by OQL USA Setting Team
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Round 1

1a	Aviator and stadium-namesake Roland Garros, as well as Paris newspaperman Edouard Herve (er-VAY) were born in Saint-Denis, the capital of what still-French island territory east of Madagascar?	<u>REUNION</u> / acc. Ile <u>BOURBON</u> in case any players have time traveled from before 1848
1b	What type of Brazilian and Bolivian rodent, also known as Count Branicki's Mouse, is the second-largest rodent behind only the capybara? It can weigh over 30 pounds.	<u>PACARANA</u> (<i>Dinomys branickii</i>)
2a	What large cat breed with a long top-coat known as a <i>skogskatt</i> in its namesake Scandinavian country, and a "forest cat" in English? They are believed to have descended from a breed brought by the Vikings.	<u>NORWEGIAN</u> Forest Cat (acc. "Norway")
2b	The Aztec patron deity Huitzilopochtli (WEET-see-lo-POACHED-lee) was symbolized by and named for what not-so-intimidating bird, which for the Aztecs represented vigor?	<u>HUMMINGBIRD</u>
3a	The 2008 film JCVD depicts which actor, playing himself, having an existential crisis when he is at the center of a misunderstanding surrounding a hostage situation at a bank?	Jean-Claude <u>VAN DAMME</u>
3b	"Jumpman" was the name of what overalls-clad character, eventually given a different name by Nintendo, in the original Donkey Kong game?	<u>MARIO</u>
4a	Which San Francisco publication, the oldest continuously published LGBTQ newspaper in the country, was particularly well-known for its coverage of the AIDS crisis and published a "NO OBITS" headline in 1998 to celebrate the first issue with no AIDS deaths reported since the early 1980s? You may provide the name of the newspaper or the three-letter acronym by which it is commonly known.	Bay Area <u>REPORTER</u> or <u>B.A.R.</u>
4b	The band Fuel asked which Season 5 American Idol contestant to be their new lead singer, based largely off of his performance of "Hemorrhage (In My Hands)" on the show? He turned down their offer and founded a namesake band that went on to release the Top 10 single "It's Not Over".	Chris <u>DAUGHTRY</u>

Round 2

1a	Which Russian composer's Third Piano Concerto is considered among the most technically difficult pieces ever written for the instrument? Australian pianist David Helfgott's efforts to master it were prominently portrayed in the 1996 biopic <i>Shine</i> .	Sergei <u>RACHMANINOFF</u>
1b	Kendrick Lamar's "All the Stars" and Rihanna's "Lift Me Up" were ending credits songs for movies in which MCU-associated film series? Lamar produced and curated the soundtrack for the first film.	<u>BLACK PANTHER</u>
2a	Molly Ringwald turned down the role of Molly Jensen in which 1990 romantic drama, in what Ringwald has described as her biggest career regret? The role would eventually go to Demi Moore, who played opposite Patrick Swayze.	<u>GHOST</u>
2b	Appropriately nicknamed "Pocket Hercules," Naim Suleymanoglu (soo-lay-MAH-no-gloo) represented Turkey in what Olympic sport, where he is considered its best ever competitor pound-for-pound?	<u>WEIGHTLIFTING</u>
3a	What two-word flavor introduced in 1988 was the first variety of Cheerios to contain dried fruit, and the first new flavor introduced since Honey Nut in 1979?	<u>APPLE CINNAMON</u>
3b	Commander of the Ten Thousand, a Greek mercenary force that almost captured Babylon for the Persians, what strategist and friend of Socrates may now be best known for his <i>Anabasis</i> , a history of his military ventures?	<u>XENOPHON</u>
4a	Wild or "lowbush" and cultivated or "highbush" are the two main categories in the commercial production of what fruit? Major centers include British Columbia, Maine, and recently Peru.	<u>BLUEBERRY</u>
4b	In which eon of geologic time are we currently living? It encompasses the entire Paleozoic, Mesozoic, and Cenozoic Eras, and it takes its name from the Greek for "visible life".	<u>PHANEROZOIC</u> Eon

Round 3

1a	What 1937 bestseller promising material gain, by authors Napoleon Hill and Rosa Lee Beeland, is sometimes called the "granddaddy of motivational literature?" It contains such timeworn tips as "start with a strong desire" and less-common advice like "use the power of your sexual energy to fuel your drive."	<u>THINK AND GROW RICH</u>
1b	What advocate of women's rights, along with another signature cause, was known as "Hatchet Granny" and described herself as "a bulldog running along at the feet of Jesus, barking at what he doesn't like"?	Carrie <u>NATION</u>
2a	Much of the work of Anna Freud focused on what portion of the three-part Freudian model of the mind? This is the conscious, realistic agent that mediates desire and morality.	<u>EGO</u>
2b	One piece of evidence that the Earth is not, in fact, flat comes from which French physicist's namesake pendulum, which changes direction over the course of a day? Some flat Earthers have claimed that the many museums that have installed these as demonstrations have in fact created elaborate frauds allowing them to be controlled with magnets.	Léon <u>FOUCAULT</u> [FOO-koh]
3a	Suzan-Lori Parks's plays <i>In the Blood</i> , about a stigmatized single mother, and <i>Fuckin' A</i> , about an abortionist, are both directly inspired by which 1850 Nathaniel Hawthorne novel?	<i>The</i> <u>SCARLET LETTER</u> (this pair of plays is collectively known as the "Red Letter Plays")
3b	Paul Simon controversially traveled to South Africa in 1985 against a United Nations anti-apartheid resolution to record Graceland alongside a number of southern African musicians. Among the most prominent ensembles he recorded with were which choral group, who provided vocals on "Diamonds on the Soles of Her Shoes" and "Homeless"?	<u>LADYSMITH BLACK MAMBAZO</u>
4a	Which series, one of Cartoon Network's earliest original series, features a 1960s Hanna Barbera character whose sidekick was Dino Boy? In the 1990s series, he is the host of a talk show alongside his former enemies, Zorak and Moltar.	<u>SPACE GHOST</u> <i>Coast to Coast</i>
4b	Difficult to play but unbeatable, what "Forbidden One" from the game Yu-Gi-Oh is one of the game's most iconic monsters? Its name is invoked to describe ultimate game-winning combos in other card games.	<u>EXODIA</u>

Round 4

1a	Which 2014 film starring Aamir Khan became at the time of its release the highest-grossing Bollywood film ever? In this movie, Khan stars as the title character, a humanoid alien whose adopted nickname translates as "drunk".	<u>PK</u>
1b	For what team was long-time fan and frequent hat-sporter Tom Selleck allowed to take an at-bat by manager Sparky Anderson in Spring Training in 1991?	<u>DETROIT TIGERS</u> (accept either)
2a	Emily Grant Hutchings claimed her 1917 novel <i>Jap Herron</i> was actually written through postmortem transmissions by which author, conveyed through a Ouija board? Ironically, a piece called "The Spiritual Seance" in his 1867 collection "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County and Other Sketches" savagely mocked attempts to talk to the dead.	Mark <u>TWAIN</u> (or Samuel <u>CLEMENS</u>)
2b	Which Swedish death metal band took their name from the Sindarin name for Mount Doom in Tolkien's writings? Their 2008 album <i>Twilight of the Thunder God</i> was a concept album about Thor's slaying the World Serpent Jörmungandr.	<u>AMON AMARTH</u>
3a	With 81, what country contains many of the volcanoes in the so-called Pacific Ring of Fire? The island of Honshu includes Mount Asama as well as its iconic tallest volcano.	<u>JAPAN</u>
3b	Among the few human-created objects now found in interstellar space are the only two probes sent as part of which NASA program in 1977? They were sent with Golden Records of Earth sounds and music, and despite their age, they continue to send data about solar plasma and magnetic fields to Earth to this day.	<u>VOYAGER</u>
4a	What brand of glue, sealer and finish used for decoupage and other crafts has a name, and a red-and-pink logo, that come straight from 1967, when it was invented by Jan Wetstone? Contrary to a frequent mispronunciation, the name does <i>not</i> strictly rhyme.	<u>MOD PODGE</u>
4b	Winona LaDuke in 1996 and 2000, Peter Camejo in 2004, and Matt Gonzalez in 2008 were all running mates of what semi-perennial presidential candidate who represented the Green Party in the first two of those races?	Ralph <u>NADER</u>

HALFTIME – SWITCH SIDES!

Round 5

1a	A publicly traded company as of 2021, what popular brand of cutting plotters drives users to its namesake Design Space website?	<u>CRICUT</u> (pronounced "cricket;" be generous with that)
1b	Another piece of evidence that the Earth is not flat comes from which effect, named after a French physicist, which causes hurricanes to rotate in different directions in the Northern and Southern Hemispheres? Contrary to popular belief, this effect does not actually cause toilets to drain in opposite directions between hemispheres.	(Gaspard-Gustave de) <u>CORIOLIS</u> force/effect
2a	Aamir Khan surpassed <i>PK</i> 's box office performance with which 2016 film, which remains the highest-grossing Bollywood film of all time? In this movie, Khan plays a father who trains his daughters to become champion wrestlers.	<u>DANGAL</u>
2b	Which Norwegian Satanic metal band took their name from a desolate plateau of darkness in Mordor in Tolkien's writings? Their most popular albums include their debut, 1994's <i>Pentagram</i> , and 1997's <i>Under the Sign of Hell</i> .	<u>GORGOROTH</u>
3a	An important work by Anna Freud was called <i>Ego and the Mechanisms of WHAT</i> , in which she lays out 10 often-mentioned examples? These include repression, regression and sublimation.	<u>DEFENCE</u>
3b	For what team did musician Bruce Hornsby appear as a pinch-runner in Spring Training in 1997? The team's outfield that season featured Jim Edmonds and Tim Salmon.	<u>ANAHEIM ANGELS</u> (accept either)
4a	Bruce Norris's Pulitzer Prize-winning play <i>Clybourne Park</i> is a loose spinoff of which 1959 play by Lorraine Hansberry? In Norris's play, a white family moves out of the house the Younger family moves into in 1959, and a different white family moves into the same house in 2009.	A <u>RAISIN IN THE SUN</u>
4b	In Cleveland in 1874, Annie Wittenmyer founded what organization for members of a certain gender and religion to create a "sober and pure world"? Either its 4-letter abbreviation or its full name is acceptable.	<u>WCTU</u> or <u>WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION</u> (pronunciation of "Woman's" as "Women's" "Woman" or "Women" IS acceptable)

Round 6

1a	Which author commented that his novel <i>Ubik</i> reflected events in which "a man I knew who died has been breaking through" and concluded that it might be possible that his characters were alive but he was dead in a pseudo-universe? This author further explored questions of what it means to be alive in <i>Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?</i> .	Philip K. <u>DICK</u>
1b	Vice Admiral James Stockdale in 1992, and economist Pat Choate in 1996, were both running mates of what rather successful independent and Reform Party presidential candidate who ran against outsourcing and in favor of a balanced budget?	Ross <u>PEROT</u>
2a	What country's Kamchatka peninsula contains 67 of the volcanoes in the Pacific Ring of Fire?	<u>RUSSIA</u>
2b	What giant T-rex-like creature is frequently regarded as one of the toughest possible foes in <i>Dungeons and Dragons</i> since its introduction in 1983's Monster Manual, leading to its name occasionally being used to refer to gargantuan endgame monsters in other games? The fifth-edition version has 676 hit points and can swallow characters.	<u>TARRASQUE</u> (ta-RASK)
3a	Which Cartoon Network original series was a spinoff of <i>Space Ghost Coast to Coast</i> ? The title character of this series, like Space Ghost, came from 1960s Hanna Barbera cartoons, and in this incarnation he has retired from superheroism and is working at the firm of Sebben & Sebben.	<u>HARVEY BIRDMAN</u> , Attorney at Law
3b	In the wake of the controversy surrounding Paul Simon's Graceland, which South African jazz trumpeter suggested that he tour alongside Simon and a number of Black South African artists? His best-known songs in the West include "Grazing in the Grass" and the anti-apartheid protest song "Bring Him Back Home".	Hugh <u>MASEKALA</u>
4a	With a title from the King James version of the Book of Proverbs, what permanently-popular 1903 book by James Allen purports that the internal intellectual world is the key to happiness, and that "they themselves are makers of themselves"?	<u>AS A MAN THINKETH</u>
4b	Space probes #10 and #11 launched as part of which NASA program are among the furthest human-created objects from the Earth? Both of these crafts are now nonfunctional and bear illustrations designed by Carl and Linda Sagan and Frank Drake introducing humans to extraterrestrial life who might find them.	<u>PIONEER</u>

Round 7

1a	Known from antiquity there but not actually originating in Armenia, <i>Prunus armeniaca</i> is the most widely cultivated variety of what fruit, 22 percent of which come from Turkey? Note that there are many different well-known fruits in the genus <i>Prunus</i> .	<u>APRICOT</u>
1b	In Adam Lambert's first televised audition in Season 8 of American Idol, he sang one of the best-known songs by which band? He joined this band as lead singer in 2011 and continues to tour and release live music with them.	<u>QUEEN</u> (Accept "Queen + Adam Lambert", which is the name they tour under currently)
2a	In 2022, South Korean teenager Lim Yun-chan used a sensational performance of Rachmaninoff's Third Piano Concerto to win the international piano competition named for which Texan musician? This pianist earned his own fame through a performance of "Rocky 3" at the International Tchaikovsky Competition during the height of the Cold War.	Van <u>CLIBURN</u>
2b	Which geologic eon preceded the current Phanerozoic Eon? It is notable for the Earth's transition into having an oxygen-bearing atmosphere, and takes its name from the Greek for "earlier than life".	<u>PROTEROZOIC</u> Eon
3a	What cat breed closely related to the Norwegian Forest Cat is named for the large portion of Russia that is in North Asia?	<u>SIBERIAN</u> Forest Cat (acc. "Siberia")
3b	One of many Romans to write something called <i>The Histories</i> , what Punic War historian and counsellor of Scipio Aemilianus is also known for creating a letter-number square used in cryptography?	<u>POLYBIUS</u>
4a	In a 1999 Spike Jonze film, a portal into which actor's head is discovered on the seventh-and-a-half floor of the Mertin-Flemmer Building?	John <u>MALKOVICH</u> (accept <i>Being John Malkovich</i>)
4b	The "Jumpman" is an iconic brand logo representing what basketball player, who launched an extraordinarily successful shoe brand in the 1980s?	Michael <u>JORDAN</u>

Round 8

1a	Molly Ringwald turned down the role of Vivian Ward in which 1990 Richard Gere romcom? She has since expressed that she does not regret the move, as she felt that Julia Roberts was ultimately a much better choice for the role.	<u>PRETTY WOMAN</u>
1b	Lightweight competitor Tadahiro Nomura is the only Olympian in what combat sport to win three straight gold medals? He was dominant in the extra lightweight or 60-kilo category.	<u>JUDO</u>
2a	Between 1988's Apple Cinnamon and 2005's Yogurt Burst, the only surviving flavor of Cheerios to be launched was what sugary variety that is still sold in a blue box?	<u>FROSTED</u> Cheerios
2b	The deceitful Aztec deity Tezcatlipoca (TEZ-cat-lee-PO-ca) was symbolized by and named for what now-everyday object, which the Aztecs made from obsidian and used for prophecy?	<u>MIRROR</u>
3a	Which Washington, DC LGBTQ publication actually predates the <i>Bay Area Reporter</i> , although it went through bankruptcy in 2009 and was briefly published as the <i>D.C. Agenda</i> around that time? They are the only gay publication to routinely maintain White House press credentials, which were controversially revoked during the George W. Bush administration.	Washington <u>BLADE</u> (accept <u>GAY BLADE</u> , the name under which they were originally published)
3b	What type of South American rodents strongly resemble rabbits visually, but are taxonomically more closely related to chinchillas? The largest species is the Plains, native to the eastern part of the continent.	<u>VISCACHA</u> or <u>BISCACHA</u>
4a	A literary hotbed for the African diaspora, what French island with capital Basse-Terre has been home to Maryse Conde (con-DAY) and Daniel Maximin?	<u>GUADELOUPE</u>
4b	Wiz Khalifa & Charlie Puth's "See You Again" and Don Omar & Lucenzo's "Danza Kuduro" were ending credits songs for movies in which series? "See You Again" was a tribute song for actor Paul Walker, who played a major role in the series.	The <u>FAST AND</u> (the) <u>FURIOUS</u>

Spare Questions

1	In skincare, what term names treatments or products that remove outer layers of dead cells? This may be done using chemical peels with acids; products with grainy substances like finely ground nut shells; or tools like dermaplaners.	<u>EXFOLIATION</u> (accept any word form of "exfoliate" or "exfoliant")
2	What subrange of the Blue Ridge Mountains runs near the Tennessee–North Carolina border and is the namesake for, by far, the most visited National Park in the United States? The Tennessee towns of Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge are both located in this mountain range.	Great <u>SMOKY</u> Mountains (or SMOKIES)
3	During the period while he refereed several world boxing championships, who also worked as a prosecutor, District Attorney, and a district court judge in Washoe County, Nevada? His most famous in-ring escapade was undoubtedly refereeing the Tyson/Holyfield "bite fight".	Mills <u>LANE</u>
4	The Poincare conjecture is an important theorem in what subfield of geometry, which studies objects and their deformations in space?	<u>TOPOLOGY</u>