



ONLINE QUIZ LEAGUE

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Round 1

1a	What US agency was established in 1961 for the purpose of deploying volunteers to assist with projects in developing countries internationally?	<u>PEACE CORPS</u>
1b	What arthouse movie theater and film archive in New York City's East Village was opened in 1970 by filmmaker Jonas Mekas?	<u>ANTHOLOGY</u> Film Archives
2a	What book created and edited by Nikole Hannah-Jones was number one on the New York Times non-fiction best-seller list for the month of December 2021?	The <u>1619 PROJECT</u>
2b	What electronic music instrument is named after its creator, a Russian engineer who modified the instrument from a proximity sensor spying device?	<u>THEREMIN</u>
3a	Sunisa Lee won gold at the 2020 Olympics for gymnastics individual all-around, silver as part of Team USA, and bronze for what event for which she was favored to win gold, but a couple failed connections caused her to lose points?	uneven <u>BARS</u> (dne "parallel bars" or other bars)
3b	Which of the 12 apostles of Jesus Christ is known in the Catholic Church as the patron saint of hopeless causes?	<u>JUDE</u>
4a	George Strait's 1982 hit country song says he'll be in what largest Texas Panhandle city by morning, up from San Antone?	<u>AMARILLO</u>
4b	What North American animal is known in Inuktitut as umingmak, meaning "the bearded one," and in Woods Cree as mathi-mos meaning "ugly moose"?	<u>MUSKOX</u>

Round 2

1a	First released for the original PlayStation in 1996, what game stars a dog-like character in a beanie who must perform in time to scripted songs? The first teacher is Chop Chop Master Onion.	<u>PARAPPA</u> the Rapper
1b	What author is name-checked in the 1987 10,000 Maniacs song that includes the line "Of the San Francisco beat boys you were the favorite"?	(Hey) Jack <u>KEROUAC</u>
2a	So-called Blue Zones are places where humans live unusually long lives. What southern Japanese island - the largest of the Ryukyu islands - is one such blue zone with contributing factors including a low fat diet featuring the local sweet potato?	<u>OKINAWA</u>
2b	What 2006 Oscar-winning documentary followed birds endemic to Antarctica as they made the long and treacherous journey by foot to their inland breeding grounds?	<u>MARCH OF THE PENGUINS</u> (accept La Marche de l'empereur)
3a	Maaza Mengiste's Booker prize-nominated historical novel, The Shadow King, tells the story of a young woman's rise to power when she directs a plan for someone to be an imposter for what man, who in real life and in the book, had been forced into exile in 1936?	Haile <u>SELASSIE</u>
3b	What triply alliterative organization was founded in 1956 to provide support and education for breastfeeding parents and helped increase breastfeeding rates in the US from 20% in the 1950s to about 80% now? The name is partly Spanish-derived.	<u>LA LECHE LEAGUE</u>
4a	Gary Larson is the artist and author of what single panel comic, often about science, that was widely syndicated from 1979-1995?	The <u>FAR SIDE</u>
4b	In 2018, Indonesia's government declared five official national foods. Which of these, whose name literally means "mix-mix," is a salad of various vegetables tossed with a sweet peanut sauce and topped with crispy shallots?	<u>GADO-GADO</u>

Round 3

1a	What country was formerly known as New Hebrides, a condominium government (yes, condominium) of the UK and France until independence in 1980?	<u>VANUATU</u>
1b	Beta-carotene is the precursor to what lettered-vitamin which is also known as retinol? It can help slow age-related vision loss and is used topically to reduce acne.	<u>A</u>
2a	What arcade game debuted in Japan in 1975 featuring small fuzzy creatures that appear through holes which the player is meant to hit with a soft mallet before they recede back into the hole?	<u>WHAC-A-MOLE</u>
2b	What sans serif font designed by Robin Nicholas and Patricia Sanders comes standard on all Mac and Windows systems, is the default font in Google products, and until it was replaced by Calibri in 2007, was the default in all Microsoft products, too?	<u>ARIAL</u>
3a	In photography, what phrase starting with a single letter describes the setting that controls the aperture which in turn controls the amount of light exposed on the film?	<u>F-STOP (or F-NUMBER)</u>
3b	New Age artist Yanni had been recording for decades before he had his big break in 1994 with a live recorded concert that became a perennial favorite on PBS stations and a triple platinum album. According to the name of the album, where did this concert take place?	<u>ACROPOLIS</u>
4a	The Indigenous People of Biafra is a separatist group that seeks an independent state from what country?	<u>NIGERIA</u>
4b	Radha Blank wrote, directed, and starred in what film that won the 2020 Sundance directing award? It tells the story of a woman who decides to become a rapper at midlife and the title is very similar to a 2005 Judd Apatow rom-com.	The <u>FORTY YEAR OLD VERSION</u> (do not accept Virgin)

Round 4

1a	"Son of a Migrant from Syria" is a 2015 Banksy work depicting Steve Jobs as a refugee. This was painted in what French city which was home to thousands of migrants who were trying to cross into the UK at the narrowest part of the English Channel?	<u>CALAIS</u> (France)
1b	Xǐ nǎo (shee-now) is a Chinese phrase coined to describe the coercive re-education techniques used by the Maoist government. The phrase was translated literally into what English word, an odd phrase that describes an anatomical impossibility?	<u>BRAINWASH</u>
H	What Black Panther co-founder would later in life publish a barbecue cook book that included a recipe called "Uncle Tom's BobbyQ Baste-Marinade"?	Bobby <u>SEALE</u>
2b	What Indian mathematician of the 6th century CE is known for his work in algebra and trigonometry, his estimations of pi, and especially for his descriptions and calculations of astronomical phenomenon?	<u>ARYABHATA</u>
3a	What city lies at the confluence of the Rivers Liffey and Poddle? It's also the punny punchline to the joke: Why is this Irish city twice as big as it was yesterday? Because it's _____!	<u>DUBLIN</u>
3b	What specific product, an alliterative frozen food on round bread, was advertised with the 1990s television ad jingle that began, "Pizza in the morning, pizza in the evening, pizza at suppertime"?	<u>BAGEL BITES</u>
4a	In 2019 Jasmin Paris won what famously grueling 300 km footrace along a mountain ridge in Britain in a field of mostly male competitors while also expressing breastmilk for her newborn at the rest stops?	(Montane) <u>SPINE</u> Race
4b	The Barbie movie soundtrack includes the song "Pink," an empowerment anthem that repeats through the movie whenever the Barbies need to feel good as hell. Who sings it?	<u>LIZZO</u>

HALFTIME – SWITCH SIDES!

Round 5

1a	First released for the PlayStation2 in 2004, what video game series has players roll everyday objects into balls that will become stars and planets, that is, if they please the King of All Cosmos?	<u>KATAMARI</u> (accept specific releases such as Katamari Damacy or Beautiful Katamari)
1b	The Boston Women's Health Collective wrote what bestselling book, continuously updated and published since 1970? It covers all aspects of women's health and was written in a conversational tone by women for women.	<u>OUR BODIES, OURSELVES</u>
2a	What city lies northeast of the Wirral Peninsula, separated from it by the Mersey Estuary? It's also the punchline of the joke: Does England have a kidney bank? No, but it does have a _____!	<u>LIVERPOOL</u>
2b	What restaurant chain was being advertised with the 1990s television ad jingle that repeats (and repeats) "I want my baby back baby back baby back ribs"?	<u>CHILIS</u>
3a	"Walled Off Hotel" is a Banksy work that is a collection of installations in an actual, working hotel in what city about 10 miles south of Jerusalem, a place not known for luxury lodging?	<u>BETHLEHEM</u>
3b	Another food on Indonesia's official list of national dishes is what stew made with meat, often beef, slow-cooked in coconut milk and spices until very tender? It is usually served at weddings and holidays.	<u>RENDANG</u>
4a	Winner of the Stonewall Book Award, the historical novel Cantoras by Carolina de Robertis tells the story of five queer women all affected by the 1970s repressive dictatorship of President Bordaberry, a real-life figure of what country?	<u>URUGUAY</u>
4b	The Barbie movie soundtrack includes the song "Dance the Night," a disco jam enjoyed by the Barbies as they levitate through another fabulous girls' night. Who sings it?	<u>DUA LIPA</u>

Round 6

1a	What book written by Michelle Obama was number one on the New York Times non-fiction best-seller list for the month of December 2022? It was a follow-up to her memoir Becoming and has the subtitle Overcoming in Uncertain Times.	The <u>LIGHT WE CARRY</u>
1b	What arthouse movie theater in Los Angeles was built in the 1920s and since 2007 has been owned by filmmaker Quentin Tarantino who often shows films from his personal collection there?	<u>NEW BEVERLY</u> Cinema
2a	Euskadi Ta Askatasuna was a separatist group, officially disbanded since 2018, that sought an independent state from what country?	<u>SPAIN</u>
2b	Alpha-tocopherol is the active element of what lettered vitamin? It promotes nerve function and is often added to skincare creams.	<u>E</u>
3a	What arcade game debuted on the Jersey Boardwalk in 1908 featuring a long sloped ramp with several rings of varying point values into which the player is meant to roll wooden balls?	<u>SKEE-BALL</u>
3b	What electronic music instrument is named after its creator, an American engineer who used silicon transistors rather than vacuum tubes to make a commercial synthesizer?	<u>MOOG</u> synthesizer (rhymes with "Vogue"; other pronunciations acceptable)
4a	George Strait's 1984 hit country song wonders if what city, the seat of Texas's Tarrant County and fifth most populous city in the state, ever crosses your mind?	<u>FORT WORTH</u>
4b	What serifed font family, named for a 16th century French engraver, comes standard with Apple and Microsoft products and is valued for its legibility which is why it is often used in children's books like the Harry Potter series and Dr. Seuss books.	<u>GARAMOND</u>

Round 7

1a	Another Blue Zone is in Nuoro province on what Mediterranean island? The residents attribute their longevity to close family, a simple diet including lots of fava beans and no mention of casu marzu, the island's infamous cheese.	<u>SARDINIA</u>
1b	What author is name-checked in the 1992 Indigo Girls song that includes the line "Key to the room of your own and a mind without end"?	Virginia <u>WOOLF</u>
2a	In June 2023 in a field of mostly younger male cyclists, 52 year old Isa Pulver won what famously grueling 3000 mile bike race that runs from California to Maryland? It's the second time a woman in her 50s has won the race outright.	<u>RACE ACROSS AMERICA (RAAM)</u>
2b	Hǎo jiǔ bú jiàn (how joe boo jee-an) is a common Chinese greeting for friends getting back together after a time apart. This phrase was translated literally into what English phrase, a grammatically awkward phrase that now sounds commonplace?	<u>LONG TIME NO SEE</u>
3a	What stand up comedian and civil rights activist published a vegetarian cook book in 1973 titled Dick _____'s Natural Diet for Folks Who Eat?	Dick <u>GREGORY</u>
3b	A 2002 Oscar-nominated documentary used innovative aerial camera techniques to follow birds as they transited around the world. It was called "Winged"...what?	<u>MIGRATION</u>
4a	Bill Watterson is the artist and author of what comic strip featuring a boy and his toy tiger that was widely syndicated from 1985-1995?	<u>CALVIN AND HOBBS</u>
4b	What Indian mathematician of the 7th century CE described relativity of motion, systematized use of 0 and negative numbers, and kicked off modern mathematics by writing texts that would spread throughout the subcontinent, then the Arab world, and eventually Europe? His name translates to "protector of the Hindu creator god."	<u>BRAHMAGUPTA</u>

Round 8

1a	What is the informal common name of the US agency established in 1993 for the purpose of deploying volunteers domestically to assist with community-building projects?	<u>AMERICORPS</u> (Corporation for National and Community Service is the formal name)
1b	What 13th century Italian friar who founded a religious order is the patron saint of animals in the Catholic Church? He is popularly depicted with birds perched on him as he delivers a sermon.	St. <u>FRANCIS</u> (of Assisi)
2a	In photography, what 3 letters are used before numbers that indicate a film's speed and therefore its sensitivity to light? Before this standard, the measurement was also known as ASA or DIN.	<u>ISO</u>
2b	New Age artist John Tesh followed Yanni's lead and recorded a live concert and album for PBS stations at what iconic Western US amphitheater?	<u>RED ROCKS</u> Amphitheater
3a	What country was formerly known as Ellice Islands when it was a British colony paired with the Gilbert Islands which became Kiribati (keer-uh-bass)?	<u>TUVALU</u>
3b	What animal of the Americas is known in Nahuatl as āyōtōchtli, meaning "turtle-rabbit"?	<u>ARMADILLO</u>
4a	At the 2020 games, 13 year-old, Momiji Nishiya of Japan became the third youngest ever Olympic gold medalist. She was also the very first winner for that event as it debuted in Tokyo that year. What is her sport?	(Street) <u>SKATEBOARDING</u>
4b	Cooper Raiff wrote, directed, and starred in what film that won the 2022 Sundance audience award? The lead character is a wedding DJ and the title is in the chorus of a popular wedding reception song, and is in a meme featuring a weird Barney the Dinosaur statue.	<u>CHA CHA REAL SMOOTH</u>

Spare Questions

1	The common Sex and the City archetype trope sorts all people into Charlottes, Samanthas, Mirandas, and what?	<u>CARRIES</u>
2	According to the grunge-era-skewering lead track off Soul Asylum's "Let Your Dim Light Shine," what is the company Frustrated Incorporated going to make?	<u>MISERY</u>
3	Made from a willow hoop, the Ojibwe word for "spider" is used to refer to what protective item often hung over cribs?	<u>DREAMCATCHER</u>
4	Retiring with 454 wins, the most by a goalie never to win the Stanley Cup at the time, what popular Blues and Maple Leafs (and other teams') goalie featured a snarling dog on his masks?	Curtis <u>JOSEPH</u> / acc. <u>CUJO</u>