



**ONLINE QUIZ LEAGUE**

Questions set by OQL USA Regions Setting Team  
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**Round 1**

1a	Frank Sinatra described which singer, best associated with his cover of "Georgia On My Mind", as "the only true genius in our business"?	Ray <b><u>CHARLES</u></b>
1b	What Russian-born American gymnast won the Olympic gold medal in the 2008 Women's All-Around competition?	Nastia <b><u>LIUKIN</u></b> [LOO-kin]
2a	Which section of the Cannes Film Festival features experimental or unconventional films by younger directors? In 2023, the prize for this section was awarded to Molly Manning Walker's How to Have Sex.	<b><u>UN CERTAIN REGARD</u></b> (accept <b><u>PRIX UN CERTAIN REGARD</u></b> )
2b	Hey! Former backup singer Susan Bennett claims she is the voice of which Apple digital assistant, although the company who created it has not confirmed?	<b><u>SIRI</u></b>
3a	What 1529 treaty between Spain and Portugal established a line of longitude separating the two nations' colonial claims in the Pacific Ocean? Coupled with the Treaty of Tordesillas in 1494, this treaty carved the globe into two roughly equal hemispheres: one for the Portuguese and one for the Spanish.	Treaty of <b><u>ZARAGOZA</u></b> (or Treaty of <b><u>SARAGOSSA</u></b> )
3b	Not truly a letter, which character in Arabic writing represents a glottal stop? Visually, it resembles a letter "c" with a short, left-sloping tail.	<b><u>HAMZA</u></b>
4a	What orifice, found in many aquatic mollusks, serve many purposes including respiration, reproduction, feeding, and movement? This term also generally describes a device that can move liquids from one container of high elevation to another of lower elevation.	<b><u>SIPHON</u></b>
4b	What European country has enough underground bunkers to protect 114 percent of its population in the event of national emergency? The over 360,000 underground bunkers were built as part of a "National Redoubt" plan centered on the St. Maurice, St. Gotthard, and Sargans fortress complexes.	<b><u>SWITZERLAND</u></b>

**Round 2**

1a	In 1959, Mary K. Daves assembled a team that would go on to develop what programming language? Grace Hopper was a major contributor to this team, and the language in question was based heavily on her FLOW-MATIC programming language.	<b><u>COBOL</u></b>
1b	In the first of Jasper Fforde's Thursday Next novels about a literary detective, Thursday befriends an alternate Edward Rochester and ensures that he is able to marry the title governess at the end of which novel?	<b><u>JANE EYRE</u></b>
2a	The internment of Japanese Americans was ruled legal as a result of what 1944 Supreme Court case? In his opinion on the 6-3 decision, Justice Hugo Black claimed no hostility to the petitioner or his race. (Note: Petitioner's name alone acceptable)	<b><u>KOREMATSU</u></b> v. United States
2b	Ignoring the emblem, the flag of Gran Colombia consisted of what three colors? The current flags of Venezuela, Colombia, and Ecuador consist mostly of these colors in reference to their positions as successor states to Gran Colombia.	<b><u>YELLOW, BLUE, RED</u></b> (accept in any order)
3a	Which three-word catchphrase, most commonly spoken by Porky Pig as a sign-off for Looney Tunes cartoons, appears on voice actor Mel Blanc's gravestone?	<b><u>THAT'S ALL, FOLKS!</u></b>
3b	On March 25th, 2024, what center was removed from the Toronto Raptors lineup following allegations that he was manipulating his in-game performance to help bettors win prop bets?	Jontay <b><u>PORTER</u></b>
4a	The self-titled 1999 debut album of which feminist punk band included the track "My My Metrocard," which condemned the zoning practices of Rudy Giuliani that caused numerous sex shops throughout New York City to close in the mid-1990s?	<b><u>LE TIGRE</u></b>
4b	Lomo saltado, tallarin saltado, and gallina tipakay are all dishes from which style of food, a fusion between Chinese and Peruvian cuisine?	<b><u>CHIFA</u></b>

**Round 3**

1a	Which actress who has played major roles in American Pie, Russian Doll, and Poker Face had one of her earliest roles as Opal, a member of the Playhouse Gang on Pee-Wee's Playhouse?	Natasha <b><u>LYONNE</u></b>
1b	Which independent bookstore in Portland, Oregon, claims to be the world's largest independent bookstore, occupying an entire city block?	<b><u>POWELL'S</u></b> (accept <b><u>Powell's Books</u></b> or <b><u>Powell's City of Books</u></b> )
2a	Which English artist, whose breakout hit was 2022's "Boy's a Liar", released the track "Angel" on the 2023 Barbie soundtrack?	<b><u>PINKPANTHERESS</u></b> (accept Victoria Beverley <b><u>WALKER</u></b> )
2b	In video game speedrunning, what three-letter acronym is used to describe runs that are pre-programmed and played back by a computer or "bot" as a way to showcase completely optimal play not attainable by human reaction time?	<b><u>TAS</u></b> (Tool Assisted Speedrun) (accept spelled out as T-A-S, or pronounced "Tass" or "Taz")
3a	In physics, what four-letter word describes an equation where the second partial derivative of a function with respect to time is proportional to the Laplacian [la-PLOSH-in] of the function?	<b><u>WAVE</u></b> Equation
3b	What country's frequent omission from world maps has become a meme both in the country itself and worldwide? A 2018 tourism ad for this country that aimed to solve the "map conspiracy" starred Jacinda Ardern and Rhys Darby.	<b><u>NEW ZEALAND</u></b>
4a	The third longest Delaware River crossing connected to Philadelphia is a bridge named for what upholsterer and seamstress linked with the American Revolution?	Betsy <b><u>ROSS</u></b>
4b	Claude Monet spent the last thirty years of his life in which commune in northern France? Monet's Water Lilies, Haystacks, and a painting of his garden named for the commune all date from this period	<b><u>GIVERNY</u></b> [ZHI-ver-nee]

**Round 4**

1a	What Swahili term, meaning roughly "extended family", refers to the socialist policies of Tanganyika and later Tanzania? The policies were a hallmark of the nation's first leader, Julius Nyerere.	<b><u>UJAMAA</u></b>
1b	Which western Mexican state shares its name with a volcanic mountain located within it? The namesake mountain is the most active volcano in Mexico, having erupted frequently since 1998.	<b><u>COLIMA</u></b>
2a	Black, violet, red, and white all describe allotropes of what chemical element? Munitions made with the white form of this element are notoriously incendiary and tightly regulated under international law.	<b><u>PHOSPHOROUS</u></b>
2b	In Japanese folklore, what term names a supernatural version of the mammal also known as a raccoon dog, which can shapeshift and might scare unsuspecting travelers?	<b><u>TANUKI</u></b> (accept <b><u>BAKEDANUKI</u></b> )
3a	Better known as an actor in the United States, what musician—often the subject of jokes for his profound fame in the German-speaking world—performed "Looking for Freedom" on the Berlin Wall on New Year's Eve 1989, and has sometimes taken credit for its fall?	David <b><u>HASSELHOFF</u></b>
3b	In a story dramatized in a 2016 season of American Crime Story starring Darren Criss, which major fashion designer was assassinated in 1997 by Andrew Cunanan?	Gianni <b><u>VERSACE</u></b>
4a	In which HBO Max and CW reality series do three women choose among twenty-four men: twelve self-described "nice guys" seeking love and connection and twelve men looking for fun and the entire \$100,000 prize?	<b><u>FBOY ISLAND</u></b> (pronounced eff-boy)
4b	In March, the eyes of the nation were glued to the National Collegiate Women's Ice Hockey Championship, so simply tell me which school's Buckeyes brought the Championship home to Columbus in 2024?	The <b><u>OHIO STATE</u></b> University

HALFTIME – SWITCH SIDES!

**Round 5**

1a	What orifice, found in birds, reptiles, and amphibians, is the shared opening used by these animals for both excretory and reproductive functions?	<b><u>CLOACA</u></b>
1b	Which northern Brazilian state shares its name with a flat-topped mountain located partially within it? The namesake mountain marks the tripoint of Brazil, Venezuela, and Guyana.	<b><u>RORAIMA</u></b>
2a	What Swahili term, meaning roughly "pull together" refers to the Kenyan tradition of community aid events? The nation's first president, Jomo Kenyatta, used this word often as a call for the nation to come together following independence.	<b><u>HARAMBEE</u></b>
2b	Elwood Edwards—revealed in 2020 to now be working as an Uber driver—recorded the ubiquitous "You've Got Mail" voice for which formerly dominant dial-up internet provider?	<b><u>AOL</u></b> (accept <b><u>AMERICA ONLINE</u></b> )
3a	Bob Dylan once referred to which singer of "Johnny B. Goode" and "Roll Over Beethoven" as "The Shakespeare of Rock'n'Roll"?	Chuck <b><u>BERRY</u></b>
3b	What American figure skater won the Olympic gold medal in the 2010 Men's Singles competition? Around this same time, many tabloids speculated that his "close friendship" with Nastia Liukin was much more than friendship.	Evan <b><u>LYSACEK</u></b> [LIE-sa-check]
4a	In which 2023 TLC reality series did eight "confident and strong-minded women" live together, seeking love with each other's sons?	<b><u>MILF MANOR</u></b>
4b	In Japanese folklore, what term names shapeshifting foxes that often have multiple tails, and may sometimes take the form of beautiful young women? The term also lends its name to a French-Japanese fashion and record label.	<b><u>KITSUNE</u></b> [KIT-soo-nay]

**Round 6**

1a	Which Colombian artist of the 2021 single "Bichota" released the track "Watati" on the 2023 Barbie soundtrack?	<b><u>KAROL G</u></b> (accept Carolina <b><u>GIRALDO</u></b> )
1b	Which massive New York City bookstore, open since 1927, boasts "18 miles and counting" of books and over 2.5 million volumes available?	The <b><u>STRAND</u></b>
2a	Which three-word catchphrase, often spoken by Bugs Bunny to Elmer Fudd, also names a 1972 screwball comedy film starring Barbra Streisand and Ryan O'Neal?	<b><u>WHAT'S UP, DOC?</u></b>
2b	The flag of the Ethiopian Empire consisted of what three colors? These colors saw wide adoption as Pan-African colors and make up the current flags of Benin, Senegal, and Mali among many others.	<b><u>RED, YELLOW, GREEN</u></b> (accept in any order)
3a	In physics, what four-letter word describes an equation where the first partial derivative of a function with respect to time is proportional to the Laplacian [la-PLOSH-in] of the function?	<b><u>HEAT</u></b> equation
3b	In Jasper Fforde's novel The Well of Lost Plots, Thursday Next is an apprentice of Miss Havisham, an eccentric spinster left at the altar many years ago, originally from which novel?	<b><u>GREAT EXPECTATIONS</u></b>
4a	Korematsu v. United States was overturned in the 2018 case Trump v. which state? The case examined the legal challenge made by this extremely Democratic state against a group of travel restrictions that included Trump's "Muslim Ban".	<b><u>HAWAII</u></b>
4b	In video game speedrunning, what three-letter word is prepended to the word "percent" to indicate that a runner is completing the game with the least number of restrictions possible? This category is often contrasted with "100%" speedruns that complete every challenge presented by a game.	<b><u>ANY</u></b>



**Round 7**

1a	Which award of the Cannes Film Festival is given to the best first feature film? In 2023, the prize was awarded to Pham Thien An for Inside the Yellow Cocoon Shell.	<b><u>CAMERA D'OR</u></b>
1b	In March, the eyes of the nation were glued to the NCAA Fencing Championships, so simply tell me which school's Crimson fencing team brought the Championship home to Cambridge in 2024?	<b><u>HARVARD</u></b> University
2a	Which New Jersey musician's 1988 concert in East Berlin—in which gave an impassioned speech about breaking down barriers before performing Bob Dylan's "Chimes of Freedom"—has been credited as a major influence in the fall of the Berlin Wall? He also performed his own "The River" and "I'm on Fire" there.	Bruce <b><u>SPRINGSTEEN</u></b>
2b	What is the name of the letter of the Hawaiian alphabet that visually resembles an apostrophe? Considered a consonant, it represents a glottal stop.	<b><u>OKINA</u></b>
3a	After Portuguese colonization of Brazil extended past the boundaries set by the Treaty of Tordesillas, what 1750 treaty established a boundary between Brazil and the Spanish colonial territories in South America?	Treaty of <b><u>MADRID</u></b> (accept Treaty of <b><u>LIMITS OF THE CONQUESTS</u></b> )
3b	Which European country's landscape is littered with over 700,000 dome-shaped concrete bunkers thanks to the orders of leader Enver Hoxha in the 1960s, 70s, and 80s?	<b><u>ALBANIA</u></b>
4a	Fullerenes, nanotubes, and graphene are all allotropes of what chemical element? In 2010, the team responsible for discovering this graphene form was awarded a Nobel Prize.	<b><u>CARBON</u></b>
4b	In a story dramatized in a 2021 biopic starring Adam Driver and Lady Gaga, the heir to which major fashion house was killed by a hitman hired by his ex-wife, Patrizia Reggiani?	<b><u>GUCCI</u></b> (accept <b><u>MAURIZIO GUCCI</u></b> )

**Round 8**

1a	The second longest Delaware River crossing connected to Philadelphia is a bridge named for what statesman, publisher, and inventor linked with the American Revolution?	Benjamin <b><u>FRANKLIN</u></b>
1b	Vincent van Gogh spent about fifteen months, from February 1888 to May 1889, living in which city in France's Provence region? Some of Van Gogh's most famous paintings, including one of his Sunflowers series, were created there.	<b><u>ARLES</u></b>
2a	In 1953, a ten-person team at IBM began developing what programming language as a replacement for coding in assembly language? This first high-level programming language still sees use today as a benchmark test for supercomputers.	<b><u>FORTRAN</u></b>
2b	On March 20th, 2024, what translator was fired by the Los Angeles Dodgers for allegedly stealing 4.5 million dollars from superstar Shohei Ohtani to cover gambling debts?	<b><u>IPPEI MIZUHARA</u></b> (accept either name)
3a	Which actor who has played major roles in the Matrix films and Boyz n the Hood had an early prominent role on Pee-Wee's Playhouse, where he played Cowboy Curtis?	Laurence <b><u>FISHBURNE</u></b>
3b	Ceviche with shrimp dashi, chirashi con choclo, and tiradito are all dishes from which style of food, a fusion between Japanese and Peruvian cuisine?	<b><u>NIKKEI</u></b> [nick-KAY]
4a	Which New York City-based underground dance band released the 2003 anthem "Me and Giuliani Down by the School Yard (A True Story)", which protested Rudy Giuliani's effects on the city's club scene through his strict enforcement of the 1926 Cabaret Law?	<b><u>!!!</u></b> (Normally pronounced "Chk-Chk-Chk" or "Bang Bang Bang", but accept any descriptive name that makes clear that the player is talking about this band)
4b	What Australian state's frequent omission from national maps has become a meme in its own right? Omissions at both the 1982 and 2014 Commonwealth Games have prompted responses ranging from bemusement to outrage from residents.	<b><u>TASMANIA</u></b>

**Spare Questions**

1	Which Food Network personality got his TV start on the docuseries <i>Ace of Cakes</i> ? The show followed him and the staff of his bakery, Charm City Cakes, and the crazy baked goods they created for events, celebrities, and weddings.	Jeffrey Adam "Duff" <b><u>GOLDMAN</u></b>
2	Dorough, McLean, Richardson, Littrell, and Carter are the surnames of the musicians that make up what band?	<b><u>BACKSTREET BOYS</u></b>
3	Mark, Barbara, Lori, Kevin, and Robert are among the panelists on what business-focused reality series, which gives entrepreneurs a chance to grow their business?	<b><u>SHARK TANK</u></b>
4	The state capital of Illinois and the fictional town inhabited by Homer Simpson and his family share what name?	<b><u>SPRINGFIELD</u></b>