



ONLINE QUIZ LEAGUE
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Round 1

1a	What Senator from Indiana wrote the famous 37 words of Title IX of the Education Amendments in 1972 thus ensuring equal access to education programs receiving federal funding?	Birch <u>BAYH</u> (pronounce bye like good-bye)
1b	Which character, born to Chinese immigrant parents, can generate energy blasts from her hands and is one of the youngest members of the X-Men? Her most famous get-up is her iconic yellow coat with a usually pink top and jean shorts underneath.	<u>JUBILEE</u>
2a	The season two premiere of <i>I Love Lucy</i> was titled "Job Switching" and saw Lucy and Ethel memorably take a job at a factory that makes what? Their inability to keep up with a conveyor belt resulted in one of TV's most iconic comedy moments.	<u>CHOCOLATE/CANDY/SWEETS</u> (accept equivalents)
2b	In what country is the city of Axum, home to a collection of obelisks some as tall as 33 meters. One of the most impressive was looted by Italy in 1937 and returned in 2005.	<u>ETHIOPIA</u>
3a	Luke Bryan (2010) sang about how it is a good thing. Gary Allan (2003) sang about how many songs talk about it. Willie Nelson (1975) sang about blue eyes crying in it. What phenomenon is the topic of these country songs?	<u>RAIN</u>
3b	What Japanese word describes the style of filmmaking in works such as <i>Spirited Away</i> , <i>Demon Slayer</i> , <i>Sailor Moon</i> , and <i>Dragon Ball Z</i> ? The word comes from a shortened form of a Western word.	<u>ANIME</u>
4a	At the Belmont Stakes on June 9, 1973, Secretariat was widening now, and moving like a treMENDous maCHINE! What horse finished second, thirty-one lengths behind Secretariat?	<u>TWICE A PRINCE</u>
4b	One hundred thousand in the Western numbering system is equal to one of what unit in the Indian numbering system?	<u>LAKH</u> [Lack]

Round 2

1a	What Romanian gymnast is the only two-time winner of gold for the balance beam event, winning in the 1976 Montreal and 1980 Moscow games? She was the first to receive a perfect 10.0 in a gymnastics event.	Nadia COMANECI [KOH-mə-neeč]
1b	Oxygen-rich blood returns from the lungs to your left atrium before being pumped into what left chamber of your heart?	VENTRICLE
2a	1990 saw the end of the Jazz Messengers, a group that lasted nearly four decades under the guidance of which drummer? The combo was known for songs like "Moanin'," "Somethin' Else," and "Blues March."	Art BLAKEY
2b	It's uncommon for a novel to be written in the voice of first person plural, but PEN/Faulkner winner Julie Otsuka has done it twice, first in a 2011 novel about Japanese picture brides coming to the US and then in 2022 in a novel about a group of aquatic enthusiasts. Name either one.	The BUDDHA IN THE ATTIC or The SWIMMERS
3a	1956's <i>Bob le Flambeur</i> predates Jean-Luc Godard's <i>Breathless</i> by four years making it a forefather to the French New Wave. Who directed this crime classic (and the post-wave crime film <i>Le Cercle Rouge</i> as well)?	Jean-Pierre MELVILLE [acc. GRUMBACH]
3b	China has 11 official languages, many of them limited to a specific geographic location. For example, the Uyghur language is co-official with Mandarin in what western province?	XINJIANG [Shin Jaang]
4a	In 1904, Reinhold Burger and Albert Aschenbrenner created what trademark and brand name for their insulated vacuum flasks, a name that has now been genericized?	THERMOS
4b	What is the Arabic term for Islamic law based on the Quran and Hadith?	SHARIA

Round 3

1a	The Oscars rarely acknowledge horror movies in a serious capacity. But they did reward beloved stage and screenwriting veteran Ruth Gordon for her supporting performance in which 1968 film wherein she plays Minnie Castevet, a nosy neighbor all too concerned with the titular character's health and wellness?	<u>ROSEMARY'S BABY</u>
1b	NK Jemisin, Mary Robinette Kowal, Martha Wells, and Arkady Martine are the winners from 2016 to 2022 of the Best Novel category for what award given by the World Science Fiction Society?	<u>HUGO</u> Award
2a	What vast empire of West Africa was founded in the 14th century by Prince Oranyan and lasted until the 19th century when colonialism and conflicts with Dahomey diminished its influence?	<u>OYO</u> Empire
2b	The International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) publishes the reference "Nomenclature of Organic Chemistry," colloquially referred to as what color book? A certain synthetic pigment of this color can be used to treat accidental ingestion of radioactive cesium or thallium.	<u>BLUE</u> book
3a	The longest streak of postseason losses in Major League Baseball is held by what team, who lost eighteen playoff games between October 6, 2004, and breaking that streak on October 3, 2023?	<u>MINNESOTA TWINS</u> (acc. either)
3b	Robin Williams, Sarah Silverman, and John Cho were among the celebrities to cameo on which web series created by one-time most-subscribed YouTuber Ray William Johnson? This show aired two episodes a week talking about a different trio of viral videos each time.	<u>EQUALS THREE</u>
4a	Where is the titular libertine in Mozart's <i>Don Giovanni</i> taken against his will near the end of the second act? He is dragged downwards here as punishment for a lifetime of arrogance and womanizing.	<u>HELL</u>
4b	What is the most common street name in the US named after a person, possibly the preeminent military and political figure of 18th century America? The longest street in Boston has this name.	<u>WASHINGTON</u>

Round 4

1a	What British musical duo became a one-hit wonder in the US when their song "That's Not My Name" peaked in 2009?	The <u>TING TINGS</u>
1b	What is the name of the hilltop village which was the center of Rastafarian life in Jamaica starting in the 1940 until it was destroyed by government officials in 1954? Its name is very close to that of a California national park.	<u>PINNACLE</u> (s)
2a	What is the colloquial term used in video gaming when a developer reduces the effectiveness of characters, powers, or weapons in an attempt to restore competitive balance? This word comes from a toy brand owned by Parker Brothers, stemming from the idea of replacing real weapons with this toy.	<u>NERF</u>
2b	Though based on its name you may have thought a national emergency or threat was declared, that was not actually the case when Mountain Dew released its first successful new flavor in 2001. What is the name of this cherry-flavored variant?	<u>CODE RED</u>
3a	Having short, bobbed hair, listening to jazz music, and wearing drop-waist dresses were hallmarks of what subculture of the 1920s, the name of which originates from the way a young woman's hair moves?	<u>FLAPPERS</u>
3b	Unlike a virus with a specific payload, what is the term for a self-replicating, possibly malicious computer program? A notable one of these was released in 1988 by Robert Morris, who was convicted of violating the Computer Fraud and Abuse act yet later became a tenured professor at MIT.	<u>WORM</u>
4a	Who hosts the "tourism and culture by way of food" show <i>Taste the Nation</i> on Hulu? She has been a TV fixture for many years and has a well-documented history of philanthropy and activism.	Padma <u>LAKSHMI</u>
4b	A wallpaper pattern with repeating idyllic scenes of the countryside, like people picnicking or ducks in a pond, has what French name that translates to "canvas"?	<u>TOILE</u> [twahl]

HALFTIME – SWITCH SIDES!

Round 5

1a	Which jazz drummer, admired for his speed and power, often got into brawls with Frank Sinatra when they were both working for Tommy Dorsey's orchestra? They always remained friends though with Sinatra giving this man a eulogy at his 1987 funeral.	Buddy <u>RICH</u>
1b	What was the name of the K-pop boy band parody created by one-time most-subscribed YouTuber Ryan Higa in 2016? Its name is a comic send-up of the girl group Girls Generation.	<u>BOYS GENERALLY ASIAN</u>
2a	What is the colloquial term used in video gaming when a developer increases the effectiveness of characters, powers of weapons in an attempt to restore competitive balance? As a verb this can also mean to polish or wax, and as an adjective can refer to a muscular physique.	<u>BUFF</u>
2b	What word literally meaning "whimsical drawings" describes the genre of comic books and graphic novels published in Japan?	<u>MANGA</u>
3a	A famous season five episode of <i>I Love Lucy</i> sees Lucy get offered a role in an Italian movie and do some research for the part. She ends up performing what task at a vineyard before being stained blue, resulting in her losing the role but giving us one of TV's most famous bits of comedy?	<u>STOMPING</u> grapes (accept equivalent verbs)
3b	The malicious computer worm Stuxnet, widely suspected to be developed by the United States and Israel, affects programmable logic controllers used in gas centrifuges and was used to hamper a nuclear program in what country in 2010?	<u>IRAN</u>
4a	What vast empire of central Africa was founded by King Kongolo Mwamba in the 15th century? It lasted until the 19th century and also started a second kingdom which stretched to present day Angola. Name either or both kingdoms, which are often mentioned together.	<u>LUBA</u> or <u>LUNDA</u> or <u>LUBA-LUNDA</u> Empires
4b	What language is co-official with Mandarin in China's eastern Jilin province which borders on a country where this language is primarily spoken?	<u>KOREAN</u>

Round 6

1a	The Oscars also acknowledged horror performances with back-to-back Best Actress awards in the 1990s. In 1992, Jodie Foster won for <i>The Silence of the Lambs</i> , and, the year before, which actress won for a role that left all our ankles a little more sore after sympathizing with James Caan?	Kathy <u>BATES</u>
1b	Oxygen-rich blood leaves the left ventricle of your heart and ascends into what artery in the chest, the largest in the human body?	<u>AORTA</u>
2a	What Representative from Hawaii, the first woman of color elected to Congress, championed Title IX in the House and prevented weakening of the language in the amendment? Title IX was officially renamed after her after her death in 2002.	Patsy <u>MINK</u>
2b	What is the name of the Illinois city in which LDS church founder Joseph Smith was killed by a mob in 1844? It shares a name with a North African city.	<u>CARTHAGE</u>
3a	Who was Michael Jackson's lead guitarist for his 2009 <i>This Is It</i> tour which was canceled due to his death? She found success later that year anyway with the release of "According to You," which would make her a one-hit wonder.	<u>ORIANTHI</u> (acc. Panagaris)
3b	A clear product of the disco craze, which X-Men heroine had the real name Alison Blaire and was able to convert sound into energy and light beams, hence her name? She has become a gay icon over time and was, at one time in the '80s, going to have her own film starring Bo Derek.	<u>DAZZLER</u>
4a	In addition to her four Olympic gold medals and thirty medals at the Gymnastics World Championship, what American gymnast is the only two-time Olympic bronze medalist for the balance beam event, medaling in the 2016 Rio and 2020 Tokyo games?	Simone <u>BILES</u>
4b	Raina Telgemeier, Jen Wang, and Kate Beaton are some of the recent winners in the Best Writer/Artist category of what award which is named after the artist (first name Will) called the Godfather of the graphic novel? It is presented annually at the San Diego Comic-Con.	<u>EISNER</u> Award

Round 7

1a	Named after a Marshalese coral reef where the US performed 23 nuclear weapons tests, what is name for a brief two-piece swimsuit that is emblematic of Atomic Age fashion?	<u>BIKINI</u>
1b	Situated on the Golden Horn, Galata Tower, a 13th century Romanesque structure, is a landmark of what city and the symbol of its Beyoğlu [Bey-o-glu] neighborhood?	<u>ISTANBUL</u>
2a	1958's <i>Elevator to the Gallows</i> predates Jean-Luc Godard's <i>Breathless</i> by one year making it a forefather to the French New Wave. Who directed this film (as well as the post-Wave, French crime film <i>The Thief of Paris</i>)?	Louis <u>MALLE</u> [Mal]
2b	The IUPAC publishes the reference "Quantities, Units and Symbols in Physical Chemistry", colloquially referred to as what color book? An arsenic-containing compound of this color was invented by Carl Wilhelm Scheele and named after him.	<u>GREEN</u> book
3a	The longest streak of postseason losses in the National Football League is held by what team, who have lost nine playoff games starting on January 12, 1992?	<u>DETROIT LIONS</u>
3b	Another notable novel written in first person plural was what 2007 novel by Joshua Ferris that won a PEN/Hemingway award? The "We" in the title are the employees of a company struggling after the dot-com bubble burst.	<u>THEN WE CAME TO THE END</u>
4a	Parmalee (2013) sang about how she feels like this place. Jo Dee Messina (1996) is going to go there if a coin lands heads-side up. Keith Whitley (1985) sang about how his girl Charlotte's back there (an appropriate location for that name). Which Southeastern U.S. region is the topic of these country songs?	<u>CAROLINA(s)</u>
4b	Though available year-round in stores now, the Baja Blast flavor of Mountain Dew was initially an exclusive taste only found at what fast-food restaurant??	<u>TACO BELL</u>

Round 8

1a	The famous call of Secretariat moving like a tremendous machine was made by what sportscaster for CBS, one of the most famous horse racing announcers of all time?	Charles David "Chic" ANDERSON
1b	A wallpaper or fabric pattern with repeating symmetrical, four-lobed shapes has what name that comes from the Latin for four-leaved?	QUATREFOIL (catr-foy)
2a	Which titular character in an opera by Giuseppe Verdi secretly stows herself away in a dark vault to die alongside her love, Radamès, who has been sentenced by Ramfis, the high priest, to be buried alive for treason?	AIDA
2b	What is the term in Islamic law for when a ranking jurist issues a non-binding legal opinion on a question? A famous one of these issued in 1989 has led to occasional misinterpretation of the term as a type of sentencing.	FATWA
3a	Which still-major pharmaceutical company headquartered in Leverkusen, Germany created aspirin from acetylsalicylic acid in the mid-19 th century but lost the trademark in the US during World War I, thus genericizing the word?	BAYER
3b	What is the most common street name in the US that is not Main Street or a number? New York City has a famous avenue of this name that's east of a large feature in Manhattan that's similarly named.	PARK
4a	Who hosted the "tourism and culture by way of food" show <i>Searching for Italy</i> ? This actor has become a regular mixologist on Instagram, notably teaching people how to make a Negroni early in the pandemic.	Stanley TUCCI
4b	Ten million in the Western numbering system, or 100 lakh, is equal to one of what unit in the Indian numbering system?	CRORE [Kror]

Spare Questions

1	What WWE wrestler is frequently the subject of memes featuring empty chairs or apparently invisible people because "You Can't See Him"?	John CENA
2	The third-most-prominent pairing throughout the movie Top Gun, what joker is the partner of flyboy Wolfman?	HOLLYWOOD
3	The narrator Robert Walton sends a letter to his sister Margaret about a planned North Pole adventure in the opening of what early-19 th -century novel?	FRANKENSTEIN
4	Missing limbs or digits can still hurt because of issues with pain perception; what specific adjective is given to this type of pain?	PHANTOM