



**ONLINE QUIZ LEAGUE**  
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**Round 1**

1a	What men's fashion brand popular in the 80s was best known for their high-waisted, baggy jeans and a TV ad campaign that featured women asking men, "Excuse me, are those [blank-blank] Jeans?"	<b><u>BUGLE BOY</u></b>
1b	Home to just over three million people, what is the most populous county in the state of California that does not share a name with the city serving as its county seat?	<b><u>ORANGE</u></b> County (Los Angeles and San Diego are larger)
2a	Which running back is the only person to win two Heisman trophies, in 1974 & 1975?	Archie <b><u>GRIFFIN</u></b>
2b	Which Hellenistic mathematician from Alexandria gives his name to polynomial equations in which only whole-number solutions are of interest? Examples include the Pythagorean triples.	<b><u>DIOPHANTUS</u></b> (acc. DIOPHANTINE)
3a	<i>Pitchfork</i> , <i>Rolling Stone</i> , and <i>New York Times</i> critic Jon Pareles all agreed that what artist's album, <i>SOS</i> deserved the number one spot in their respective Best Albums of 2023 lists?	<b><u>SZA</u></b> (Acc Solána Imani <b><u>ROWE</u></b> )
3b	Assuming office in 2023, which former lieutenant governor of Pennsylvania is its junior senator? This man represents the Democrats in the senate.	John <b><u>FETTERMAN</u></b>
4a	Fast Money is the final bonus round for the winning team on what US game show that has been in production, with some breaks, since 1976? Two members of the five-person team try to guess popular answers to a survey question without duplicating each other.	<b><u>FAMILY FEUD</u></b>
4b	Which traditionally male title character has been played by actresses including Glenda Jackson and Kathryn Hunter? This character is a British monarch who divides his realm between his three daughters.	<b><u>KING LEAR</u></b>

**Round 2**

1a	Pharrel Williams and which other musician make up the duo known as The Neptunes? They wrote and produced most of Justin Timberlake's multi-Grammy winning album <i>Justified</i> .	Chad <b><u>HUGO</u></b>
1b	The abandoned town of Campion in the Wheatbelt District was the site of what large country's wildlife management operation that came to be known as the Emu War?	<b><u>AUSTRALIA</u></b>
2a	Mystery Science Theater 3000 (MST3K) has changed human cast members over its past 35 years, but the robot companions have stayed the same, including Crow T. Robot and what other robot who looks like a red gumball machine?	<b><u>TOM SERVO</u></b> (acc. either)
2b	Which Chinese poet who lived during the Tang dynasty is known for poems including Waking from Drunkenness on a Spring Day and Quiet Night Thought.	<b><u>LI</u></b> Bai
3a	What style of coat was originally developed for British and American sailors? They are typically made of heavy, coarse wool, are double breasted, with side pockets, and extend just below the waist.	<b><u>PEA</u></b> coat
3b	What is the name given to the strip of northern Africa that serves as a sort of buffer zone between the arid Sahara deserts and the more humid Sudanian savannas? This word was seen in many headlines in 2023 as a string of coups d'etat occurred in this region.	<b><u>SAHEL</u></b>
4a	Anna Rudolf and Hikaru Nakamura are two of many highly ranked players, according to FIDE [FEE-day], that stream about what on Twitch?	<b><u>CHESS</u></b>
4b	Helium-4 exhibits superfluidity when in a state of matter known as a "condensate," named for Satyendra Bose and what other scientist, noted for his Annus Mirabilis in 1905?	Albert <b><u>EINSTEIN</u></b>

**Round 3**

1a	Sonya Blade, Liu Kang, and Sub-Zero are all characters featured in what video game franchise?	<b><u>MORTAL KOMBAT</u></b>
1b	What surname is shared by the winners of the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry in 1926, 1947 and 1974? The 1926 winner, hailing from a prominent Boston family, was awarded her prize posthumously.	<b><u>LOWELL</u></b> (Amy and Robert)
2a	What fermented black tea beverage originating from China is cultured from a "SCOBY," which stands for "symbiotic culture of bacteria and yeasts"?	<b><u>KOMBUCHA</u></b>
2b	Which European capital city was blockaded from 1992 to 1996? Ratko Mladic was amongst those jailed for life for his role in this siege.	Siege of <b><u>SARAJEVO</u></b>
3a	On a film production set what single word does the sound recorder say to indicate that they are ready? In the days of analog recording this meant that they were not only rolling tape, but that the machinery was fully functioning.	<b><u>SPEED</u></b>
3b	A sub-order of rodents, <i>Castorimorpha</i> includes kangaroo rats, pocket gophers, and what dam-building mammal?	<b><u>BEAVER</u></b>
4a	Around the turn of the 20 <sup>th</sup> century, Émile Jacques-Dalcroze developed a method of music pedagogy that emphasizes physical and kinesthetic experiences of music that he named what? The name would later be used by an 80s pop band whose songs include "Love Is a Stranger."	<b><u>EURYTHMICS</u></b>
4b	Named after a Russian explorer whose first name was Yakov, which phantom island in the Arctic off Siberia was the subject of many searches in the 19th and early 20th centuries?	<b><u>SANNIKOV</u></b> Land

**Round 4**

1a	The HBO series <i>True Detective</i> changes cast and location every season. What actor who won an Academy Award for the movie <i>Moonlight</i> starred as Arkansas Detective Wayne Hays in Season 3?	Mahershala <b><u>ALI</u></b>
1b	Which moon is the largest of the planet Uranus?	<b><u>TITANIA</u></b>
2a	The Japanese taiko, the Afro-Caribbean marimba, the Indian tabla, and the English timpani are all examples of what instrument type?	<b><u>PERCUSSION</u></b> (prompt on drum by asking "what family are they members of")
2b	In North America, the Great Lakes are made of Lakes Michigan, Erie, Huron, Superior, and which fifth body of water?	Lake <b><u>ONTARIO</u></b>
3a	Victor Conte was the founder of which San Francisco business, that is now best known for providing banned performance enhancing drugs to athletes?	<b><u>BALCO</u></b> (Accept <b><u>BAY AREA LABORATORY CO-OPERATIVE</u></b> )
3b	<i>The Ambassadors</i> by Hans Holbein and <i>The Wanderer Above the Sea of Fog</i> by Casper David Friedrich are artworks by artists from which European country?	<b><u>GERMANY</u></b>
4a	Who was the official "evangelist" for Apple Computers in the 1980s and since has become an entrepreneurial and marketing trainer and author of business advice books like <i>The Art of the Start</i> ?	Guy <b><u>KAWASAKI</u></b>
4b	What six-letter "d" word, also known as a portal tomb, refers to an ancient megalithic burial structure with two or more vertical stones and a flat stone on top called a "table"?	<b><u>DOLMEN</u></b>

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**Round 5**

1a	Chao, Doctor Eggman, and Knuckles the Echidna are all characters featured in what video game franchise?	<b><u>SONIC</u></b> the Hedgehog
1b	Located on the island of Svalbard, which Norwegian company town is the northernmost functional civilian settlement in the world? Home to some of the world's cleanest air, this place goes through week- and month-long periods of polar night and polar light.	<b><u>NY-ÅLESUND</u></b>
2a	The cast of MST3K has changed over the years, but Trace Beaulieu, Mary Jo Pehl, and Felicia Day have all played the role of the mad scientist running the experiment. Their characters Clayton, Pearl, and Kinga all share what surname?	<b><u>FORRESTER</u></b>
2b	<i>The Man Who Died Twice</i> was a work by which American poet, who won the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry in 1922, 1925 and 1928?	Edwin Arlington <b><u>ROBINSON</u></b>
3a	Bruno Mars, Philip Lawrence, and Ari Levine wrote songs together under what collective name? They are credited with most of Bruno Mars's biggest hits and also wrote and produced Cee-Lo Green's smash hit "Forget You."	The <b><u>SMEEZINGTONS</u></b>
3b	The feliform order <i>Herpestidae</i> includes what type of legendarily quick mammal, some species of which are famous for their protective mutations against snakes?	<b><u>MONGOOSE</u></b>
4a	What fermented dairy beverage originating in the Caucasus Mountain region has a light fizziness from natural carbonation from which it gets its nickname "the champagne of milk"?	<b><u>KEFIR</u></b>
4b	The Prespa Accord with Greece precipitated the change in name in 2018 of what country? Please give the current name.	Republic of <b><u>NORTH MACEDONIA</u></b> (Prompt on Macedonia)

**Round 6**

1a	In the days of analog film production, what three letters were written on film reels that were recorded without a synchronous audio track? Film lore says that it's an abbreviation of a German-English phrase to mean it is soundless.	<b><u>MOS</u></b> ("mit ohne sound" or "without sound")
1b	One of the longest structures in the world is a fence in Queensland and South Australia designed to keep wild dogs at bay. What are these dogs typically known as in Australia?	<b><u>DINGOs</u></b>
2a	Jason Somerville and Lex Veldhuis are among players with several money finishes at their field's World Series that stream about what on Twitch?	<b><u>POKER</u></b>
2b	One of the Nobel Prize–winners for exploring this state of matter, Wolfgang Ketterle, was able to form a Bose-Einstein condensate using what common metallic element found in the mineral halite? This element has the chemical symbol Na.	<b><u>SODIUM</u></b>
3a	What style of coat was originally developed for British Army officers to wear in the field during World War I? They typically are made of flexible water-resistant material and extend below the knees.	<b><u>TRENCH</u></b> Coat
3b	Which Chinese novelist and poet of the Qing Dynasty is best known for his work <i>Dream of the Red Chamber</i> ?	<b><u>CAO</u></b> Xueqin / <b><u>CAO</u></b> Zhan [tsow sh'weh-cin]
4a	What Japanese violinist gives his name to a method of music instruction that emphasizes learning music first by ear rather than by notation in order to mimic language acquisition?	Shinichi <b><u>SUZUKI</u></b>
4b	Meaning "the west" in Arabic, what term is given to much of North Central Africa, including Morocco, Mauritania, Algeria, Tunisia, and Libya? It is usually contrasted with the Mashriq, the eastern part of the Arab World that encompasses Sudan, Egypt, and much of both the Levant and Arabian Peninsula.	<b><u>MAGHREB</u></b>



**Round 7**

1a	What tech founder of Squidoo and Yoyodyne has become an entrepreneurial inspirational speaker and author of books like <i>Tribes: We Need You To See Us</i> and <i>This is Marketing</i> .	Seth <b><u>GODIN</u></b>
1b	<i>The Kiss</i> by Gustav Klimt and <i>Death and the Maiden</i> by Egon Schiele are early 20 <sup>th</sup> century paintings by artists from which European country?	<b><u>AUSTRIA</u></b>
2a	The Chinese erhu, the Indian chikara, the American banjo, and the Ukrainian bandura are all examples of what instrument type?	<b><u>STRINGS</u></b>
2b	In Africa, the Great Lakes are made of many bodies of water, but the three largest are Lakes Malawi, Tanganyika, and which third lake, the largest of the group?	Lake <b><u>VICTORIA</u></b>
3a	Season 4 of <i>True Detective</i> stars what actress as Alaska Police officer Liz Danvers? She won her first of two Oscars for the film <i>The Accused</i> .	Jodie <b><u>FOSTER</u></b>
3b	Assuming office in 2023, which author of the memoir <i>Hillbilly Elegy</i> is the junior senator for Ohio? This man represents the Republicans in the senate.	J.D. <b><u>VANCE</u></b>
4a	Which former first baseman and designated hitter, who won the 2000 AL MVP while playing for the Oakland A's was one of the most notable people caught up in the BALCO scandal?	Jason <b><u>GIAMBI</u></b>
4b	The Pythagorean triples are a special case of $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ equation. This equation is associated with a 1621 edition of Diophantus's <i>Arithmetica</i> because of the notes of what other mathematician?	Pierre de <b><u>FERMAT</u></b>

**Round 8**

1a	Pitchfork, Rolling Stone, and the New York Times Best Albums of 2023 lists all featured what artist's album <i>Guts</i> near the top of their lists?	Olivia <b><u>RODRIGO</u></b>
1b	What is the smallest Galilean moon of Jupiter?	<b><u>EUROPA</u></b>
2a	What men's fashion brand popular in the 80s that was developed as a direct competitor to Lacoste had a TV ad campaign featuring women chasing men with the tagline "Hold that [BLANK]"?	<b><u>LE TIGRE</u></b> (accept TIGER)
2b	What six-letter "m" word is often used in place of "standing stone" in France, and also refers to upright stones in Ireland.	<b><u>MENHIR</u></b>
3a	Which former quarterback is the only person to win a Heisman trophy and coach a Heisman winner, in 1966 and 1996, respectively?	Steve <b><u>SPURRIER</u></b>
3b	The seventh and ninth most populous counties in the United States are both found in New York City and have names that could be paired together or, in one sense, seen as opposites. Which two counties are these?	<b><u>KINGS &amp; QUEENS</u></b> (accept in either order)
4a	Showcase is the final segment of every episode of what US game show that has been in production since 1972? Contestants guess the value of a set of items, hoping to be closest without exceeding the total.	The <b><u>PRICE IS RIGHT</u></b>
4b	Which traditionally male title character was first played by an actress in the 18 <sup>th</sup> century by Sarah Siddons taking the role? This character is a Danish Prince investigating the circumstances of his father's murder.	<b><u>HAMLET</u></b>

**Spare Questions**

1	Which Canadian poet, whose work is characterized by the exclusive use of lower case text, topped the New York Times Best Seller list with the 2014 collection Milk and Honey? She has been referred to as an 'Instapoet' due to her extensive use of social media to share her work.	Rupi <b><u>KAUR</u></b>
2	Who won the Academy Award for Best Director for the films A Place in the Sun and Giant? Also nominated for The More the Merrier, Shane and The Diary of Anne Frank, he joined the U.S. Army Signal Corps during the Second World War and led a film unit under the command of General Eisenhower.	George <b><u>STEVENS</u></b>
3	Which Australian swimmer, who won gold medals in the women's 100m freestyle at three consecutive Summer Olympic Games, was given a 10-year ban from competitive swimming for misbehavior at the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo, which allegedly included drunkenly swimming across a moat to steal a flag from the Emperor's palace?	Dawn <b><u>FRASER</u></b>
4	In physics, what is defined as the rate at which the velocity of an object changes over time?	<b><u>ACCELERATION</u></b>