## ONLINE QUIZ LEAGUE

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## Round 1

| 1a | Which camel, native to North and Central Africa and the Middle East, has one hump on its back? It takes its name from the Greek word for running. | DROMEDARY |
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| 1b | In photography, what length is the distance between the lens and the image sensor or film and is measured in millimeters? | FOCAL (Do not accept FOCUS) |
| 2a | The first name of which actor completes the title of the famous meme "Sad $\qquad$ "? This actor is known for his role in films such as Speed and The Matrix. | KEANU REEVES (Accept either) |
| 2b | The investiture controversy, or the conflict over whether secular rulers or the Pope had the authority to appoint bishops to office, was resolved at the Diet of concordat between Holy Roman Emperor Henry the Fifth and the second Pope of which name? | CALLIXTUS |
| 3a | Starring Regina Hall, Queen Latifah, Jada Pinkett Smith, and Tiffany Haddish, which 2017 film follows four friends who visit New Orleans for the Essence Music Festival? | GIRLS TRIP |
| 3b | What player hit his prime in two sports, playing 14 seasons in the NFL for multiple teams including the 49ers, Cowboys, and the Ravens and playing 9 seasons in MLB for the Braves and the Yankees, among other teams? | Deion SANDERS |
| 4a | Troye Sivan's 2023 hit "Got Me Started" samples a song that has been popular online several times, first in relation to a tribute video to the late Harambe, second in relation to videos that get spacey and trippy. Please name either the title of the 2009 song Sivan's track samples or the Australian electronic duo that recorded it. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { SHOOTING STARS or BAG } \\ & \text { RAIDERS } \end{aligned}$ |
| 4b | What governor of New York resigned his position in January 1885 in order to take office as President of the United States for the first of his non-consecutive terms? | Grover CLEVELAND |

## Round 2

| 1a | What is the Cantonese Chinese term for a mid-morning meal of small <br> snacks, a phrase that literally means, touch the heart? | DIM SUM |
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| 1b | The arcade cabinet of what video game, first released by Atari in 1985, <br> had bicycle handlebars for controllers? | PAPERBOY |
| 2a | The soul and R\&B group The Spinners had to add the name of which <br> US city to their name in British markets to differentiate them from a folk <br> group of the same name? Diana Ross was born in this city. | DETROIT |
| 2b | In addition to a famous etymology about a certain grooming style, what <br> Union general is most remembered for his losses at Fredericksburg <br> and the Battle of the Crater in the US Civil War? | Ambrose BURNSIDE |
| 3a | Gum arabic is derived from what tree? In the classical world, its <br> hardened sap was used along with its leaves for birth control <br> purposes, and the tree shares its name with a Greek social fraternity <br> that does not use Greek letters in its name. | ACACIA |
| 3b | Arrangement in Grey and Black is the original title of a late 19th <br> century painting featuring a woman. What is the colloquial name for <br> this work, which was painted by an American artist? | WHISTLER'S MOTHER (acc |
| 4a | Aaron Chwatt born in 1919 and John Elroy Sanford born in 1922 were <br> both comedians who shared (with a slight spelling difference) what <br> colorful first name for their stage names? The first of these won an <br> Oscar for the 1957 film Sayonara. | POTRATT OF ARTIST'S |
| 4b | Agbogbloshie dumpsite, one of the most toxic polluted sites in the <br> world as the recipient of much of the world's electronic waste, lies <br> inside what capital city of Ghana? | RED |


| 1a | What member of China's so-called Fifth Generation of film directors <br> won a Golden Bear at Berlin for his 1988 directorial debut Red <br> Sorghum and a BAFTA in 1991 for Raise the Red Lantern? His <br> English language film The Great Wall starring Matt Damon and Pedro <br> Pascal received less acclaim. | ZHANG Yimou |
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| 1b | The oldest recorded customer complaint dates from roughly 1750 <br> BCE. It details Nanni's displeasure with how his servant was treated, <br> and the quality of merchandise provided, by Ea-Nasir, who had agreed <br> to sell ingots of what metal that is the major component of bronze? | COPPER |
| 2a | Which synthetic polymer that is used in fabrics and textiles is Wallace <br> Carrothers credited with inventing? It was first used on a toothbrush in <br> 1938 before becoming more widely used for stockings. | NYLON |
| 2b | The classic layout for what game features multicolored spaces <br> arranged in a wheel-like design with six spokes? The end of each <br> spoke corresponds to a different colored pie piece. | TRIVIAL PURSUIT |
| 3a | Which titular character from an opera by Richard Wagner [VOGG-ner] <br> has a celebrated chord named after him? One of its most celebrated <br> aspects is its interpretability and its move away from tonal harmonies. | TRISTAN |
| 3b | Which 1963 scandal, named for a British Secretary of War at the time, <br> was notably referenced in Billy Joel's "We Didn't Start the Fire" with the <br> line "British politician sex"? | PROFUMO Affair |
| 4a | What stand-up comedian said in her 2012 NewNowNextVote special: <br> "I'm a black, gay woman. The only way to make the GOP hate me <br> more is if I sent them a video of me rolling around on a pile of welfare <br> checks." | Wanda SYKES |
| 4b | Communities in 24 U.S. states, including Ohio and Pennsylvania, <br> towns in both Australia and New Zealand, and a railway station in <br> Edinburgh, are named after what 1814 Sir Walter Scott novel, which <br> follows Edward, a young, idealistic soldier, during the Jacobite <br> Rebellion of 1745? | WAVERLEY |


| 1a | Closely associated with groups like Twice, Seventeen, and Blackpink, <br> what does the "K" stand for in the musical genre labeled "K-pop"? | KOREAn |
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| 1b | A common misconception originating in a 1929 issue of the Macaroni <br> Journal is the incorrect belief that what Venetian explorer imported <br> pasta to the west? | Marco POLO |
| 2a | Catherine O'Hara, John Candy, Eugene Levy, and Andrea Martin were <br> among the original cast members of what sketch comedy series that <br> premiered in 1976? | SCTV (Second City TV) |
| 2b | The 1959 novel Starship Troopers by what author, follows Johnny Rico <br> as he ascends from recruit to officer in the Mobile Infantry, training to <br> fight the "Bugs," an insectoid alien race at war with humans? | Robert A. HEINLEIN |
| 3a | What is the name for creme patisserie lightened with Italian meringue <br> named after a 19th century French baker? It sometimes shows up on <br> The Great British Baking Show where the hosts cannot help but make <br> jokes about the name. | CHIBOUST [shee-boost] Cream |
| 3b | What buccaneer led a group of privateers and pirates to sack Panama <br> in early 1671? Much like the Battle of New Orleans during the separate <br> War of 1812, this took place after the Treaty of Madrid had been <br> signed between belligerents. | Henry MORGAN |
| 4a | Which genetic disorder caused by a mutation on gene FBN1 is <br> characterized by being tall, thin with long arms, legs, fingers, and toes? <br> It tis speculated that Sergei Rachmaninoff, Abraham Lincoln, and <br> Osama Bin Laden may have had the condition. | MARFAN Syndrome |
| 4b | Which Danish rider of the Team Jumbo-Visma, has won the two most <br> recent Tours De France? | Jonas VINGEGAARD |

HALFTIME - SWITCH SIDES!

## Round 5

| 1a | What stand-up comedian said on Conan O'Brien in 2014: "I made so many jokes over the years about how small my chest was that I started to think that maybe my boobs overheard me and were just like, 'You know what? We're sick of this. Let's kill her.'" | Tig NOTARO |
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| 1b | In photography, what term indicates how sensitive a camera's image sensor is to light? Acronym or full term acceptable. | ISO/INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION for STANDARDIZATION |
| 2a | Which synthetic polymer used in non-stick pans is Roy Plunkett credited with inventing? The name's trademark was registered in 1945 and used on the Happy Pan in 1961. | TEFLON (Polytetrafluoroethylene) |
| 2b | A synagogue in Worms, which is a UNESCO World Heritage site and the oldest existing synagogue in Germany, is named for a medieval French rabbi born Shlomo Yitzchaki, who is most often known by what acronym? He is one of the most significant commenters on the Tanakh and Talmud. | RASHI |
| 3a | Which Australian electronic duo recorded the 2008 song "Walking on a Dream" which later became vastly more popular after appearing in a commercial for the Honda Civic? | EMPIRE OF THE SUN |
| 3b | The classic layout for what game has 40 spaces, which include 22 properties in various color groups, as well as 4 railroads, and 2 utilities? | MONOPOLY |
| 4a | Ali Wong was nominated for an Emmy as the voice of one of the titular characters for what animated Netflix series created by Lisa Hanawalt and co-starring Tiffany Haddish? | TUCA \& BERTIE |
| 4b | What private organization, founded in 1912, collects consumer complaints about commercial enterprises and grades those enterprises on a scale from $A+$ to $F$ ? | BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU |

## Round 6

| 1a | Lindley Jones (born 1911), Shelton Lee (born 1957), and Adam <br> Spiegel (born 1969) all share what first name as part of their <br> professional names? The middle of these three directed the film <br> BlacKkKlansman. | SPIKE |
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| 1b | Look at me-l'm the captain now. What US-flagged cargo ship <br> partially named for a US state was captured by Somali pirates in <br> 2009, the first seizure of a US ship by pirates since the 19th century? | MAERSK ALABAMA |
| 2a | In 1969, which rock and soul group dropped "Transit Authority" from <br> the end of their name after being threatened with a lawsuit by the <br> mass-transit organization of the same name? Among their best- <br> known songs are "Look Away" and "25 or 6 to 4." | CHICAGO |
| 2b | Jonas Vingegaard's biggest rival in the Tour De France is which <br> Slovenian rider who won the 2020 and 2021 tours? | Tadej POGACAR |
| 3a | Which genetic disorder, named for the two physicians who identified <br> it, is characterized by loose joints, stretchy skin, and joint pain? <br> Notable cases include Jameela Jamil, Halsey, and Sia. | EHLERS-DANLOS Syndrome |
| 3b | A major health hazard, the solid waste dump site Dandora is located <br> in which capital city of Kenya? | NAIROBI |
| 4a | What is the name of the pastry for which creme chiboust was first <br> created, a cream puff cake named for the patron saint of bakers? | Saint HONORE |
| 4b | The ltalian title of what early 16th century painting by an Italian artist, <br> which features a lone woman, is "La Gioconda"? | MONA LISA |

## Round 7

| 1a | Which Richard Wagner opera, named after a character from German <br> Arthurian texts, features the "Bridal Chorus," which you might know as <br> "Here Comes the Bride"? | LOHENGRIN [LOH-EN-green] |
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| 1b | What player knew two sports very well, playing 4 seasons in the NFL <br> for the Raiders and playing 8 seasons in MLB for Royals, White Sox, <br> and Angels? | Bo JACKSON |
| 2a | What member of China's so-called Fifth Generation of film directors <br> has received international acclaim, including a Palme d'On for Farewell <br> My Concubine? His 2002 English language debut, Killing Me Softly <br> starring Heather Graham and Joseph Fiennes, received less acclaim. | CHEN Kaige |
| 2b | A small seaside village in southwest England is named after what 1855 <br> Charles Kingsley novel, which follows the young Amyas Leigh and his <br> adventures on the high seas? | WESTWARD HO! |
| 3a | Which actor in character as his Lord of the Rings character Boromir <br> features in the meme "One Does Not Simply"? This actor who also <br> appeared in Goldeneye is also known for often portraying characters <br> who die in films. | Sean BEAN |
| 3b | What United States Representative from Michigan resigned his <br> position in December 1973 in order to take office as Vice President of <br> the United States? He later ascended to a higher position after another <br> person's resignation. | Gerald FORD |
| 4a | Which camel, native to Central Asia, has two humps on its back? It <br> takes its name from an ancient Iranian civilization. | BACTRIAN |
| 4b | Which British Prime Minister resigned in the wake of the Profumo <br> Affair? He himself had come to power in 1957 when Anthony Eden <br> resigned in the wake of the Suez Crisis. | Harold MACMILLAN |

## Round 8

| 1a | Daucus carota, also known as wild carrot, also has what regnal name? <br> It had been used for birth control purposes in the ancient world and still <br> is advocated for this use in herbal medicine today. | QUEEN ANNE'S LACE |
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| 1b | A common misconception originating from a 1939 cavalry charge at <br> Krojanty led to the incorrect belief that soldiers from what country <br> attacked panzers with lances and sabers? Germany's invasion of this <br> country in the same year led to the start of World War Two. | POLAND |
| 2a | What word, derived from the Persian for "to relish," is used in Greek, <br> Turkish, and many middle eastern cuisines to refer to a meal <br> consisting of an assortment of small simple dishes, served both hot <br> and cold? | MEZZE/MEZE/MEZEDHES |
| 2b | In addition to an apocryphal etymology about certain companions, <br> what "Fighting" Union general is most remembered for his loss at <br> Chancellorsville? | $\underline{\text { Joseph HOOKER }}$ |
| 3a | David Alan Grier, Tommy Davidson, and siblings Kim, Damon, and <br> Keenan Ivory Wayans were among the original cast members of what <br> sketch comedy series that premiered in 1990, also known for its in- <br> house dance troupe the Fly Girls? | $\underline{\text { IN LIVING COLOR (prompt on }}$ |
| 3b | What author wrote the 1985 novel Ender's Game, which follows <br> Andrew Wiggin as he receives military training to fight the "buggers," <br> an insectoid race that threatens humanity? | Orson Scott CARD |
| 4a | Closely associated with groups like AKB48, Arashi, and Morning <br> Musume, what does the "J" stand for in the musical genre labeled "J- <br> pop"? | JAPANese |
| 4b | Which video game in the Tony Hawk series released in 2009 across <br> multiple platforms used a skateboard controller? | Tony Hawk: RIDE |

## Spare Questions

| 1 | Consisting of swampland, the Darién Gap is a break in the Pan- <br> American Highway found in which Central American country? | PANAMA |
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| 2 | Sometimes described as "the Nobel Prize of mathematics", which award <br> is handed out every four years to two to four mathematicians under the <br> age of 40 at the International Congress of the International Mathematical <br> Union? | FIELDS Medal |
| 3 | Which card game takes its name from the Spanish for "basket"? It is <br> usually played using two decks of cards. | CANASTA |
| 4 | The novel Beloved, which was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in <br> 1988, was written by which American author? | Toni MORRISON (accept Chloe <br> MORRISON) |

