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ONLINE QUIZ LEAGUE
Questions set by Quotidian
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## READERS' NOTE: Please Read Aloud

While we do not believe this is widespread, there have been concerns raised with the league about the possibility of players looking up answers during play, and documented behavior which indicates they are. The easiest way to ensure complete confidence is to ask players to keep both hands in view at all times when questions are live. Readers, opponents, and teammates can all help enforce this behavior and encourage teammates to do the same. Wearing a headset and sitting further back from the screen can make this more comfortable for some, as can simply getting in the habit of sitting with crossed arms or folded hands in view. Obviously, we wish we did not have to make announcements like this and do not do so unwarranted. But we encourage the cultivation of good habits, too. Thank you!

Round 1

| 1a | In SI units, what prefix means "times ten to the minus twelfth <br> power" -- that is, the inverse of the prefix "tera-"? | PICO- |
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| 1b | First seen in Super Mario Bros. 3, what is the name for the <br> oblong, scowling stones with spikes around their edges that <br> attempt to crush Mario as he runs underneath them? | THWOMPs (accept "Thwomp <br> Traps") |
| 2a | As a joke at concerts, Jimi Hendrix would occasionally sing <br> "excuse me while I kiss this guy," a common mishearing of the <br> lyrics, when performing what 1967 song? | PURPLE HAZE |
| 2b | What medieval Benedictine abbey belonging to the commune of <br> Normandy has also been called "the pyramid of the seas" and <br> "the city of books"? | MONT SAINT-MICHEL |
| 3a | Replaced in 1947 by a chakra wheel with 24 spokes, what <br> implement of production appeared in the center of India's <br> national flag starting in 1931? | SPINNING WHEEL or CHARKA <br> (note "charka" not "chakra") <br> 3b <br> Jacqueline Durran won an Oscar for costume design for what <br> 2019 film, in which she dressed Emma Watson, Saoirse Ronan, <br> Laura Dern, and others in outfits from post-Civil War America? <br> 4a <br> What coffee drink gets its name from its similarity in color to <br> the robes worn by an order of Franciscan friars? <br> 4b <br> Named for the trumpeter to whose music it is set, "Masekela <br> Language" is a 1969 dance piece choreographed by Alvin Ailey <br> that explores the theme of apartheid in what country? <br> SOUTH AFRICA |

Round 2

| 1a | With its roots in the Greek words for "all" and "people," what <br> word meaning a disease outbreak occurring over a wide <br> geographic area did Merriam-Webster choose as its 2020 Word <br> of the Year? | PANDEMIC |
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| 1b | What 1989 novel by Japanese-born Nobel laureate Kazuo <br> Ishiguro was adapted into a film starring Anthony Hopkins as <br> Stevens, the butler of Darlington Hall? | The REMAINS OF THE DAY |
| 2a | Film producer Theo van Gogh was murdered in 2004 by an <br> Islamic extremist in retaliation for collaborating on the short <br> film "Submission: Part 1" with what Somali-born activist who <br> now lives in the United States? | Ayaan HIRSI ALI (prompt on <br> parts of the two-word surname) |
| 2b | Its corporate headquarters are about a three-hour drive from <br> Scranton, Pennsylvania, so it's no surprise that the Utz potato <br> chip brand is featured prominently in vending machines on the <br> American version of what TV comedy? | The OFFICE |
| 3a | Peaking at number 2 on the Billboard charts in March 2020, <br> "Don't Start Now" is a song from what prior winner of the Best <br> New Artist Grammy? | Dua LIPA |
| 3b | The brilliant colors of Painted Cave and the thousands of seals <br> and sea lions that gather at Point Bennett are among the <br> attractions at what U.S. national park with a plural name? | CHANNEL ISLANDS |
| 4a | Adapted into a PBS miniseries, a 2010 Pulitzer Prize-winning <br> nonfiction book by Siddhartha Mukherjee subtitled "A <br> Biography of Cancer" is called "The Emperor of All"...WHAT? | MALADIES |
| 4b | She won her first Olympic medal at age 17 in 1984, and won <br> three silvers at age 41 in 2008, becoming the oldest swimmer <br> ever to win an Olympic medal. Name that five-time Team USA <br> Olympian. | Dara TORRES |

Round 3

| 1a | "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere," is a <br> quote from Martin Luther King's famous 1963 open letter, <br> written while he was detained in the jail of what U.S. city? | BIRMINGHAM, Alabama |
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| 1b | Although she competed three times and never won, what <br> "RuPaul's Drag Race" alum has had post-show successes <br> including appearances on "Community" and "Glee" and a <br> cameo in the Lady Gaga remake of "A Star Is Born"? | SHANGELA Laquifa WADLEY <br> (accept either first or last name) |
| 2a | What famous Berlin hotel played host to Marlene Dietrich <br> dressed in a tuxedo and top hat in 1929, and is where Michael <br> Jackson famously dangled his young son over a balcony 73 <br> years later? | Hotel ADLON (accept "Adlon <br> Kempinski"; if only "Kempinski" <br> is given, probe for "Adlon") |
| 2b | Giuseppe Verdi's three Shakespeare operas are "Otello," <br> "Macbeth," and what opera whose titular knight is not the <br> title character of any Shakespeare play? | FALSTAFF |
| 3a | Because it is linked to the recessive allele of a gene on the X <br> chromosome, what rare blood-clotting disorder associated <br> with royal families occurs in males nearly 90\% of the time? | $\underline{\text { HEMOPHILIA }}$ |
| 3b | The first of many "Subway Series" World Series matchups was <br> played in 1921 between the New York Yankees and what team <br> that's now in northern California? Team nickname required. | New York GIANTS (accept "San <br> Francisco Giants") |
| 4a | That's a lot of moments, actually: Clocking in at just over 10 <br> minutes in length, "Moments in Love" is a 1983 instrumental <br> track from what British synth-pop group? | $\underline{\text { ART OF NOISE }}$ |
| 4b | As seen in the musical "Evita," the Casa Rosada is the pink <br> presidential mansion located in what world capital? | BUENOS AIRES |

Round 4

| 1a | Based on a Cuban folk tune, "Poinciana" is a signature tune by <br> what jazz pianist who played a February 2020 gig at the <br> Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts at the age of 89? | Ahmad JAMAL |
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| 1b | The New York City Marathon finish line is located near Tavern <br> on the Green restaurant in what Manhattan green space? | CENTRAL PARK |
| 2a | In chemistry, what 11-letter word means a solid that falls out <br> of a liquid solution, sometimes due to a chemical reaction or <br> temperature change that decreases the solid's ability to <br> remain in solution? | PRECIPITATE |
| 2b | What B-word, the Latinized form of "Prussia," appears in the <br> names of the Bundesliga football clubs of both Dortmund and <br> Mönchengladbach? | BORUSSIA |
| 3a | "Work hard, fly right" and "The proud bird with the golden <br> tail" -- the latter referring to a prior practice of painting the <br> tails of its planes gold -- were advertising slogans used by what <br> airline whose name hasn't been used since 2012? | CONTINENTAL Airlines |
| 3b | In the collection of New York City's Museum of Modern Art is <br> "Self-Portrait With Cropped Hair," of what artist dressed in a <br> dark suit, holding her cut hair in her hand? | Frida KAHLO |
| 4a | Steve Bannon and Lil Wayne were among the recipients of the <br> 74 pardons issued in the final hours of whose presidency? | Donald TRUMP |
| 4b | Kumail Nanjiani plays a rideshare driver named Stu who picks <br> up a cop, only to end up driving all around Los Angeles in <br> pursuit of a murderer, in what 2019 action comedy? | STUBER |

## Round 5

| 1a | The "Sun of May," said to represent the sun breaking through <br> the clouds on May 25, 1810 during a demonstration of <br> independence, appears in the center of the flag of Argentina <br> and what other country? | URUGUAY |
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| 1b | The most recent Subway Series World Series, which crowned <br> Derek Jeter as MVP, was played between the New York Yankees <br> and the New York Mets in what quite round year? | $\underline{\text { 2000 }}$ |
| 2a | The OED declined to choose a single Word of the Year for 2020, <br> instead releasing a report called "Words of an [BLANK] Year." <br> What 13-letter un-word meaning "never done or seen before" <br> goes in the blank? | UNPRECEDENTED |
| 2b | Jacqueline Durran won an Oscar for costume design for what <br> 2012 adaptation of a 19th-century novel, in which she dressed <br> Keira Knightley and Alicia Vikander, among others, in full-skirted <br> gowns to evoke 1870s Russia? | ANNA KARENINA |
| 3a | Sometimes used to describe very large quantities of data, what <br> SI prefix means "times ten to the eighteenth power"? | EXA- |
| 3b | Popularly used as a recessional march at many weddings today, <br> the 1842 Wedding March in C Major is by far the most famous <br> piece from the incidental music to "A Midsummer Night's <br> Dream," by what German composer? | Felix MENDELSSOHN Bartholdy |
| 4a | Dua Lip declares, "I got you, moonlight, you're my starlight" in <br> what song with a buoyant one-word title, which was a top-ten <br> hit as of January 2021? | $\underline{\text { LEVITATING }}$ |
| 4b | Site of some of the fiercest fighting on D-Day, the town of <br> Arromanches is located in which department in Normandy, the <br> namesake of a variety of brandy? | $\underline{\text { CALVADOS }}$ |

Round 6

| 1a | In the 1990s, what airline used the advertising slogan "More <br> experience than our name suggests"? | VIRGIN Atlantic (accept "Virgin <br> America," since there is no easy <br> way to rule it out) |
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| 1b | Renewed for an upcoming second season, what 2020 HBO <br> series features Shangela and fellow "Drag Race" alums Bob the <br> Drag Queen and Eureka O'Hara traveling to small towns across <br> America? | WE'RE HERE |
| 2a | Nelson Mandela spent 18 of his 27 years in prison on what <br> island located approximately nine miles north-northeast of Cape <br> Town, South Africa? | ROBBEN Island |
| 2b | First seen in the original Super Mario Bros, what is the <br> alliterative name of the hard-shelled bugs that Mario can stomp <br> on and kick around and that are impervious to fireballs? | BUZZY BEETLE |
| 3a | A virtuosic arrangement of the song "Tea for Two" from the <br> musical "No, No, Nanette" was a signature of what jazz pianist <br> who died in 1956? | Art TATUM |
| 3b | Located in the city of Port of Spain, the Red House, which gets <br> its distinctive color from a coat of paint, is the parliamentary <br> building of what Caribbean nation? | TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO |
| 4a | Because it is linked to the recessive allele of a gene on the X <br> chromosome, the red-green version of what vision disorder <br> occurs in males nearly 17 times more often than in females? | COLOR BLINDNESS |
| 4b | Pluralize the title of the final book of the New Testament and <br> you will get the title of what 1960 dance piece set to Black <br> spiritual music, possibly Alvin Ailey's most famous work? | $\underline{\text { REVELATIONS }}$ |

## Round 7

| 1a | In a 2013 Spotify survey on misheard lyrics, the fifth-most-cited <br> was "there's a bathroom on the right," a mishearing of the ill <br> omen in what 1969 Creedence Clearwater Revival song? | BAD MOON RISING |
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| 1b | The two U.S. National Parks with "Gate" in their name are St. <br> Louis's Gateway Arch and what vast wilderness park in the <br> Brooks mountain range of Alaska? | GATES OF THE ARCTIC |
| 2a | Adapted into an HBO film, a 2010 bestselling nonfiction book by <br> Rebecca Skloot about one woman's involuntary contribution to <br> cancer research is called "The Immortal Life of BLANK BLANK." <br> What woman's first and last name go in the blanks? | HENRIETTA LACKS |
| 2b | In the collection of New York City's Museum of Modern Art is a <br> painting by Rene Magritte in which a cloudy blue sky replaces <br> the iris of a large eye, titled "The False" WHAT? | MIRROR |
| 3a | Contrary to versions you've seen at Starbucks, what coffee <br> drink, whose name means "stained" in Italian, is classically <br> made as an espresso shot with just a splash of foamed milk? | MACCHIATO |
| 3b | In 2010, KFC paid what NBC comedy series to promote it using <br> an episode in which the Greendale study group try out a KFC <br> flight simulator with "biscuit thrusters and a gravy throttle"? | COMMUNITY |
| 4a | In an assassination widely believed to have been ordered by <br> Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, Jamal Khashoggi was <br> killed on October 2, 2018 at the Saudi consulate in what world <br> city? | ISTANBUL, Turkey |
| 4b | The Bundesliga football club of Leverkusen, Germany features in <br> the center of its coat of arms a round pill bearing the name of <br> what company that has owned the club for more than 100 <br> years? | BAYER |

## Round 8

| 1a | In chemistry, what 8-letter word means a colloidal solution in <br> which both the solute and the solvent are in the liquid phase, <br> such as milk or mayonnaise? | EMULSION |
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| 1b | Unusual for being realistic rather than magical-realistic, what <br> lise novel by Haruki Murakami takes its title from the Beatles <br> song that begins, "I once had a girl, or should I say she once had <br> me"? | NORWEGIAN WOOD |
| 2a | Clocking in at nearly 23 minutes in length, the title track of what <br> 1974 Kraftwerk album opens with the sound of a car starting? | AUTOBAHN |
| 2b | The New York City Marathon start line, from which racers cross <br> the Verrazano Bridge into Brooklyn, is located in Fort <br> Wadsworth in which of the city's five boroughs? | STATEN ISLAND |
| 3a | Perhaps because he had the longest tenure of anyone in the <br> office, what president issued by far the most pardons, a <br> whopping 2,819 of them? | Franklin Delano ROOSEVELT <br> (accept "FDR"; prompt for first <br> name or initial if only <br> "Roosevelt" is given) |
| 3b | Old enough to have trained in the former Soviet Union, Oksana <br> Chusovitina competed in the vault at age 41 in the 2016 Rio <br> Olympics for what nation? | $\underline{\text { UZBEKISTAN }}$ |
| 4a | Built in the late 19th century during the colonial era, what <br> hotel's bar is said to be where the Singapore Sling cocktail was <br> invented? | $\underline{\text { RAFFLES Hotel }}$ |
| 4b | Kumail Nanjiani, who is Pakistani-American, and his wife Emily <br> V. Gordon turned their mixed-culture love story into the script <br> of what 2017 film, Nanjiani's breakout as an actor? | The BIG SICK |

## Spare Questions

| 1 | What author describes the highly labor-intensive process of <br> researching and writing his biographies of Robert Moses and <br> Lyndon Johnson in the much briefer 2019 memoir, Working? | Robert CARO |
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| 2 | Let Me Finish: Trump, the Kushners, Bannon, New Jersey, and <br> the Power of In-Your-Face Politics is the very long title of the <br> 2019 autobiography of what politician? | Chris $\underline{\text { CHRISTIE }}$ |
| 3 | The narrowest part of the Malay Peninsula, it is possessed by <br> Thailand. What very short-named Isthmus is this? | Isthmus of KRA |
| 4 | What general color was Anya Taylor-Joy's Dior gown at this <br> year's Golden Globes? | GREEN |

