



## **ONLINE QUIZ LEAGUE**

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## Round 1

1a	Born in Vienna, which Jewish composer of the ballets <i>La Bayadere</i> , <i>Don Quixote</i> and the Grand Pas Classique from <i>Paquita</i> was the official composer of Ballet Music to the St. Petersburg Imperial theatres in Russia from 1870 to 1886?	Ludwig <b><u>MINKUS</u></b>
1b	Founded in 1837 by Mary Lyon and situated in South Hadley, Massachusetts near a 935-foot summit, which is the oldest member of the historic Seven Sisters colleges?	<b><u>MOUNT HOLYOKE</u></b>
2a	Which actor, who won an Oscar for his role in <i>No Country for Old Men</i> , played the Bond villain Raoul Silva in 2012's <i>Skyfall</i> ?	Javier <b><u>BARDEM</u></b>
2b	What is the common English name of the <i>Ficus religiosa</i> ? The Bodhi Tree, under which Siddhartha Gautama attained enlightenment, was this kind of fruit tree. A hungry Jesus curses a similar tree in the Gospel of Mark.	Sacred <b><u>FIG</u></b>
3a	What title character featured in five novels by Patricia Highsmith from 1955 to 1991, and has been portrayed on screen by John Malkovich and Matt Damon among others?	<b><u>TOM RIPLEY</u></b> (accept either name, and "Mr. Ripley")
3b	It is often claimed that stars who appear on the cover of what athletics magazine are "cursed"? Tom Brady tore his ACL after posing in a knee stretch for a 2008 cover, and Serena Williams failed to complete a highly anticipated Grand Slam following her 2015 cover.	<b><u>SPORTS ILLUSTRATED / SI</u></b>
4a	Travelling aboard the Space Shuttle Challenger in 1983, who was the first Black American to go into space?	Guion 'Guy' <b><u>BLUFORD</u></b>
4b	In 1970, Howard Temin and David Baltimore both independently discovered what enzyme, the only one which generates cDNA or "complementary DNA"?	<b><u>REVERSE TRANSCRIPTASE</u></b>

## Round 2

1a	Stephen Colbert has hosted <i>The Late Show</i> since 2015, immediately succeeding which purveyor of top ten lists who had held the job since 1993?	David <u>LETTERMAN</u>
1b	In physics, what Greek letter can be used to represent magnetic moment, the coefficient of friction, and reduced mass?	<u>MU</u>
2a	Which Academy award winning composer of film music wrote the scores to the Alfred Hitchcock films <i>Psycho</i> , <i>North by Northwest</i> , and <i>Vertigo</i> ?	Bernard <u>HERRMANN</u>
2b	What American snowboarder won gold in the women's snowboard half-pipe event at the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing? She also won gold in the event in 2018 in Pyeongchang when she was just 17.	Chloe <u>KIM</u>
3a	Born in 1161 in Khentii, Mongolia, who was the first wife of Temujin, aka Genghis Khan?	<u>BORTE</u> (Borte Khatun / Borte Ujin)
3b	The first episode of NPR's <i>How I Built This</i> podcast featured an interview with Sara Blakely, the founder of what clothing company?	<u>SPANX</u>
4a	Part of the graffiti duo SAMO with Al Diaz, which neo-expressionist artist died of a heroin overdose, aged 27, in 1988? Jeffrey Wright played him in the title role of a 1996 biopic.	Jean-Michel <u>BASQUIAT</u>
4b	Four U.S. state capitals end in the word "City." Which of these is the capital of Missouri?	<u>JEFFERSON</u> City

## Round 3

1a	First published as a serial in December 1842, in which Charles Dickens novel does Mark Tapley accompany the title character on a trip to the United States?	<u>MARTIN CHUZZLEWIT</u>
1b	UNESCO's List of Intangible Cultural Heritage includes what ballroom dance of Cuban origin with a step-close-step pattern and marked by pronounced hip movements? The dance's name contains the English name of a Cuba Libre ingredient.	<u>RUMBA</u>
2a	Holding the post of Second Lady between 1961 and 1963, by what nickname was Claudia Johnson commonly known?	<u>LADY BIRD</u>
2b	Also the namesake of a county in Washington, what valley in south central British Columbia is home to the city of Kelowna (ka-LOW-na) and has recently become well known for its wine?	<u>OKANOGAN / OKANAGAN</u>
3a	The 1938 Rodgers and Hart musical <i>The Boys from Syracuse</i> is based on which William Shakespeare play, which features two pairs of long-	A <u>COMEDY OF ERRORS</u>

	separated identical twins?	
3b	In computer science, the study of secure communication techniques is known by what name? Utilizing mathematics, users can encode messages and data so that third parties cannot decipher them.	<b><u>CRYPTOGRAPHY</u></b>
4a	Netflix has more Korean series than just Squid Game. Which other drama tells the story of a team of Korean military police who catch soldiers who have gone AWOL, as the title implies.	<b><u>DP</u></b> (short for <b><u>DESERTER PURSUIT</u></b> )
4b	A dead mourning dove is the logo for the photography company of what former MLB Hall of Fame pitcher, who retired in 2010 after playing for six teams, including the Arizona Diamondbacks?	Randy <b><u>JOHNSON</u></b>

**Round 4**

1a	Which newspaper won the first of its record 132 Pulitzer Prizes in 1918, for its expansive coverage of the First World War?	<b><u>NEW YORK TIMES</u></b> (prompt on "Times")
1b	In what 2017 drafting board game do players select dice to create patterned "stained glass" window designs, reminiscent of a famous church? Note: please name the game.	<b><u>SAGRADA</u></b>
2a	Which Italian Ballet Master and personal coach to his daughter Marie originally created the ballet <i>La Sylphide</i> (sil-FEED) in 1832 to showcase her talent for dancing en pointe?	Filippo <b><u>TAGLIONI</u></b>
2b	The CDC recommends that children receive their first dose of the MMR vaccine between 12 and 15 months of age. This vaccine inoculates against measles, mumps, and what viral infection often involving appearance of a distinct red rash?	<b><u>RUBELLA</u></b>
3a	Hannah Einbender, who herself was Emmy-nominated for her starring role in <i>Hacks</i> , is also the daughter of which comedian—an original cast member of Saturday Night Live known for characters such as Connie Conehead?	Laraine <b><u>NEWMAN</u></b>
3b	Only founded in 2004 and headquartered in the city of Maiquetia (mike-ay-TEE-a), Conviasa is the national flag carrying airline of which South American country?	<b><u>VENEZUELA</u></b>
4a	Which former member of the Mickey Mouse club had a 1999 US Billboard number 1 hit single with "...Baby One More Time"?	Britney <b><u>SPEARS</u></b>
4b	What word does the "B" in "BASE jumping" stand for? No, it's not "bridge."	<b><u>BUILDING</u></b>

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**Round 5**

1a	Netflix has more Korean series than just Squid Game. Which dating reality show follows a group of people stranded on deserted island; to leave, each unattached contestant must pair up with another to escape.	<b><u>SINGLE'S INFERNO</u></b>
1b	A wild bat was no match for what Argentinean San Antonio Spurs shooting guard? During an October 2009 game against the Sacramento Kings, he swatted down the creature—which had gotten loose in the AT&T Center—and carried it off the court by hand so the game could continue.	Manu <b><u>GINOBILI</u></b> (gin-OH-blee)
2a	Which former member of the Mickey Mouse club had a 1999 US Billboard number 1 hit single with "Genie in a Bottle"?	Christina <b><u>AGUILERA</u></b>
2b	The CDC recommends that children receive their first TDaP vaccine around age 11. This vaccine inoculates against diphtheria, pertussis, and what infection of the nervous system, which typically causes painful muscle contractions?	<b><u>TETANUS</u></b>
3a	Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward were working for which newspaper in 1972 when they uncovered the Watergate Scandal? This newspaper has won the second most Pulitzer Prizes.	<b><u>WASHINGTON POST</u></b>
3b	What word does the "S" in "BASE jumping" stand for? No, it's not "skyscraper."	<b><u>SPAN</u></b>
4a	First published as a serial in December 1855, which Charles Dickens novel features a title character who was born in Marshalsea debtors' prison and later goes on to marry Arthur Clennam?	<b><u>LITTLE DORRIT</u></b>
4b	An arm of the Salish Sea, what British Columbian strait north of the Strait of Juan de Fuca includes such islands as Texada and Lasqueti (la-SKEE-tee)?	Strait of <b><u>GEORGIA</u></b>

**Round 6**

1a	Which Academy award winning composer of film music wrote the scores to the horror films <i>The Omen</i> , <i>Alien</i> , and <i>Poltergeist</i> ?	Jerry <b><u>GOLDSMITH</u></b>
1b	An early episode of NPR's <i>How I Built This</i> podcast featured an interview with Tony Hsieh [SHAY], who served as the CEO of what online retailer from 2001 to 2020?	<b><u>ZAPPOS</u></b>
2a	Which actor, who won Oscars for his roles in two Quentin Tarantino films, played the Bond villain Blofeld in <i>Spectre</i> ?	Christoph <b><u>WALTZ</u></b>
2b	Founded as a Quaker institution in 1885, which college's name means "Big Hill" in Welsh and is the only one of the Seven Sisters colleges in Pennsylvania?	<b><u>BRYN MAWR</u></b>
3a	Patricia Highsmith assumed a pseudonym to write her first lesbian novel <i>The Price of Salt</i> in 1952. In 1990, it was republished with what first name as a title, a seasonally appropriate name given that the main relationship begins with a Christmas card? An award-winning film adaptation starred Cate Blanchett.	<b><u>CAROL</u></b>
3b	It is often claimed that football players who appear on the cover of what annual videogame are "cursed"? Vince Young, Drew Brees, and Rob Gronkowski are among the many athletes who have had major losses or injuries the season following their cover features.	<b><u>MADDEN</u></b> NFL (acc. "John Madden Football")
4a	The final spouse of Genghis Khan, Möge (MO-guh) Khatun was also the spouse of his third son. What was the name of that son, the second khagan-emperor of the Mongol Empire?	<b><u>OGEDEI</u></b> Khan
4b	In physics, what Greek letter can be used to represent wavelength, charge density, and eigenvalue (EYE-gun-value)?	<b><u>LAMBDA</u></b>

**Round 7**

1a	Holding the post of Second Lady between 1993 and 2001, by what nickname was Mary Elizabeth Gore commonly known?	<b><u>TIPPER</u></b>
1b	Cryptography has many applications, including in DRM technologies that restrict the use of copyrighted or protected materials. The initials "DRM" stand for "digital" what?	<b><u>RIGHTS MANAGEMENT</u></b>
2a	Which Danish Ballet Master and choreographer created his own better-known version of the ballet <i>La Sylphide</i> in 1836 to the music of Herman Lovenskiold (LOW-ven-skyold)?	August <b><u>BOURNONVILLE</u></b>
2b	In what 2017 board game by Michael Kiesling do players select tiles with which they decorate a cathedral wall, making patterns? Some solid-colored tiles give their name to the game itself.	<b><u>AZUL</u></b> (do not accept "Blue"; it is called Azul in English)
3a	Margaret Qualley, who herself was Golden Globe-nominated for her role in <i>Maid</i> and earlier Emmy-nominated for her role in <i>Fosse/Verdon</i> , is also the daughter of which actress who starred in films like <i>Four Weddings and a Funeral</i> ?	Andie <b><u>MACDOWELL</u></b>
3b	Founded very recently in 2015, Nordica is the national flag carrying airline of which European country? This country has expressed interest in joining the Nordics.	<b><u>ESTONIA</u></b>
4a	With music and lyrics by Cole Porter, which 1948 musical written by Bella and Samuel Spewack is based on William Shakespeare's <i>The Taming of the Shrew</i> ?	<b><u>KISS ME, KATE</u></b>
4b	UNESCO's List of Intangible Cultural Heritage includes what ballroom dance of Dominican origin that uses contrary hip movement to produce its characteristic "limping" or "dragging" step? The dance's name is similar to (and perhaps derived from) the name of a confection made from sugar and whipped egg whites.	<b><u>MERENGUE</u></b>



## Round 8

1a	The creator of the 1988 painting <i>A Pile of Crowns for Jean-Michel Basquiat</i> , which graffiti and pop artist used his work to reinforce AIDS awareness and safe sex in the 1980s? He died of AIDS related complications in 1990, aged 31.	Keith <b>HARING</b>
1b	Four U.S. state capitals end in the word "City." Which of these is the capital of Nevada?	<b>CARSON</b> City
2a	The second Black American astronaut was which South Carolinian who trained with Guy Bluford? He died in the Challenger explosion.	Ronald <b>MCNAIR</b>
2b	What is the common English name of the genus <i>Cornus</i> ? A Christian legend explaining the shape of its flowers—which bloom at Easter—holds that the cross used in Jesus's crucifixion was constructed of a tree in this genus.	<b>DOGWOOD</b>
3a	Which Russian composer of the late 19th century ballets <i>Raymonda</i> and <i>The Seasons</i> assisted Rimsky-Korsakov in completing Alexander Borodin's opera <i>Prince Igor</i> after Borodin died in 1887?	Alexander <b>GLAZUNOV</b>
3b	The 1989 Nobel Prize in Chemistry was awarded to both Thomas R. Cech (SHECK) and Sidney Altman for both independently discovering what type of RNA molecule with a portmanteau name? These molecules catalyze certain biochemical reactions, including gene splicing.	<b>RIBOZYMES</b>
4a	Jimmy Fallon has hosted <i>The Tonight Show</i> since 2014, immediately succeeding which motorcycle collector who had the job from 1992 to 2009, and slightly more controversially from 2010 to 2014?	Jay <b>LENO</b>
4b	What American figure skater won gold in the men's singles event at the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing? Improving on his fifth-place finish in Pyeongchang in 2018, his short program score broke the world record.	Nathan <b>CHEN</b>

## Spare Questions

1	What character menacingly describes Princess Leia as "Charming, to the last" in the first <i>Star Wars</i> film? In a reversal of fortune, he does not survive it.	Grand Moff (Wilhuff) <b>TARKIN</b>
2	Genesis 10:10 credits what son of Cush and great grandson of Ham as a king in Shinar who ruled over Babel and Akkad?	<b>NIMROD</b>
3	Michael Ryan Pritchard is better known by what name? His stage last name is an onomatopoeia for the sound he made playing air guitar.	Mike <b>DIRNT</b> (Green Day)
4	Which UN Secretary-General signed the Earth Day proclamation the year before its first celebration in 1970?	U <b>THANT</b>