



**ONLINE QUIZ LEAGUE**  
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## Round 1

1a	What historian from Caesarea Maritima was best known for his access to the general Belisarius and reported on many scandals of the time?	<b><u>PROCOPIUS</u></b>
1b	What innkeeper appears in four different Shakespeare plays: <i>The Merry Wives of Windsor</i> , both parts of <i>Henry IV</i> , and <i>Henry V</i> ? She often interacts with Falstaff in her role as proprietor of the Boar's Head Tavern.	Mistress Nell <b><u>QUICKLY</u></b>
2a	Lizzo doesn't just rap, sing, and write songs. She is also classically trained on what instrument that is featured in the sample used throughout the Beastie Boys' "Sure Shot" and on the cover of Jethro Tull's <i>Original Masters</i> ?	<b><u>FLUTE</u></b>
2b	What effect, defined as the emission of electrons when radiation such as light hits a material, was described by Einstein in a seminal 1905 work?	<b><u>PHOTOELECTRIC</u></b> effect
3a	David Mitchell and Lee Mack are the current team captains on which Rob Brydon-hosted British panel show? Each team of celebrities must guess whether or not a fact about an opposing player is true.	<b><u>WOULD I LIE TO YOU?</u></b>
3b	The internet meme commonly called "Facepalm" sees which actor performing the namesake action, while playing the role of Jean Luc Picard in <i>Star Trek: The Next Generation</i> ?	Patrick <b><u>STEWART</u></b>
4a	With a title referencing a moment from the 1999 World Cup, what athlete's 2005 book <i>It's Not About the Bra</i> discusses how to have a healthier attitude towards youth sports?	Brandi <b><u>CHASTAIN</u></b>
4b	What city of around 3.5 million people is the capital of the Xinjiang Uighur (WEE-gur) Autonomous Region? According to the Guinness Book of Records, it is the furthest city in the world from any sea.	<b><u>URUMQI</u></b> (oo-ROOM-chee)

## Round 2

1a	In a blockbuster February 10th trade, which NBA team acquired superstar James Harden to play alongside their MVP candidate Joel Embiid?	<b><u>PHILADELPHIA 76ERS</u></b> (acc. either)
1b	A "Plangonologist" collects what kind of toy? Fictional examples include George Costanza's doomed fiancée Susan on <i>Seinfeld</i> or Waylon Smithers from <i>The Simpsons</i> .	<b><u>DOLLS</u></b>
2a	In 2021, what anime-focused streaming service named for a sushi order announced that they had reached 5 million subscribers worldwide? Recently, competing streamer Funimation announced that they would move their entire content library to this service.	<b><u>CRUNCHYROLL</u></b>
2b	The three largest Balearic Islands are Mallorca, Menorca, and Ibiza. What is the fourth largest?	<b><u>FORMENTERA</u></b>
3a	<i>Grey's Anatomy</i> actor Alex Landi is a sultry astronaut who crash-lands on Planet Her and ultimately ends up trapped in a test tube by seductive aliens (portrayed by Doja Cat and SZA) in the music video for what song?	<b><u>KISS ME MORE</u></b>
3b	What aristocratic Jewish family from Ferrara, Italy is chronicled in the most famous work by Giorgio Bassani? Vittoria de Sica adapted the novel named for this family, which won the Academy Award for Best Foreign Film in 1972. Name the family.	<b><u>FINZI-CONTINI</u></b> (the novel is <i>The Garden of the Finzi-Continis</i> )
4a	The attempted poisoning of which lawyer and political opponent of Vladimir Putin with the nerve agent Novichok occurred in August 2020, forcing an emergency landing of his flight in Omsk and medical evacuation for treatment in Berlin?	Alexei <b><u>NAVALNY</u></b>
4b	Slowly adding an amount of a known solution to a known volume of another solution is what process, common in high school lab chemistry?	<b><u>TITRATION</u></b> (acc. word forms and "volumetric analysis")

### Round 3

1a	The audience never learns the first name of Joan Fontaine's character in what 1940 Hitchcock thriller? Her role is credited as "Mrs. DeWinter", though she isn't yet married to widower Maxim DeWinter at the start of the film.	<b><u>REBECCA</u></b>
1b	Known for its distinctive round seed pods, what abundant American tree of the southeast has the scientific name <i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i> (sty-ra-SIFF-u-la)?	<b><u>GUM / SWEETGUM / ALLIGATORWOOD</u></b> / accept basically anything with "gum" in it
2a	In hockey, what nickname is given to a goal scored by picking up the puck on one's stick and depositing it, lacrosse-style, directly into the goal from behind the net? The origin of this nickname comes from a goal scored by college player Mike Legg against the University of Minnesota in 1996.	<b><u>MICHIGAN</u></b>
2b	Once the flagship passenger train of the Great Northern Railway, what is the name of the Amtrak route, popular among train tourists, that runs from Chicago to Seattle or Portland?	<b><u>EMPIRE BUILDER</u></b>
3a	The Golden Jubilee of which British monarch was celebrated in June 1887?	Queen <b><u>VICTORIA</u></b>
3b	The border between Pennsylvania and New Jersey is marked by which river, named for a state that is neither Pennsylvania nor New Jersey but borders both of them?	<b><u>DELAWARE</u></b>
4a	"Why, then you go on to Death Row at state prison and just enjoy all that good food until it's time to" do what? The final three words in this quote from Stephen King's 1978 novel <i>The Stand</i> form the title of Metallica's 1984 album.	<b><u>RIDE THE LIGHTNING</u></b>
4b	What animal appears in the bottom right of a painting by John Singleton Copley, in which it threatens a teenage boy who has fallen overboard?	<b><u>SHARK</u></b> (prompt on "fish," etc.)

**Round 4**

1a	What musician who rose to fame as the guitarist for The Smiths has also been an official member of such successful bands as The Pretenders, Modest Mouse, and The The?	Johnny <b><u>MARR</u></b>
1b	Claimed to have the highest capacity of any metro system in the world but only operating 7 days a year, the Al Mashaaer (al mash-a-AIR) Al Mugaddassah (al moo-ga-DAH-sah) Metro line serves passengers between holy sites in which Middle Eastern city?	<b><u>MECCA</u></b> Saudi Arabia
2a	Which King was Crowned by Pope Leo III as the first Holy Roman Emperor in 800 CE?	<b><u>CHARLEMAGNE</u></b>
2b	What material, from the Italian for "baked earth," is the namesake of an "army" of sculptures located in Xi'an, China?	<b><u>TERRA COTTA</u></b>
3a	Tabletop RPGs aren't just limited to D&D. What fantasy RPG from Paizo Publishing saw a boost in popularity following the release of its 2nd Edition ruleset in 2019? Video games based on the system are subtitled <i>Kingmaker</i> and <i>Wrath of the Righteous</i> .	<b><u>PATHFINDER</u></b>
3b	The ailment known as carpal tunnel syndrome involves the compression of what nerve that travels through the wrist?	<b><u>MEDIAN</u></b> nerve
4a	<i>The Golden Girls</i> , <i>Grand Hotel</i> , and <i>Dexter</i> are all television shows set in what U.S. city?	<b><u>MIAMI</u></b>
4b	Commonly made from three layers of puff pastry—with alternating layers of either pastry cream or custard—which French pastry has a name that literally translates as "Thousand Sheets"?	<b><u>MILLE-FEUILLE</u></b> (meel foy)

HALFTIME – SWITCH SIDES!

**Round 5**

1a	Lizzo's flute, which has its own Instagram account, was given what first name, which it shares with Beyoncé's fierce alter ego?	<b><u>SASHA</u></b>
1b	The internet meme "First World Problems" takes many forms. One of these depicts which actor crying, while playing the title character in 90s show <i>Dawson's Creek</i> ?	James <b><u>VAN DER BEEK</u></b>
2a	Referencing a moment from the 1996 Olympics, what athlete titled her memoir <i>Landing on My Feet</i> ? Given the moment in question, the singular "foot" might have been more accurate.	Kerri <b><u>STRUG</u></b>
2b	What queen, the widow of Henry VI, is the other character to appear in four different Shakespeare plays? This French-born monarch carries around the head of the Duke of Suffolk, with whom she had an affair, in <i>Henry VI, Part 2</i> .	Queen <b><u>MARGARET</u></b> of Anjou
3a	The late Sean Lock remains the longest-running team captain ever on which Jimmy Carr-hosted British panel show? The various rounds all involve polls and statistics.	<b><u>8 OUT OF 10 CATS</u></b>
3b	Another of Einstein's 1905 papers, "On the Electrodynamics of Moving Bodies," proposed what particular theory of Einstein's? $E = mc^2$ appeared in a <i>forthcoming</i> paper. A two-word answer is required.	<b><u>SPECIAL RELATIVITY</u></b>
4a	The Byzantine Princess, physician, and philosopher Anna Komnene (kom-NAY-na) wrote an account of her father's reign around 1148 CE. Name either her father or the book.	<b><u>ALEXIOS I</u></b> or the <b><u>ALEXIAD</u></b>
4b	What city of around 4.4 million people is the capital of Yunnan Province? It has been important as a transportation hub to Myanmar.	<b><u>KUNMING</u></b> (prompt on "Yunnan-Fu")

**Round 6**

1a	Name and regnal number please. Which French King celebrated 50 years on the throne in 1693?	<b><u>LOUIS XIV</u></b>
1b	Derived from the Latin for "hook," and containing a protrusion called the "little hook," which of the carpal bones forms the ulna-side border of the carpal tunnel?	<b><u>HAMATE</u></b>
2a	Notably covered by Johnny Cash in 2000, which 1988 Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds song about a man on his way to the electric chair has a title that also refers to the <i>kaporet</i> —the golden lid atop the Ark of the Covenant where Yahweh appears on the Day of Atonement?	The <b><u>MERCY SEAT</u></b>
2b	The world's largest underground metro station is Union Square Station, located in which Middle Eastern city? It is also the home of the world's largest shopping center by gross leasable area; the world's largest man-made harbor; the world's largest flower garden; and at least one other much more notable "world's largest" title.	<b><u>DUBAI</u></b> United Arab Emirates
3a	In hockey, what nickname is given to a shootout or breakaway goal scored by reaching against the shooter's motion to slide a one-handed backhand goal around the goalie? The origin of the nickname comes from a goal scored by the eponymous player during the 1994 Olympics.	<b><u>FORSBERG</u></b>
b	Which pastry that consists of a small puff pastry case filled with either a sweet or savory filling has a name which means "windblown" in French?	<b><u>VOL-AU-VENT</u></b>
4a	In the 2020 adaptation of <i>Rebecca</i> , which British actress plays Mrs. DeWinter? She's earned accolades for playing Cinderella, a young Meryl Streep, and most recently, Pamela Anderson.	Lily <b><u>JAMES</u></b>
4b	What mineral, usually known for its green variety, is the namesake of a Buddhist temple in Shanghai? That temple features two Buddhas made of this rock, which is largely found in Myanmar.	<b><u>JADE</u></b>



**Round 7**

1a	Tabletop RPGs aren't just limited to D&D. What horror RPG based on the works of H.P. Lovecraft has enjoyed steady popularity since its initial release in 1981?	<b><u>CALL OF CTHULHU</u></b>
1b	What animal hovers over the title character of Henri Rousseau's <i>The Sleeping Gypsy</i> , though it is unclear whether it poses a threat to her?	<b><u>LION</u></b> (prompt on "big cat," "panther," etc.)
2a	<i>Frasier</i> , <i>Dead Like Me</i> , and <i>Grey's Anatomy</i> are all television shows set in what U.S. city?	<b><u>SEATTLE</u></b>
2b	The Amtrak route from Chicago to the San Francisco Bay area is known somewhat fancifully as the California...what? This traverses both the Rockies and the Sierra Nevadas.	<b><u>ZEPHYR</u></b>
3a	Members of which Royal House held the title of Holy Roman Emperor between 1438 to 1742 and from 1745 to 1806?	<b><u>HABSBURG</u></b> (accept "Hapsburg" pronunciation)
3b	The border between Indiana and Kentucky is marked by which river, named for a state that is neither Indiana nor Kentucky but borders both of them?	<b><u>OHIO</u></b>
4a	What musician who rose to fame as the guitarist for The Clash has also been an official member of General Public and Big Audio Dynamite (but not Foreigner)?	(Michael Geoffrey) Mick <b><u>JONES</u></b>
4b	Known for its white flowers, what abundant tree of the eastern U.S. has the scientific name <i>Cornus florida</i> ?	flowering <b><u>DOGWOOD</u></b>

## Round 8

1a	While streaming service Quibi was an early casualty of the pandemic, what company recently bought Quibi's content library? The bite-sized programs have been made available as branded "originals" to those who own this company's devices.	<b><u>ROKU</u></b>
1b	The three largest of the Canary Islands are Tenerife, Gran Canaria, and Fuerteventura. What is the fourth-largest?	<b><u>LANZAROTE</u></b>
2a	Which former operative of the Russian Security Services defected to the UK and was assassinated with polonium 210-spiked tea in a London sushi bar in 2006?	Alexander <b><u>LITVINENKO</u></b>
2b	The letters "ph" appropriately begin the name of what compound that turns pink in basic solutions? This indicator is frequently used in acid-base titration.	<b><u>PHENOLPHTHALEIN</u></b> (phenol-THAY-leen, usually)
3a	Which Doja Cat song features a female-forward music video, produced in collaboration with Girls Who Code, that stars Teyana Taylor as the queen of Planet Her?	<b><u>WOMAN</u></b>
3b	What fictional businessman's cigarette addiction and affair are among the topics he discloses in a diary to his psychiatrist, in a book by Italo Svevo? Another figure with this name argues with Socrates in a Platonic dialogue.	<b><u>ZENO</u></b> (the novel is <i>The Confessions of Zeno</i> ; or <i>Zeno's Conscience</i> )
4a	In a blockbuster February 10th trade, which NBA team acquired Ben Simmons and other players from the 76ers to play alongside superstars Kevin Durant and Kyrie Irving?	<b><u>BROOKLYN NETS</u></b> (accept either)
4b	A "Pannapictagraphist" collects what items? Being friends with <i>The Big Bang Theory</i> character Stuart Bloom might help such a collection.	<b><u>COMIC BOOKS</u></b> (accept equivalents such as "comics," "graphic novels")

## Spare Questions

1	What protégé of Ludacris debuted in 2003 with the single "Right Thurr"?	<b><u>CHINGY</u></b> (acc. Howard Earl <b><u>BAILEY</u></b> Jr.)
2	First made in the city of Gouda, what caramel filled sandwich cookie gets part of its name from the Dutch for "syrup"?	<b><u>STROOPWAFEL</u></b>
3	What landmass was, and still is, divided among colonial powers by the 1648 Treaty of Concordia?	<b><u>SAINT MARTIN</u></b>
4	What isotope of hydrogen creates the substance known as "heavy water"?	<b><u>DEUTERIUM</u></b> or <b><u>HYDROGEN-2</u></b>