



Irish Quiz Organisation

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Rules:

The quiz consists of 6 written rounds, each with a different genre of 40 questions. Players aggregate their correct answers from all categories to find their overall score. The quiz comes in two halves, with 3 genres per half, and players have 50 minutes per half to answer as many questions as possible.

- **Art & Culture** (history, philosophy, mythology, religion, fine art etc)
- **Civilisation** (human geography, cultures, technology, current affairs etc)
- **Entertainment** (music, literature, theatre, magazines, TV, radio, films etc)

- Lifestyle (health & fitness, celebrities, food & drink, fashion, handicrafts etc)
- Physical World (physical geography, science, nature, flora & fauna, etc)
- Sport & Games (sport, hobbies & pastimes etc)

N.B. Where asked for a person's name, unless told otherwise, a surname will suffice. A correct surname combined with an incorrect forename is a wrong answer!

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All the fun starts on the next page!

1	Written in 1792, which country's national anthem was adopted three years later and got its name from the fact that it was first sung on the streets of one of the largest cities in the country?	
2	Abbreviated to MNCARS but often just called The Sofia, which city's 20th century art gallery is situated at the southern end of the "Golden Triangle of Art" and is home to Picasso's Guernica?	
P3	Situated on Bennelong Point, this multi venue arts centre opened in 1973. Which building, whose logo is shown (see picture), was designated a UNESCO World Heritage site in 2007?	
4	What word for a collection of maps did Gerardus Mercator first coin in the 1540's, taking it from the name of a mythical king of Mauretania whom he depicted in the collection?	
5	Who was commissioned by Tsar Alexander III, in 1885, to make a jewelled Easter Egg as a gift for the Tsarina - so pleased was the Tsarina with the creation that the tradition continued annually until 1917?	
6	Charles Chaplin Junior, Yuri Gagarin and Martin Luther King Jr. all died within a fortnight of each other in which year?	
7	Although it has moved around quite a bit since it was first awarded in 1984, in 2013 the Turner Prize was, for the first time, held and awarded outside England. In which city was the 2013 Turner Prize held?	
8	Bright Star, a 2009 film directed by Jane Campion, was based on the final years of the life of which poet? The title took its name from one of his most famous sonnets.	
9	Most likely because of their ability to control vermin, which animal, which they called "mau", did the ancient Egyptians worship in the form of a goddess known as Bast or Bastet?	
10	Which European country's flag contains an armillary sphere at its centre reflecting the importance this ancient navigational instrument played in the country's seafaring history?	
11	Which two Chinese words, important in philosophy and Taoism, literally translate as "shady place" and "sunny place" or, alternatively, "north slope" and "south slope"?	
12	The highest military decoration for members of the armed forces of Commonwealth countries, the Victoria Cross was first awarded to combatants during which war – it was originally suggested that the original crosses were made from cannon and gunmetal captured during this war?	
13	Which historical figure was married to King Prasutagus, a first century AD Celtic king who surrendered to the Romans following their conquest of Britain? She subsequently led an unsuccessful revolt against the Romans.	
14	According to Greek legend, Adonis spent one-third of his year with Persephone and two-thirds with which Greek goddess, who had initially raised him as a surrogate mother, though she later fell in love with him, having been struck by Eros's arrow?	
15	The Aztec Empire which flourished in Mexico in 15th century was sometimes known as the Triple Alliance comprising the three city-states of Texcoco, Tlacopan and which other city, the dominant of the three and the home of Aztec rulers such as Montezuma and Cuauhtemoc?	
16	Doric, Ionic, Corinthian, Composite, Tuscan and Solomnic are probably the best known decorative variations of which types of structural features?	
17	Born on the 2nd August 1923, the current president of Israel tops the list as the world's oldest head of state. What is his name?	
18	Just one letter different to another serious conflict around the same time, what name was given to the series of confrontations between the UK and Iceland during the 1950's and 1970's over fishing rights in the North Atlantic?	
19	Which 18th Century political figure, who was executed at the age of 36, was nicknamed "The Incorruptible" for his unwavering defence of his views and beliefs?	
20	Who painted the 1872 work, " <i>Impression, Soleil Levant</i> " (" <i>Impression, Sunrise</i> ") which gave rise to name of the Impressionist movement?	

21	On his death in 1899, Henry Vaughan left nearly 70 watercolours to the National Galleries of Scotland and Ireland but because Vaughan himself was so careful to prevent sunlight fading the works his will required that the two galleries only display the works during the month of January each year. These watercolours are the work of which 19th Century artist?	
22	Which modern-day religious movement was founded by and named after Swiss 17th Century Anabaptist leader Jakob Ammann?	
23	Which French sculptor created the works <i>The Kiss</i> and <i>The Thinker</i> ?	
24	When the Teatro Regio Ducale was destroyed by fire in 1776, which famous opera house opened two years later on the same site?	
25	Who in Greek mythology killed the gorgon Medusa, by viewing her reflection in his shield and cutting off her head?	
26	Originally called a "dumb ox" by his fellow students, which 13th century Dominican friar and Doctor of the Catholic Church is best known for his <i>Summa Theologica</i> and <i>Summa contra Gentiles</i> , works where he attempted to reconcile basic Christian principles with the philosophy of Aristotle?	
27	The Three Wise Men or Magi who bring gifts to the infant Jesus in St Matthew's Gospel are not actually named in the account. However, Western Christianity has beatified the three as St. Caspar, St. Balthazar and which other saint?	
28	What one-word honorary title is given to senior members of the Catholic Church on their retirement – Pope Benedict XVI became the first pope to receive this title on his retirement in February 2013?	
29	Which international prize, awarded annually by the Soviet Union from 1950-90, was awarded to such diverse individuals as Fidel Castro (1961), Sean MacBride (1976) and Nelson Mandela (1990)?	
30	The daughter of which religious figure gave her name to a town in northern Portugal famous for the apparition there in 1917 of another important figure from a different religion?	
31	One of the twelve labours of Hercules in mythology was to obtain the Belt of Hippolyta, which had been gifted to her by the god Ares. Hippolyta was a queen of which warrior people?	
32	Now a UNESCO World Heritage site, in which century was Sanssouci, the summer palace of Frederick the Great of Prussia in Potsdam near Berlin, built?	
33	The historical region of Thrace was the birthplace of a number of famous figures including Spartacus and Democritus. Although the area now spreads over a number of countries, the largest area, Northern Thrace, is now a part of which modern-day country?	
34	Following the reforms of Gaius Marius in 107BC, what Roman army unit typically consisted of ten cohorts, each with between 480 and 540 men?	
P35	L'Homme Qui Marche I, sold for over US\$100m in 2010, making it the most expensive sculpture ever sold. It and its sculptor are both depicted on a Swiss banknote. Name the sculptor.	
P36	One of the largest paintings in the National Gallery in London, <i>Whistlejacket</i> is a 1762 work by which English artist famous for his paintings of horses and other animals?	
37	The actress Ellen Andree and the engraver Marcellin Desboutsin were the sitters for which painting by Edgar Degas? They are seated in a café in the Place Pigalle in Paris.	
38	Which Roman Emperor was the first to receive the title "Princeps" or First Citizen - it was given to him by the Senate in 27BC as reward for his victory over Mark Anthony and Cleopatra in the Battle of Actium?	
39	Which 17th century English philosopher, "The Father of Classical Liberalism", postulated the idea of "tabula rasa" or "blank slate", meaning that the mind at birth was a blank slate and that knowledge came only from experience?	
P40	Nicknamed "The Bean", what is the official title of this work by British sculptor Anish Kapoor located in Chicago's Millennium Park?	

1	In February 2014, Facebook announced that it was spending US\$19 billion buying which messaging service for smartphones? It was founded in 2009 by Brian Acton and Jan Koum, and has been described by the Financial Times as doing to text messaging "what Skype did to international calling on landlines".	
2	Signed into law in March 2010, by what somewhat pejorative name is the US Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act better known?	
3	Give the name of the Italian cruise ship which struck rocks and was wrecked off the Italian coast in January 2012, resulting in the deaths of over 30 people?	
4	Which military attack helicopter, officially called the Boeing AH-64, shares its name with a large group of Native American tribes originally from the south-western United States?	
5	Which current Mayor of Florence recently replaced Enrico Letta to become the 56th Prime Minister of Italy?	
6	Known in many jurisdictions outside of the EU as Goods & Services Tax, which tax within the EU ranges, as at the start of 2014, from a low of 15% in Luxembourg to a high of 27% in Hungary?	
7	With a name meaning "Gateway of God", which Biblical city was, according to Genesis chapter 10 founded by Nimrod, a grandson of Noah?	
8	According to the Financial Times list of the largest companies in the world by market capitalisation – that is the total value of issued shares in US dollars - two companies have alternated the top spot a number of times since 2010. Apple Inc is current number one but what is the name of the other company, a US multinational oil and gas corporation?	
9	Knossos, the remains of a city which formed part of the Minoan civilisation, is found on which island?	
10	Bill de Blasio is the 109th mayor of New York City and the first Democrat to hold that position since David Dinkins in the early 1990's. Dinkins was the first, and only to date, member of which ethnic group to hold the position of mayor of New York City?	
11	Originally the name of a dish of poached, bread-crumbed fish, what French word describes the derogatory and often racist action which has now become notorious outside of France thanks mainly to footballer Nicholas Anelka's celebration of a goal scored on 28	
P12	This woman was widowed for the second time on 5th December 2013, with the death of her husband, a former president of his country, following a long illness. Her first husband died in a plane crash in 1986. He too had been president of his country from 1975 until his death. Which country was that?	
13	Although he has recently been overtaken by Bill Gates, according to Forbes magazine, Carlos Slim was listed as the world's richest man from 2010-12. Approximately \$50bn of his wealth comes from the fact he owns Latin America's largest provider of what type of service?	
14	According to accounts published by its parent company Sina in 2013, which online blogging site, seen as China's equivalent to Twitter, passed the 500 million user mark at the end of 2012?	
15	In 2001 the king and queen of which country were shot dead by their son following a supposed row over the prince's choice of bride? The prince reigned for only four days, albeit in a coma, as he died from a self inflicted gun shot wound.	
16	The DAX is the main stock exchange of which country - the world's fourth largest economy by Gross Domestic Product?	
17	There are just two metro systems on the continent of Africa. Algiers metro (Metro d'Alger) carried 13 million passengers in 2012 but was dwarfed by the 837 million carried by which major capital city's metro in the same year?	
P18	Developed by Stanford University students, which photo-messaging application for iOS and Android allows users to share pictures and videos with friends for free, but the images can only be viewed once and will disappear within seconds of being opened?	
19	Due to their interpretation of certain verses of the Bible, including Leviticus 17:10 and Acts 15:29, Jehovah's Witnesses can be expelled from their religion if they accept or undergo which medical procedure?	
20	Known as Hansen's Disease, after the Norwegian physician who discovered its cause, what chronic infection gets its more common name from the Greek for "scales"?	
21	The media mogul Conrad Black praised himself for "not getting up and smashing your face in" when being interviewed by whom on BBC television in October 2012?	
P22	"NHK" is the national broadcasting organisation of which country? It operates two terrestrial services, two satellite services and an international service, NHK World.	



23	Created by Maulana Karenga in 1966, with a name derived from a Swahili phrase meaning “fruits of the harvest”, which week-long festival immediately after Christmas is designed to celebrate the African heritage and history of many Americans?	
24	The Little Rock National Airport was renamed what in March 2012?	
25	With a circulation of about half a million copies, in which EU country is a weekly, satirical newspaper published, whose name translates as “The Chained Duck”?	
26	Which one of the "big three" airline alliances includes American Airlines, British Airways, Cathay Pacific and QANTAS among its members?	
27	There are currently 15 active United Nations peacekeeping operations worldwide but just one, MINUSTAH, is in the Western Hemisphere. In which island country has MINUSTAH, an acronym of the French title of the mission, been active since a coup d'etat there in 2004?	
28	The omphalos was a conical stone situated at the point in Delphi in ancient Greece which the Greeks considered to be the centre of the earth. The word omphalos was also the Greek for which part of the human body?	
29	In 1701 he perfected a horse-drawn seed drill that economically sowed seeds in neat rows. A British rock band formed in the 1960's that have sold over 60 million albums shares his name. Who was he? (Full name please)	
30	Which country has had three different currencies since its independence in the middle of the 20 th century, beginning with the lira which was replaced with an old and then a new version of their current currency? Throughout this time, the currency was subdivided into 100 agora.	
31	He lived from 1861 to 1885 and his name may have come from two Swahili words meaning "Hello" and "Chief", but his name is now synonymous in English with the very large. What was the name of this famous creature?	
32	Despite its manufacturer's claims that it is their most fuel-efficient aircraft, it has been beset by technical difficulties with its original launch date delayed 18 months and the Federal Aviation Authority grounding it temporarily in 2013. Which Boeing aircraft is, somewhat ironically, nicknamed the Dreamliner?	
33	With an English version dating back to 1697 and an almost-identically named Irish version dating to 1764, which publications, named after their different founders, who shared the same surname, are still published annually and give sports and other predictions as well as more mundane information on tides and moon cycles?	
34	Which illegal downloading and streaming website, which was formed in Sweden in 2003, saw its founders Fredrik Neij and Gottfrid Svartholm jailed for a year in 2009? A linked Swedish political party, with a similar name, won two seats in the 2009 European Parliament elections.	
35	Despite being a major victory for Robert E. Lee's Confederate army, the 1863 Battle of Chancellorsville saw the mortal wounding from friendly fire of which well known Confederate Lieutenant General? Lee described it as “like losing my right arm”.	
36	The Top Level Domains (such as .ie and .com) of which two European countries, when put together in the correct order, make up a European capital city, which is the fourth largest by population in the European Union?	
37	What is the Arabic word for “square”? It is used in the name of many squares throughout Eastern Europe and Asia and is also the shortened name given to “Independence Square” in Kiev, the centre of the early-2014 anti-government protests there?	
38	Considered by Bloomberg as the one of the 50 Most Influential People in Global Finance, which Israeli-American winner of the 2002 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences is best known for his work in Prospect Theory which examines how people make decisions between different, uncertain future outcomes, for example the purchase of insurance or the placing of a bet?	
39	Which architect coined the phrase “organic architecture” to describe his style of trying to perfectly and sympathetically integrate his buildings into their natural surroundings? His design, “Fallingwater” a house on the Bear Run river in Pennsylvania, was an example of this style and was chosen by the American Institute of Architects as the “best all-time work of American architecture”.	
40	What is the name of the reclusive native American tribe who live in the Mexican Copper Canyon region of the state of Chihuahua. They are renowned for their ability to run long distances whilst barefoot. Their name, in their local tongue, means “runners on foot” or “those who run fast” and they were the subject of a 2009 bestselling book Born To Run.	

1	Sometimes listed as the highest-grossing actor of all time, which US star donned a kilt while playing the role of a drug-producing chemist in the 2001 film, <i>The 51st State</i> ?	
2	Which musical instrument usually has, as an aid to the player, its C-strings coloured red, F-strings coloured black or blue and the remaining strings coloured white?	
3	Which multi-E Emmy-winning, animated TV series of the 2000's has included episodes entitled, "The Luck of the Fryrish", "That's Lobstertainment" and "Bendless Love", all three referencing main characters in the programme?	
4	One of the few times an Irish-born, solo male artist has topped the UK singles chart, which song, actually penned by Maria McKee of "Show Me Heaven" fame, gave Derry's Feargal Sharkey a UK number-1 hit in 1985?	
5	Which comedian, hugely successful in the 1990's, has recently been hosting a web series entitled "Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee", where he picks up a fellow comedian and brings them for coffee?	
6	While only the lead singer remains from their original and, perhaps, best-known line-up, which band, who were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2013 continues to tour regularly though they haven't released new material since a 2008 album entitled "Chinese Democracy", which was nearly 15 years in the making?	
7	Named Sir Topham Hatt in the US, by what less politically-correct name is this character known in the original UK books and childrens' TV series?	
8	Regularly seen in the Netflix series <i>House of Cards</i> and the BBC-produced series <i>Mrs Brown's Boys</i> , what four word phrase is used for those instances where an actor speaks directly to or acknowledges the existence of an audience?	
9	Which Russian composer was commissioned by Diaghilev to produce three works for the Ballets Russes between 1910 and 1913, with the second two choreographed by Nijinski. In the first of these two Nijinski memorably played the title role of a Russian traditional puppet or Petrushka?	
10	Which "Godfather of Folk Music", famous for the songs "Where Have All the Flowers Gone?" and "If I Had a Hammer" in the 1950's and subsequently well known for his political activism, died on 27th January 2014?	
11	Although it never made the band's <i>Zooropa</i> album, for which it was intended, the U2 song "Hold Me, Thrill Me, Kiss Me, Kill Me" was in fact one of their best-selling singles of the 1990's and originally featured on the soundtrack of which 1995 film?	
12	Which 1949 Arthur Miller play centres on the illegal activities carried out by Joe Keller during World War II and the impact that these have on his family, especially his two sons, Chris, who has returned home from the war and Larry, who is missing in action throughout the play?	
13	"The Mirror and the Light" is an upcoming novel by which author? It is intended to be the final part of a trilogy of historical novels set in the 16th century.	
14	Which of Truman Capote's major works, which he himself dubbed a "nonfiction novel", detailed the 1959 murders of a Kansas farmer, his wife and two of their four children?	
15	Which actor, better known as playing a 1980's secret agent who preferred to carry a Swiss Army knife instead of a gun, played the role of Jack O'Neill in the TV series <i>Stargate: SG1</i> ?	
16	The Forro style of music usually consists of a trio combination of accordion, triangle and zabumba or bass drum. It originated in and is most commonly associated with which country?	
17	Which legendary jazz trumpeter, with the given names John Birks, was famous for his signature "bent" trumpet, where the trumpet bell was bent upward at an angle rather than being straight as per the usual design of a trumpet?	
18	Known as an Ottavino in Italian, as opposed to the Italian name it has in English-speaking countries, which woodwind instrument is most commonly played by the third flautist in a Symphony Orchestra?	
19	A 2014 Grammy Award winner for both Song of the Year and Best Solo Performance, what is the stage name of 17 year old Ella Marija Lani Yelich-O'Connor?	
20	Originally written as a military march in 1897 by Czech composer Julius Fucik, the work entitled "Entrance of the Gladiators" is now almost always heard at, and most associated with, which form of entertainment?	

21	In which series of novels, later turned into films, TV and radio shows, are John Clayton and Jane Porter the two central characters?	
22	Which Dublin-born actor won a Golden Globe for his portrayal of the psychiatrist Dr Paul Weston in a US TV series which ran for three seasons from 2008-2010?	
P23	A winner of the BBC Young Musician of the Year in 2004 and awarded an MBE in 2013, the Scottish-born Nicola Benedetti is mostly associated with which musical instrument?	
24	Written, like so many others, by the great Ronnie Hazlehurst, the theme tune of which 1970's British TV series incorporated the bells of Big Ben?	
25	The headquarters of the Arabic news and current affairs channel <i>Al Jazeera</i> are in which Middle Eastern capital city?	
26	Regularly topping lists of the most popular picture book of all time, which children's book by Maurice Sendak features a boy Max, whose bedroom transforms into an island, which gives the book its title, populated by creatures that he eventually subjugates, before returning home for dinner?	
27	Although the UK version of the quiz show of the same title has recently finished, the song "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" was written for which film, in which it was performed by Frank Sinatra and Celeste Holm?	
28	Trailing only Walt Disney, who, with 49, has the second highest number of Academy Award nominations? In 1995 he was nominated for three different films and he has won five awards.	
29	Which famous 19th Century novel, set in the eponymous, fictional town in the British midlands and subtitled, "A Study of Provincial Life", concerns three interwoven plotlines - the marriage of Dorothea Brooke to Edward Casaubon, the arrival of Dr Lydgate to the town and the ruin of Fred Vincy through the honesty of his wife Mary?	
30	Unusually for a piano quintet, it features a double-bass instead of one of the traditional violinists, whose Piano Quintet in A-major, published posthumously, is better known as the Trout Quintet?	
31	What is the given name of the lead female character in the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical <i>The Phantom of the Opera</i> – she was played by Sarah Brightman in the both the West End and Broadway openings of the musical in 1986 and 1988, respectively.	
32	Brian Burton is a US songwriter, musician and producer, who has collaborated with a number of different artists over the last ten years, perhaps most famously forming the duo Gnarl Barkley with the singer CeeLo Green. Burton shares his stage name with which superhero that was popular in the 1980's?	
33	Ignoring the 4-way tie in 1969, which country became the first to win outright back-to-back Eurovision song-contests, winning in 1972 and 1973 with Vicky Leandros singing "After You" and Anne-Marie David singing "You'll Recognise Yourself", in their native languages?	
34	Which music producer, who has worked with acts as diverse as the Beastie Boys, Metallica and Johnny Cash over the last 30 years, originally founded Def Jam Records before consigning the word "Def" to the grave after he felt that it had become too mainstream – he even held an actual funeral for the word – and re-launching the label as American Recordings?	
35	With a word coming from the Scot's Gaelic for darkness or twilight, what name is shared by a track from the Radiohead album "Hail to the Thief" and the self-titled, debut album released this year of a traditional, folk-music Irish-US super-group?	
36	Which Irish actor, in 1944, was the only person ever to be nominated for the Academy Awards for Best Actor and Best Supporting Actor for the same performance? He won the latter and subsequently broke the statue when practising his golf swing.	
37	Which controversial Danish director and screenwriter won the 2000 Palme D'Or for his film <i>Dancer in the Dark</i> but in 2011 was declared persona-non-grata at the Cannes film festival for supposedly tongue-in-cheek pro-Hitler and pro-Nazi comments?	
38	The ten best-selling albums of the 1950's in the UK consisted of six musical soundtracks, two Sinatra albums and an Elvis record. Which British singer-songwriter, the "King of the Skiffle" occupied the number six spot with his "Showcase" album?	
39	Which Irish-born playwright is best known for the works "Observe the Sons of Ulster Marching Towards the Somme" about a division of Ulster soldiers during World War I and "Someone Who'll Watch Over Me" about three men who are held hostage in the Lebanon?	
40	Which 1962 film, in which we are initially led to believe that James Stewart is the title character, though the film reveals to us that in fact John Wayne is, contains the line, "When the legend becomes fact, print the legend"?	