



# 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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Sport & Games	
<b>Part 2 Total Score</b>	

**Player:** \_\_\_\_\_

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There's still nothing to see here!

1	Which Irish comedian, the host of several TV shows including "Mock the Week" and "Stargazing Live" also features alongside Griff Rhys Jones and Rory McGrath in "Three Men in a Boat"?	
2	Rickets, which is the softening of bones most frequently found in children, is most often caused by a deficiency of which vitamin?	
3	The pituitary gland is a pea-size part of the endocrine system, which secretes a number of important hormones including somatropin (the human growth hormone) and oxytocin and is located immediately below which organ of the human body?	
4	They already appeared as a couple in "That 70's Show". This week it was announced that Ashton Kutcher's actress fiancé will appear on his current high-rating US TV comedy "Two and A Half Men". What is her name?	
5	According to astrologers, the signs for the Astrological Ages are the exact reverse order to those for the Signs of the Zodiac. If we are currently in the Age of Aquarius, as the musical Hair would have us believe, which Age should, therefore, come next?	
6	Named after a town in the Po Valley where it is grown, Arborio is a variety of what foodstuff? It is most usually used to make a very common Italian starter or "primo piatti".	
7	Which actress resigned as a Global Ambassador for the charity Oxfam, following criticism of her involvement in advertising SodaStream, a product used to produce home-made fizzy drinks, due to the fact that SodaStream's main manufacturing plant is in an Israeli settlement within the Palestinian West Bank?	
8	When grass pollen is inhaled by someone with a sensitive immune system, what is the name of the nitrogenous, organic compound produced as part of the immune response? Its production results in the various symptoms of hay fever and many hay fever drugs work explicitly to reduce this production.	
9	In Europe it is called the bilberry or European blueberry, what American name for this fruit links "my friend" in a Henry Mancini and Johnny Mercer classic song, a cartoon hound and the title character of a famous 19th century, American novel?	
10	Her father is one of the most successful recording artists of the 21st century, her grandfather was a US attorney and businessman, her maternal step-father was a US Olympic gold-medal winning athlete but it's not hugely apparent what her mother or her many aunts and uncles do. What is the name (given and surname required) of this girl, born June 15th, 2013?	
11	Which form of handicraft, which uses a single implement to process fabric from yarn or thread, gets its name from the French word for "hook"?	
12	Historically a type of hood worn by women, in more recent times it has become a type of tubular neck-scarf, what item of clothing has been banned by the International Football Association Board since 2011?	
13	A good friend of Sesame Street's Big Bird, Aloysius Snuffleupagus, often known as Mr Snuffleupagus or Snuffy, is a type of what sort of now extinct mammal – though he does seem to lack some of the most prominent features of this animal, most obviously the large ears?	
14	Sometimes known by its initials SCA, which blood disorder, highly prevalent in tropical and malarial regions, is so-called because it results in irregularly-shaped red blood-cells?	
15	Almost exclusively found in Spain, despite its popularity slipping over the last ten years, Airen remains one of the most widely-planted varieties of which fruit?	
16	With nearly twice as many 3-star restaurants as Paris, including one in an underground car-park which seats only seven people, which city, as of 2013, has the most Michelin stars?	
17	What is the given name of the boy born on 14th February 2014, to Lauren Silverman and music mogul Simon Cowell?	
18	Although now resident in the UK, what nationality is the fashion-designer Manolo Blahnik, best known for his eponymous shoe brand?	
19	He is the brother of a much more famous actor, and received an Academy Award nomination for his role in The Assassination of Jesse James by the coward Robert Ford. He is married to an American actress, Summer Phoenix, the sister of actors River and Joaquin, and together they have two children. Name this actor.	
20	Named as one of the most influential people in the world by Time Magazine in 2002, he died following a fall in 2003. Whose dietary plans are based around the idea that carbohydrates cause the body to produce excess insulin, ultimately causing people to feel hungry?	

21	Deltiology is the study and / or collection of what?	
22	Highland, Lowland, Speyside, Islay and Campbelltown are the five main regions producing what specific product?	
23	What, usually expensive, dish consists of cooked lobster meat in a mustard-based sauce, mixed with egg yolks and brandy and usually served stuffed into the lobster shell?	
24	Pil pil, a dish of salted cod cooked in olive oil with garlic and guindilla pepper has its origins in the cuisine of which European people?	
25	Founded in 1899 and now situated in on New York's Fifth Avenue, which luxury department store has featured in the films "Arthur" and "Sex and the City 2" and was also the subject of a 2013 documentary called "Scatter my Ashes at... "?	
26	Which singer-songwriter had a UK number 1 single as part of synth-pop duo Soft Cell and a solo number 1 with a re-release of a Gene Pitney classic, with Pitney guesting on the song?	
27	Which two-word, alliterative term describes the practice where couples tie a pad-lock usually to a gate or bridge and throw away the key, as a sign of their unbreakable love?	
28	Cynthia Brimhall was Playboy's "Playmate of the Month" in October 1985. She was the first woman to appear in a centrefold of Playboy without what?	
29	In November 2012, Colorado and which other US State became the first two states to make legal the sale and possession of marijuana for both medical and non-medical use?	
P30	Daughter of a 1980's TV "legend" Don Johnson and actress Melanie Griffith, Dakota Johnson finished filming the lead female role in which film adaptation of a book in February 2014? It is likely to be the first of a trilogy.	
31	Which American apparel retailer often uses a moose logo on its clothing, though usually this isn't necessary as the company name or initials is regularly emblazoned on t-shirts, shirts and jackets?	
32	The largest of the tarsal bones, where precisely in the human body would you find the calcaneus bone?	
P33	The model and television presenter Kamal Ibrahim was the first person from which country to become Mister World – he won the title in South Korea in 2010?	
P34	While it is now brewed in a number of countries, having been initially brewed in 1885, Kirin Lager, is one of the oldest beer brands of which country?	
35	Ratings agencies give grades to bonds issued by governments and countries. What generic term is given to higher-risk bonds which are graded lower than BBB- by the main ratings agencies?	
36	Known as acetaminophen in the US, what extremely common, mild analgesic was, according to the National Office for Statistics, responsible for over 5% of the drug-related deaths in England and Wales in 2011?	
37	The largest hotel complex in the United States, which Las Vegas hotel included, until 2012, a large, glass-sided lion habitat inside the main casino area?	
38	Similar to crème brûlée and named after the Spanish region from where it originated, what dish consisting of flavoured custard topped with sugar which has been caramelised using an iron grill rather than a flame is traditionally served in this region on St Joseph's Day?	
P39	Name the author who has written a number of hugely successful books in the sphere of social sciences, although his 2013's "David and Goliath" resulted in him being labelled, "America's best-paid fairy-tale writer" by the New Republic magazine, despite the fact that he was born in Hampshire in the UK.	
40	Which iconic figure (1778-1840) of Regency England, a friend of the Prince Regent (the future King George VI), is credited with introducing, and establishing as fashion, the modern men's suit worn with a necktie? He is also referred to in the lyrics of Billy Joel's hit song "It's Still Rock and Roll to Me".	

1	Primavera is the Italian word for which of the four seasons?	
2	At 2,508km in length, some 1,000km longer than the Darling River, which river is the longest in Australia?	
3	Which European capital city, with a population of less than 7,000 in 2011, doesn't even rank in the top-20 cities or towns of the country and is less than a third of the size of Birkirkara the largest town in the country?	
4	If 25 grams of salt was dissolved in 225 grams of water, what would be the percentage salt solution by mass?	
5	Named after a French mathematician, "The Father of Electrodynamics", what is the SI unit of electric current? It is one of the seven fundamental or base SI units.	
6	What mountain is the highest point of Asia's Karakoram Range?	
7	The book "Five Days at Memorial" collated the Pulitzer Prize winning reportage of Sheri Fink, a New York Times journalist. It deals with events at Memorial Medical Centre during and after a major 2005 disaster. In which US city is this particular Memorial Medical Centre?	
8	Taking its Latin name Galanthus from the Greek for "milk flower", what is the common English name for this group of around twenty species of flowering plants, the majority of which flower before the end of March in the Northern Hemisphere?	
9	A ceramic structure washed in aluminium oxide containing suspended platinum, palladium or rhodium (or a mixture of these) was first patented in the 1950's but wasn't used widely in cars until the 1970's. What two-word term is used for this device which is now required by law in most Western countries on all new cars?	
10	Some 1,100km north of London, Lerwick is the capital and largest town on which group of UK islands?	
11	It recently ran into a "mechanical control abnormality" and its mission life may be shortened, much to the dismay of many space exploration enthusiasts. What is the name of China's lunar rover that landed on the moon on 14th December 2013? (We will accept either it's Chinese name, or the English translation thereof.)	
12	What is the sixth term in the Fibonacci sequence beginning with 0?	
P13	The world famous Krak des Chevaliers, a crusader castle originally built in the 12th century, is located 40 kilometres west of which city - it is the third largest in Syria and has seen some of the worst fighting in the Syrian Civil War with control having changed hands a number of times in 2012 and 2013?	
14	The taiga or boreal forest is the world's largest terrestrial ecosystem and is characterised by the proliferation of coniferous forest. In which country is the greatest proportion of taiga situated with the word itself coming from this country's language?	
15	Although it is only 114th on the list of countries in the world by size, it has around 400 mud volcanoes, about half of the global total. The pop duo Ell & Nikki might possibly have taken inspiration from their native landscape as they won the Eurovision Song Contest for which country this century?	
16	Twenty four of the twenty seven moons of which planet of the solar system are named after characters from the plays of William Shakespeare – including Titania, Cordelia, Ophelia, Desdemona and Juliet?	
17	Completed in 1883 and spanning nearly 500 metres, which bridge in the Americas was the first steel-wire suspension bridge ever constructed?	
18	The city of Syracuse, birthplace of Archimedes and described by Cicero as the "greatest Greek city of them all", is located on which Mediterranean island?	
19	In which group of mammals are the young born in an extremely underdeveloped, blind and hairless state and immediately have to crawl across their mother's body using their relatively well-developed front limbs to access a supply of milk?	
20	Sometimes also referred to as spelter, which metal has many medicinal purposes including the treatment and prevention of diarrhoea but is most widely used in the galvanising process to prevent corrosion of iron or steel?	

21	Sodium Thiopental is one of a number of drugs which the EU has banned for export to the US, forcing the Americans to come up with alternative drugs for what purpose?	
22	Famed for a traditional form of white-thread embroidery and also for an eight or nine string fiddle which originated there and is common in the music of the country, the region of Hardanger is in which country?	
23	The name of which British overseas territory in the Caribbean, with a capital that shares its name with the home ground of Charlton Athletic FC, starts and ends with the letter A?	
24	Which small African country, with the capital Moroni, is the most southerly member of the Arab League and, in fact, the only member to be fully in the Southern hemisphere?	
25	In which part of the earth's atmosphere, the second lowest layer - beginning at about 12,000m above the surface, would you find the ozone layer?	
26	Which explorer led the ill-fated Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition of 1914-17? It is sometimes called the Endurance Expedition after one of the ships used in the expedition.	
27	What name is given to particles containing two protons and two neutrons, essentially the same as a helium nucleus, which are commonly emitted during the decay of large, radioactive elements such as uranium and radium?	
28	With some 6,000 animals and an area of over 100 hectares, the world's largest metropolitan zoo is in which US city?	
29	Moraines are deposits of soil, rocks and boulders usually carried on and then left at the end and sides of what geological features?	
30	What word is used to denote the ratio of the speed of an object travelling through a gas or liquid with the speed of sound in that gas or liquid?	
P31	The fabulously named Dragon's Blood Tree is one of the many endemic plant species on the Indian Ocean island archipelago of Socotra – it ranks in the top five islands of the earth for endemic species per square kilometre. It is located 350 kilometres off the coast of the Asian mainland and is a part of which country?	
32	What four-letter name is given to the huge, stone, humanoid figures which have stood on Rapa Nui (Easter Island) for over 500 years?	
33	What Italian mountain range, since 2009 a UNESCO World Heritage Site, takes its name from the type of sedimentary, carbonate rock (composed of calcium magnesium carbonate) which make up most of the range and gives it its characteristic shapes and colours?	
34	The capital of the Chinese province of Shaanxi, which city was one of the four great ancient capitals of China, was the starting point of the ancient Silk Road and the home of the Terracotta Army of Qin Shi Huang, China's first emperor?	
35	What insect family with nearly 13,000 classified species, with only Antarctica and a handful of remote islands thought to be outside their range, are estimated by the US National Academy of Sciences to make up somewhere between 15-20% of the total terrestrial biomass and over 25% in tropical areas?	
36	If it was actually a lake, Lake Maracaibo would be South America's largest, nearly 60% larger than Lake Titicaca. However, it's not a lake, it's a bay connected to a gulf which shares its name with the country in which Maracaibo is located. Which gulf?	
37	The fifth largest in Colombia, with a walled city which is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, which city was home to Gabriel Garcia Marquez for a number of years and, although not directly named in the book, is the setting for the novel "Love in the Time of Cholera"?	
38	Although he was actually 11th of the twelve people who have walked on the moon, what is the name of the last person, the commander of Apollo 17, to have set foot on the lunar surface since he was the last to re-enter the lunar module?	
39	What word, coming from the Latin "to raise" and reflecting the fact that the sun rises in the east, is given to the region of the Eastern Mediterranean which now comprises the countries Cyprus, Israel, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Palestine?	
40	The earth has been in the Phanerozoic geologic eon for the last 500 million years or so. This eon is split into three eras by geologists, the Paleozoic, the Mesozoic and the what other era, which commenced about 65 million years ago and takes its name from the Greek "kainos", meaning new life?	

1	There has been much talk about the 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar, but which country will host the 2018 FIFA World Cup?	
2	On which surface is the majority of the Grand Slam Tennis tournaments played on?	
3	Who is the current president of the IOC? He succeeded Jacques Rogge in September 2013 and won a gold medal for fencing at the 1976 Montreal games?	
4	Which athlete headed up sportswear company SKINS' 2013 "Pure sport", anti-doping campaign, 25 years after his most famous positive drugs test?	
5	The competition being held every two years since 1991, New Zealand's Nigel Richards is the current World Champion of which game? It is his third World title, two more than any other player, in an event that has been sponsored by both Mattel and Hasbro, the owners of the game in question.	
6	The 2014 F1 season gets underway next weekend, but in which country will the first race be held?	
7	Which format of cricket is played in the Indian Premier League?	
8	UEFA's newest member, Gibraltar, played their first competitive match in November 2013. The game was played in the Algarve, which is where they will play all their home qualification matches for UEFA 2016, and it finished in a very creditable 0-0 draw against which European country?	
9	Pesapallo is a bat-and-ball game similar to baseball. It was once played as a demonstration sport at an Olympic games that were held in the same country the sport was developed in. Which country?	
10	Nicholas Kemboi and Felix Kibore are both Kenyan-born long distance runners. Both athletes now compete for which Middle Eastern country?	
11	Since the start of the UEFA Champions League in 1992, which team has played in more seasons of the Champions League than any other?	
12	The Superbowl is decided over one 60 minute game, but in the other big American sports, how many games must a team win to secure the Stanley Cup, the World Series and the Larry O'Brien Cup?	
13	Which country's flag was raised 9 days after the opening ceremony of this year's Winter Olympics in Sochi after the International Olympic committee lifted a suspension that had been in place since December 2012? Prior to the flag being raised the country's three athletes had entered the games as International Olympic participants, competing under the Olympic flag.	
14	A Pine Tree stands in the middle of the 17th fairway at The Augusta National Golf Club, but due to recent icy weather, the tree has been damaged beyond repair and will be removed by course officials. The tree was named after which American president, who campaigned for it to be removed due to him hitting in to it so often during play?	
15	A layback spin, a Biellmann spin and a death drop are all terms given to particular moves that can be performed in which sport?	
16	Yu Yang and Wang Xiaoli were two of eight players disqualified from which sport at the 2012 London Olympics?	
17	At present, Tom Watson has selected two Vice Captain's for the Ryder Cup next September. Name either one.	
18	Frenchman Sebastien Loeb has dominated the World Rally Championship, winning a record nine consecutive titles from 2004-2012, but which other Sebastien, also a Frenchman, is the current World Rally Champion after winning the 2013 championship?	
19	The Big Blue, so named because blue is the main colour of both teams' playing kits, is a match in Australia's premier soccer competition, the A-League, and is contested between rival teams from which two cities?	
20	A brand-named version of this game shares its name with a Shakespearean tragedy. What game is played on an 8 x 8 uncheckered board, with 64 identical disks, light on one side, dark on the other, where the object of the game is to have the majority of disks turned to display your colour when the last playable empty square is filled? The individual and team World Championships have been dominated by Japan since 2005.	
21	Gareth Bale is the world's most expensive footballer, having moved from Tottenham Hotspur to Real Madrid for a fee of €100m. Which Portuguese man is the most expensive soccer manager, after Chelsea paid Porto, via the manager in question, €15m to activate his release clause and free him from his contract with Porto.	
P22	In the 2013 Tour De France, Daryl Impey became the first man from which country to wear the leader's Yellow jersey? He did so on stages 6 and 7 before eventual race winner Chris Froome took over the Yellow jersey from Impey on stage 8.	
P23	In which Italian city do thousands of spectators fill the Piazza Del Campo twice each year to watch a horse race. Ten horses and riders, bareback and dressed in the appropriate colours, represent ten of the seventeen city wards in the <i>Palio di ...</i>	

24	Winner of nine Olympic medals in the pool, the last coming in Sydney 2000, 4 years after a near fatal stabbing incident in Moscow, who is the only male swimmer in history to win four Olympic gold medals in individual freestyle events?	
25	Nicknamed "The Crocodile" because of his tenacity on the court, which French tennis player won 7 Grand Slam singles titles in the 1920's? In 1933 he founded a clothing company, that specialises in Polo Shirts, which bear the logo of his nickname.	
26	Which sport is played on ice on an area the same size as a soccer field, with 11 players per team and consists of two halves of 45 minutes. It is a national sport in Russia, who retained their World Championship title in February this year.	
27	In table tennis, what is the minimum number of points required for a player to win one game?	
28	Cesar Azpilicueta, Alejandro Pozuelo and Antonio Luna all play football in the English Premier League, but what country were they all born in? There is a good chance that some of them may play in this summer's World Cup in Brazil.	
29	Which athletics event has the longest-standing world record in men's track and field? It was set in June 1986 by a then East German athlete, Jurgen Schult.	
30	Similar to lawn bowls, which sport sees competitors assigned to one of four sport classes, BC1, BC2, BC3 or BC4, depending on their functional ability? It has been ever-present in the Paralympics since 1984 and is one of only three Paralympic sports that have no counterpart in the Olympic program.	
31	Dublin hosted its only major European Club Football final in 2011 when two Portuguese teams contested the Uefa Cup Final at the newly revamped Lansdowne Road. FC Porto won 1-0, but which team did they beat?	
32	Prior to Stanislaw Warinka winning this years Australian Open, who was the last man to win a Grand Slam other than the so called Big-Four: Djokovic, Nadal, Federer & Murray?	
33	A two time winner of the Indianapolis 500, which English driver was killed as a result of injuries sustained in a crash at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway in October 2011?	
34	Who was the captain of the first Rugby Union World Cup winning side? He was made captain of the 1986 "Baby Blacks" when most regular All Blacks were banned from playing due to their participation in a rebel tour of South Africa. When the rebel players returned his place in the squad was in danger, but he was made captain of the team for the World Cup when original captain Andy Dalton had to withdraw due to an injury.	
35	In October 2009, FIFA announced the introduction of an award that is given to the player, male or female, judged to have scored the most aesthetically significant and "most beautiful" goal of the year. After which player is the award named?	
36	Telling the Wimbledon crowd to "shut up" and accusing the umpire of being "One of the most corrupt officials in the game" which American tennis player stormed off court, and was later banned from the 1996 Wimbledon championships as a result of his behaviour and his wife twice slapping the umpire in the face?	
37	Who was the last British athlete to win two Olympic medals at two Olympic Games in two different sports? She won silver in Athens for rowing, but retired from this sport in 2006 due to a persistent back injury. She later took up cycling and won Individual Pursuit gold in Beijing but was unable to defend her title in London after this event was dropped from the Olympic programme.	
P38	With a capacity of 109,901, "The Big House" is the largest stadium in the United States. Which college football team play at The Big House? The team is known for its distinctive winged helmet, shown below, its fight song, "The Victors", and its annual season-ending game against Ohio State. They share part of their name with a Marvel Comics character that has been the subject of a video game, a comic book and a feature film.	
39	Nicknamed El Nene (The Kid), who was selected as Peru's greatest ever player in an International Federation of Football History & Statistics poll? He is the all-time leading scorer for his country, with 26 goals in 81 matches, and is one of only two players to have scored five goals in two different FIFA World Cups, 1970 and 1978. You might be old enough to remember his two goals against Scotland in their opening match in 1978!	
40	Out of Desert King, a winner of the Irish Derby and Irish 2,000 Guineas, which horse has been the most successful in the history of the Melbourne Cup, having won the race on three occasions; 2003, 2004 and 2005? She is owned by South Australian tuna fisherman Tony Santic, who named her after five of his employees by taking the first two letters from each of their names.	