

**Team quiz questions by IQO Chairman John Nolan. Answers are correct as of December 2014.**

GENERAL QUESTIONS (x 12)		
1	Born in January 1985, this Australian cyclist won the young rider classification at the 2010 Giro d'Italia. A member of Team Sky since 2012, he served as a super-domestique for Chris Froome in the 2013 Tour de France and took over as team leader in the 2013 Tour when Froome crashed out. What is his name?	Richie PORTE
2	Which English comedian (born 1955) achieved fame for his drag queen comedic alter ego Lily Savage before dropping the character and going on to become a chat show host?	Paul O'GRADY
3	Senzo Meyiwa, who was shot and killed on 26th October 2014, was at the time of his death the first choice goalkeeper for which international football team?	SOUTH AFRICA
4	Which founder member of the group Boyzone died of a congenital heart defect on 10 October 2009 in Majorca, Spain?	Stephen GATELY
5	This pop and dance band of the 1990s reached the peak of their popularity with the UK and Irish Number One hit "Things Can Only Get Better" in 1994. Lead by Derry-born singer Peter Cunnah, when they are spoken of now it is often due to the fact the TV scientist Brian Cox was for a time their keyboard player. What was the name of this group?	D:REAM
6	Which English singer and songwriter is best known for his role as lead singer of The Commotions from 1984 to 1989, during which time they had hits such as 'Perfect Skin' and 'Lost Weekend'?	Lloyd COLE
7	Originally created by a company named Lifescape, in 2004 this software was acquired by Google who made it available as freeware. In 2006 Google then launched a web photo album under this brand as an attempt to take on its rival flickr. Whilst the software is still available, the web album was folded into Google's Google+ service in 2013. What name do they share?	PICASA
8	A large pre-Columbian city built by the Maya people, this archaeological site is located in the municipality of Tinum, in the Mexican state of Yucatán. In 2007 it was named one of the New Seven Wonders of the World after a worldwide vote. What is it called?	CHICHEN ITZA

9	His death, at the age of 71, was announced on 25th October 2014. Known for his work as a vocalist, bass guitarist and songwriter, he also played double bass, harmonica, piano and cello. His music career spanned several decades both as a solo artist and in several groups, the most famous of which was as one of three members of British rock supergroup Cream from 1966-68. Who?	Jack BRUCE
10	This African nation is made up of two parts, an insular and a mainland region. The insular region consists of the islands of Bioko and Annobón, a small volcanic island south of the equator. Since 1979 it has been ruled by Teodoro Obiang who ousted his own uncle, Francisco Macías Nguema, in an August 1979 military coup. What is the name of this country, one of its continent's greatest oil producers?	EQUATORIAL GUINEA
11	Before his sudden death in 1966 he was often referred to only as "The Chief Designer", because the Soviet leadership feared that the United States would send agents to assassinate him. By then he had overseen the early successes of the Sputnik and Vostok projects including launching Yuri Alexeevich Gagarin into orbit. Who was he?	Sergei KOROLEV (also spelled Korolyov)
12	In weaving the woof (sometimes weft) is the term for the thread or yarn which is drawn through the the lengthwise or longitudinal threads to create cloth. By what term are these lengthwise threads known? Clue: it's a word (albeit with a very different meaning) well-known to fans of science fiction.	WARP
GENERAL QUESTIONS (x 12)		
1	The standard colour of vehicle tyres is the result of rubber being dyed black by the addition of carbon, both for this colour and for its reinforcing properties. What colour would tyres be if no dye was added to natural rubber?	WHITE
2	This company was founded in 1885 as Binney & Smith, after its two founders and initially produced colorants for industrial use. It kept this name for 122 years before, just seven years ago, formally changing its name to that of its most famous product, which it launched in 1903. The name of this product, used in the home and in school, was coined by Alice Binney, wife of company founder Edwin. It comes from combining the French for "chalk," and a then-popular term meaning "oily". What name do the company and product now share?	CRAYOLA (from "craie", French for "chalk," and "ola" for "oleaginous" or "oily.")

3	This Russian female amateur boxer reached the finals in the lightweight category (under 60 kg) at the 2012 AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships and the 2012 Summer Olympics before losing to Katie Taylor on both occasions. What is her name?	Sofia OCHIGAVA
4	Numismatics is the study or collection of what?	CURRENCY (although you can probably be nice and accept 'coins')
5	Native to the tropical forests of New Guinea, nearby islands, and northeastern Australia, this flightless bird is regarded as being very shy, but when provoked is capable of inflicting injuries, occasionally fatal, to dogs and people. One of its three species, the Southern, is the third tallest living bird. The other two species are the Northern and the Dwarf. They all belong to what family of birds?	CASSOWARY
6	Tux, the official mascot of the Linux kernel and used by the majority of distributions of the Linux operating system which have grown from it, is what kind of animal?	PENGUIN
7	They are humanoid in appearance and are 9 to 10 feet (2.7 to 3.0 m) tall. What is the name of this indigenous species that lives on the planet Pandora in the 2009 Avatar, directed by James Cameron?	NA'VI
8	This large rock formation, part of the Dartry Mountains, is iconic of the county in which it is located: Sligo. It features in both the title and verse of WB Yeat's final published poem, an excerpt of which is carved into his tombstone which now lies in its shadow, in the village of Drumcliffe. What is the name of this distinctive mountain which has, since 2004, been part of the Sligo GAA crest?	BEN BULBIN
9	First released in October 2014, it is a spinoff of the radio program This American Life. Subsequently released as a podcast, it broke all-known records for the medium, passing (by November 17th) five million downloads on Apple's iTunes store alone. What is the name of this podcast which covers the case of the real-life 1999 murder of US high school student Hae Min Lee?	SERIAL
10	Where's Wally? is a series of children's books created by English illustrator Martin Handford, with the first being published in 1987. Under what title are these books published in the USA and Canada?	WHERE'S WALDO?

11	This US-born actress is best-known for her works on stage, particularly musicals. She has on three occasions been nominated for the Tony Award, winning once for her portrayal of Elphaba in <i>Wicked</i> in 2004. Recently she provided the voice of Elsa the Snow Queen in the 2013 Disney film <i>Frozen</i> , in which she sang the Academy Award-winning song "Let It Go". As she was about to perform the song at the 86th Academy Awards, John Travolta incorrectly introduced her as 'Adele Dazeem'. What is her actual name?	Idina MENZEL
12	In the current FA Premier League, just three of the managers have appeared in the FIFA World Cup finals as a player. Two of these are Ronald Koeman and Paul Lambert. Who is the third?	Mauricio POCHETTINO
<b>GENERAL QUESTIONS (x12)</b>		
1	Prior to going solo in 1976, American singer Kenny Rogers was a member of which band. Formed in 1967, they had several hits over the first half of their existence including 'Just Dropped In (To See What Condition My Condition Was In)' and 'Ruby, Don't Take Your Love to Town'. Name the group.	The FIRST EDITION
2	Owned by the Irish Rugby Football Union, this ground has recently been renovated. Known as Ravenhill from its opening day in 1923 until 2014, on June 5th this year the IRFU announced that the naming rights of the ground had been sold for 10 years to which company?	KINGSPAN
3	This form of dance originated in the middle of the 19th century in Bohemia. It spread to Vienna in 1839, Paris in 1840, London in the same year and was introduced to America in 1844, which such popularity in all places that it was commonly referred to as a "mania" in the press. It subsequently gave its name to several fashionable items, including a pattern still known today - especially to cycling fans. Name this dance.	POLKA (pattern is the polka-dot, obviously)
4	In what year did the following two events happen in London on successive days? 1) it was announced that the city was to host a Summer Olympic games, 2) suicide bombers blew themselves up on three underground trains and a double-decker bus.	2005
5	Appointed on an interim basis after the resignation of Martin Callinan on 25th March 2014, she formally took over the role of Garda Commissioner on a permanent basis on 25 November 2014, becoming the first woman to lead the Garda in its 92-year history. What is her name?	Nóirín O'SULLIVAN

6	Canada's equivalent of the Super Bowl took place on November 30th. In the game, the Calgary Stampeders defeated the Hamilton Tiger-Cats 20-16, to win which trophy, first awarded in 1909?	The GREY CUP
7	In hip hop music and rapping, this role is a backup rapper and/or singer who supports the primary rappers with exclamations and interjections, and who attempts to increase the audience's excitement with call-and-response chants. The most famous example is possibly Flavor Flav of Public Enemy, but later established stars such as Jay-Z and Puff Daddy began their careers in this role. By what two word name is it known?	HYPE MAN
8	Named after a nearby river, this city was founded in February 1970, the ninth nuclear city in the Soviet Union, for the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant. It had grown to a population of 49,360 before being evacuated a few days after the 1986 Chernobyl disaster. What is the name of this still-abandoned city?	PRIPYAT
9	Which programme is the first shown on RTÉ One + 1 each night?	SIX ONE
10	What does the letter C stand for in the name of the ICMSA, one of Ireland's three main bodies representing farmers?	CREAMERY (Irish Creamery Milk Suppliers Assoc)
11	They were portrayed in the 2013 film Saving Mr. Banks by BJ Novak and Jason Schwartzman. This pair of brothers was one of the most prolific composers of music and songs for film. Examples of the work include The Parent Trap, The Jungle Book, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and Mary Poppins. What was the surname of these famous composers, Robert and Richard?	SHERMAN
12	A member of the ruling People's Democratic Party, he served as Governor of Bayelsa State from 2005 to 2007 and as Vice-President of Nigeria from 2007. In 2010 who was elected president of Nigeria?	Goodluck JONATHAN
	<b>GENERAL QUESTIONS (x 16)</b>	
1	On 29 November 2013, 10 people were killed when a police helicopter crashed into the Clutha Vaults, a pub in central Glasgow. The word Clutha is the Scots Gaelic name for the river which flows through Glasgow. What is its English language name?	CLYDE
2	Irish footballer Stephanie Roche has been selected as one of three finalists for FIFA's Puskas award for Goal of the year. With which football team was she playing when she scored this goal, in a Women's National League game?	PEAMOUNT UNITED
3	What is the three word official name of the English city commonly known as Hull?	KINGSTON-UPON-HULL

4	This politician has been the Member of the Northern Ireland Legislative Assembly for Fermanagh and South Tyrone since 2003. As well as being Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Investment since 2008 she served as acting First Minister from 11th January to 3rd February 2010 while Peter Robinson took leave to deal with a scandal involving his wife Iris. What is her name?	Arlene FOSTER
5	Since the inaugural Rugby (Union) World Cup finals were held in 1987, in only one tournament has the final match not involved either England or France. In what year did that final take place?	1995 (S.A. v N.Z.)
6	In 1917 this man, the father of one of the executed leaders of the 1916 rising, became the first Sinn Féin representative to be elected when he won a by-election in Roscommon North. After abstaining from attending Westminster he would go on to serve as Minister of Foreign Affairs in the Dáil from January 1919 – August 1921. Who was he?	Count George PLUNKETT
7	She founded the Chernobyl Children International organisation in 1991 and has been its chief executive ever since. Who was an early favourite for the 1997 presidential election, but ended up polling fourth out of the five candidates who stood?	Adi ROCHE
8	Originally built as a church dedicated to St. Genevieve, this building now functions as a secular mausoleum containing the remains of distinguished French citizens such as Voltaire, Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Victor Hugo and, only since 2002, Alexandre Dumas. By what name has this former church been known since its completion in 1790?	PANTHÉON
9	Which actor rose to prominence for his portrayal of drug lord and aspiring businessman Russell "Stringer" Bell in the HBO series The Wire went on to play detective John Luther in the eponymous BBC series and Nelson Mandela in the biographical film Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom?	Idris ELBA
10	This 1942 oil on canvas painting is the most famous work by American Edward Hopper. What is the name of this painting which portrays people in a downtown diner late at night?	NIGHTHAWKS
11	Pro-democracy protests, also called the Umbrella Movement, have been campaigning for electoral reform in Hong Kong since September. These protestors have as their headquarters a temporary camp set up on a large Hong Kong thoroughfare, which shares its name with an Irish province. Which province?	CONNACHT (Connaught Road)

12	From 1941 until his death, famous American singer-songwriter and folk musician Woody Guthrie performed with a guitar on which he displayed a slogan, which inspired many subsequent artists. What was the final word in this slogan? "This Machine kills...." what?	FASCISTS
13	In the opening line of Arthur Conan Doyle's story 'A scandal in Bohemia', Dr. John Watson states "To Sherlock Holmes she is always <i>the</i> woman." What is the name of this woman, probably the only character to outwit the great detective?	Irene ADLER
14	James Reilly served as Minister for Health from 2011 until a cabinet reshuffle last July. To what ministerial portfolio was he appointed following that reshuffle?	Children and YOUTH AFFAIRS
15	Huddie Leadbetter was an American folk and blues musician notable for his strong vocals, virtuosity on the twelve-string guitar, and the songbook of folk standards he introduced including Goodnight Irene, Midnight Special and Where did you sleep last night? Under what stage name did he perform?	LEAD BELLY
16	Which Canadian actor and comedian is the co-founder and joint owner of Crystal Head Vodka, a drink notable for being sold in a clear glass bottle in the shape of a human skull?	Dan AYKROYD
	<b>CAR MAKER SLOGANS (x 12)</b>	
1	The Ultimate Driving Machine	BMW
2	Vorsprung durch Technik	AUDI
3	The Power to Surprise	KIA
4	Auto Emoción	SEAT
5	Wir Leben Autos	OPEL
6	Motion and Emotion	PEUGEOT
7	The Power of Dreams	HONDA
8	For life	VOLVO
9	Das Auto	VOLKSWAGEN
10	Drive the change	RENAULT
11	New thinking, new possibilities	HYUNDAI
12	Zoom zoom	MAZDA

	<b>CHRISTMAS NO. 1s (IRISH CHARTS) THAT HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH CHRISTMAS (x 12)</b>	
1	Queen, 1975	BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY
2	Mario Rosenstock, 2005	LEAVE RIGHT NOW
3	Sam Bailey, 2013	SKYSCRAPER
4	Kate Winslet, 2001	WHAT IF?
5	Dermot Morgan, 1985	THANK YOU VERY MUCH MR EASTWOOD
6	Matt Cardle, 2010	WHEN WE COLLIDE
7	The Scaffold, 1968	LILY THE PINK
8	Renee & Renato, 1982	SAVE YOUR LOVE
9	The Housemartins, 1986	CARAVAN OF LOVE
10	Whitney Houston, 1992	I WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU
11	Wings, 1977	MULL OF KINTYRE
12	The Archies, 1969	SUGAR SUGAR
	<b>WHAT COUNTRY DO THESE SPORTSPEOPLE REPRESENT? (x 12)</b>	
1	Show jumper Jessica Kürten	IRELAND
2	Tennis player Mark Philippoussis	AUSTRALIA
3	Former Arsenal striker Eduardo	CROATIA
4	2014 Ladies US Open golf champion Michelle Wie	USA
5	Connacht rugby coach Pat Lam won 34 caps as a player for which nation?	SAMOA (he did win 1 cap for the All-Blacks so that's why I've mentioned the 34 caps)
6	Snooker player Marco Fu	HONG KONG
7	Formula One driver Daniel Ricciardo	AUSTRALIA
8	Three-time World Athletics Champion (800m) Wilson Kipketer	DENMARK
9	2014 Wimbledon singles runner-up Eugenie Bouchard	CANADA
10	West Bromwich Albion striker Saido Berahino	ENGLAND
11	Current NBA basketballer Luol Deng	UK
12	Snowboarding gold medalist earlier this year, Vic Wild	RUSSIA
	<b>SHARED NAMES (x 12)</b>	
1	A former Tánaiste and leader of the Labour Party and the CEO of a slightly well-known low cost airline?	MICHAEL O'LEARY

2	Surname shared by man whose name became famous after a U.S. Supreme Court decision in 1966, and by a Portuguese dancer and singer who lived in Brazil but starred in several musicals on Broadway?	MIRANDA
3	Famous Irish revolutionary, an astronaut who orbited the moon and an author shortlisted for the Booker Prize in 2000?	MICHAEL COLLINS
4	An English novelist and poet, the founder of an Australian wine company and the captain of HMS Victory at the Battle of Trafalgar in October 1805?	THOMAS HARDY
5	Surname shared by pair of half-brothers who have played against each other in matches at the last two FIFA World Cups?	BOATENG
6	What is the only last name that was shared by both a 20th century U.S. President and a 20th century British Prime Minister?	WILSON
7	A blues singer who recorded the first version of 'Shake, Rattle and Roll' and an English artist of the 19th century who is currently being portrayed in cinemas by Timothy Spall, in a film directed by Mike Leigh?	JOSEPH TURNER
8	A current TD from Cork South-West, a former captain of the Irish football team and a gaelic footballer who won four All-Ireland titles between 1999 and 2006?	MICHAEL McCARTHY
9	Name shared by a Queen of England, a Queen of Scotland and an author best-known for the Merlin series of books?	MARY STUART/STEWART
10	An Australian state capital, an opera by Antonio Sartorio and a former British queen share what name?	ADELAIDE
11	A US state capital, a river in Canada and the stand behind the southern goal at MacHale Park stadium in Castlebar?	ALBANY
12	A single by The Thrills, a Paraguayan international footballer and the largest city on the island of Tenerife?	SANTA CRUZ