



Irish Quiz Organisation

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Rules:

The quiz consists of six written rounds, each of 40 questions. **All six rounds** count towards a player's overall score. The quiz is split in two halves, three rounds per half and with **50 minutes** allowed per half.

Where asked for a person's name, a surname will suffice, unless specifically asked for given names. Remember that a correct surname with an incorrect given name is a wrong answer!

This is not a spelling contest, so be reasonably lenient on spelling.

First Half:

- **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.*)

Second Half:

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

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1	Novels such as Mary Shelley's Frankenstein and Bram Stoker's Dracula are examples of epistolary novels. In this context, what does the word epistolary mean?	
2	Referred to as the father of western medicine, which 3rd-4th century BC Greek physician gives his name to the pledge taken by doctors and physicians to uphold ethical standards when treating their patients?	
3	Which poet and writer , born 1914, wrote the poem, "Do not go gentle into that good night"?	
4	"Z", "Beautiful Fools" and "Call Me Zelda" are all fictional accounts of periods in the life of Zelda Sayre, who married whom in 1920?	
5	First coined in the mid-1800's, what word is given to the science and study of languages?	
6	In Greek mythology, what was the most famous treasure of the land of Colchis? It had been given to the king of Colchis by the demi-god Phrixus who had previously used its bearer to escape the Queen of Thebes.	
7	Despite being a notorious brawler and suspected of murder as a result of gambling debts, which artist's greatest works include the Martyrdom, Inspiration and Calling of St Matthew, all three of which can still be seen today in the Roman church of San Luigi dei Francesci?	
8	What colour midway between red and blue, was originally called fuchsine but was renamed after a northern Italian town following an 1859 battle there?	
9	(Picture) Based on Picasso's "Dora Maar with Cat", which sold for \$95m in 2006, "Woman with Flowered Hat" sold for \$56m in 2013, making it the highest price ever paid for a work by which New York born artist of the Pop Art movement?	
10	Famed for such legends as the Daedalus and Icarus, the Minotaur and the King Minos and his daughter Ariadne, on which Greek island did the Minoan civilisation arise and flourish?	
11	Which Argentinian born revolutionary was involved in conflicts in Guatemala, Cuba and the Congo before he was killed, aged just 39, in Bolivia in 1967?	
12	One of the chief deities of the Hindu religion, Ganesha is usually portrayed as having the head of which animal ?	
13	Having since been adapted for radio, stage and television, who wrote the 1993 novel Birdsong, part of his French trilogy, covering the period from before the First until after the Second World Wars?	
14	What famous event of all four Christian gospels (Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22 and John 13) took place in a room called The Cenacle?	
15	Which Swiss-born, French politician and journalist of the 1700's, suffered his entire life from a debilitating skin disease but ironically was assassinated while taking a medicinal bath, a subject portrayed in a David painting of 1793?	
16	Which work of the early 1500s contains such catchy chapter titles as, "Concerning Cruelty and Clemency, and Whether it is Better to be Loved than Feared", "How Flatterers should be Avoided" and "An Exhortation to Liberate Italy from the Barbarians"?	
17	Primarily played by professional musicians in Ancient Greece, the cithara was an advanced version of what sort of early musical instrument ?	
18	Which Frenchman , born 1809, published his most important contribution to humankind at the age of just 20 using an awl? This despite having suffered a severe disability as a 3-year old following an accident with an awl - the disability resulting in his determination to make his particular contribution.	
19	What given name is shared by the composer of the famous Wedding March from A Midsummer Night's Dream, the first man to break the sound barrier while skydiving from an altitude of nearly 40km and a fictional CIA agent who has been played in film by at least eight different actors?	
20	The Inno Nazionale of San Marino and the Drzavna himna Bosne I Hercegovine are two of three European national anthems to have what unusual characteristic for an anthem in common?	
21	One of the doctors of the church, which saint is usually depicted in art and statues holding an open book on which stands the infant Jesus?	
22	The bombardment and battle of Fort McHenry in Baltimore, Maryland inspired Francis Scott Key to write the poem which became known as the Star Spangled Banner, now the US national anthem. The Battle of Fort McHenry took place during which conflict ?	
23	Which Verdi opera concerns the relationship between a wealthy nobleman Alfredo and a Parisian courtesan Violetta? For those more classically-minded, the plot is broadly replicated in the Richard Gere / Julia Roberts film Pretty Woman: in one scene of which, they attend this opera.	
24	With 15 winners, 5 more than either the US or UK, which country holds the distinction of having the most Nobel literature laureates? Its most recent win was just last year, 2014.	
25	Who was the only US president to serve two, non-consecutive terms as president, this despite carrying the popular vote in three successive elections: 1884, 1888 and 1892?	



26	Johannes Vermeer's "The Milkmaid", "The Love Letter" and "Woman Reading a Letter" are all on display in the national museum in which European capital city?	
27	How many of the seven wonders of the ancient world were situated in modern-day Turkey?	
28	Which king of Troy , killed by Achilles' son, counted the warriors Hector and Paris amongst his fifty sons?	
29	In some accounts she is a simple peasant woman while in others a goddess of the earth, Sif, famed for her golden hair, was the wife of which important mythological god?	
30	Mentioned throughout the histories of Ancient Greece and Rome, what name was shared by a number of female oracles who predicted many of the major events of the era? The most famous being the Persian who predicted the coming of Alexander the Great, the Delphic and the Cumaean who foretold the downfall of the Roman monarchy.	
31	In traditional Peking or Beijing opera, what specifically do any of the performers in Dan roles - such as laodan, huadan and wudan - have in common?	
32	What term in Buddhism , translating from sanskrit as "continuous movement", is defined as the continual cycle of death and rebirth from which Buddhists aim to escape through practising dharma?	
33	Coined by Kaiser Wilhelm II, what racist two-word phrase was initially used to describe the risk to German colonisation in Asia posed by a strong Japan and later the migration to Europe of Chinese workers in the late 19th and early 20th century? The phrase continued to be used about the Japanese during World War II.	
34	Which German town on the river Danube is internationally famous for having a church with the tallest steeple in the world (over 160m high) and as the birthplace of Albert Einstein?	
35	Which Persian poet and mathematician (1048-1131) was brought to the attention of the Western world by Edward Fitzgerald's 19th century translations of his most famous works in quatrains called rubai?	
36	Which Roman general and dictator of the second century BC, nicknamed "the delayer", is considered the father of guerilla warfare for his strategies during the Punic Wars? A famous London society with strong links to the Labour Party, founded in 1884, was named after him.	
37	Lasting 289 years from 618 to 907 AD, which was the longest reigning Chinese dynasty of the last 2000 years?	
38	What name is given to a logical argument , originally defined by Aristotle, whereby a conclusion can be arrived at based on two propositions which are assumed to be true? An example being: All dogs bark; Rover is a dog; therefore Rover barks.	
39	Originally known as the Russian Imperial Ballet and then the Soviet Ballet, by what name was the St Petersburg-based Mariinsky Ballet known between 1935 and 1992? It was named after the Soviet party leader in, then, Leningrad, who was assassinated in 1934.	
40	Which Dublin-born artist , now based in Scotland, won the 2014 Turner prize for the video work, "It for Others"?	

Picture (Q9)





1	With almost 30% of the seats and combining members from Angela Merkel's CDU, Nicolas Sarkozy's UMP, Silvio Berlusconi's Forza Italia and Enda Kenny's Fine Gael amongst others, what is the largest political grouping in the European Parliament?	
2	Officially called the "People Committed to the Prophet's Teachings for Propagation and Jihad" by what name , which translates as "Western Education is Forbidden" do we better know this Nigerian Islamist organisation?	
3	The words "wiki", as used in wikipedia, and "hula", as used in hula hoop, both originated in which language?	
4	Now used in relation to many conflicts and even sports events, the phrase, "The Shot Heard Around the World" was originally used to refer to the opening salvos of which conflict?	
5	What district of Tower Hamlets in London takes its name from the fact that the Fred Olsen Lines shipping company warehoused significant quantities of fruit there, which had been imported from islands in the Mediterranean Sea and Atlantic Ocean?	
6	Satya Nadella replaced Steve Ballmer in early 2014, to become just the third Chief Executive Officer of which multinational corporation since its Initial Public Offering in 1986?	
7	(Picture 1) Who is this 68-year old woman? She was appointed to her current position in early 2014, becoming the first woman to hold this office, one of the most important in international finance and economics.	
8	In computing terms there are 8 bits in a byte. What name is commonly given to a 4-bit aggregation, half a byte of memory?	
9	(Picture 2) Founded in 1957 and, though not actually a part of the United Nations but reporting to it, this is the flag of which global organisation which was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2005?	
10	Usually featuring the latest launches and innovations from the largest mobile operators and manufacturers, the Mobile World Congress is held in February each year in which Spanish city?	
11	Anwar Sadat becomes president of Egypt, Salvador Allende becomes president of Chile and the Reverend Ian Paisley is elected to the House of Commons for the first time. These three events all occurred within which year of the 1970's?	
12	Founded by Nicolas G Hayek in 1983, which Swiss company saw sales of over €7bn in 2013, making it the world's largest manufacturer of its principal product line. Its name very clearly indicates that product and Hayek, himself, was famous for wearing up to six of them at the same time!	
13	Vlaams Belang is a far-right, ultra-nationalist party, which advocates for the independence of which region of Western Europe? The region has a population of 6.4m (2012), yet has an area less than the size of Northern Ireland.	
14	By what nickname was the US gangster born Lester Joseph Gillis in 1908, who was killed in a shoot-out with FBI officers in "The Battle of Barrington", a town outside Chicago, in 1934, better known?	
15	What title derived from the Arabic for successor was given to the early successors and relatives of Muhammad? It was subsequently more widely used for Muslim leaders and, in 2014, ISIS announced that the title had been bestowed on Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, one of its chief emirs?	
16	While it happily trailed a distant second in 2013 to Honduras in terms of homicide rates, which OPEC member country also "enjoyed" the world's second highest inflation rate in 2013, at just over 60% per annum?	
17	What two word phrase for a natural hierarchy in any group comes from studying hierarchies in chickens and the observation that dominant chickens are accomplished in using their beak to establish control?	
18	With works on display in museums across the US, the artist Nathan Sawaya is best known for working in which material? His main touring exhibition is entitled The Art of the Brick and he is recognised as a Master Builder by the company which makes the material.	
19	Following Pope John Paul II's 2002 letter outlining the five luminous mysteries of the rosary, how many mysteries of the rosary are now recognised by the Roman Catholic Church?	
20	Sometimes referred to as the BSE 30, though it should have changed its name to MSE 30 in 1995 as the city in which it is based was renamed, the SENSEX is a stock market index of the 30 largest, publicly owned companies in which country?	
21	Lion Breweries, producing Speights beer, and DB Breweries, producing Tui beer, between them produce about 90% of the beer sales by volume in which country?	
22	What letter of the alphabet is represented by a single dash in International Morse Code?	
23	Following the world's largest democratic election in May 2014, who is the 15th and current Prime Minister of India?	
24	One of the very few elected monarchs in the world, which country is ruled over by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong? Fourteen different men have held the post since the country's independence in 1957 and, as well as being king, the person is also "Head of Islam" in the country.	
25	Where in the human body would you find the anatomical snuffbox?	

26	Following on from the Tunisian revolution of 2010-11, the revolution in which Middle-Eastern country saw the overthrow of Ali Abdullah Saleh, who had been president of the country since 1978?	
27	Though less well known than the Sicilian Mafia, the Comorra crime syndicate originated in and is mostly associated with which Italian city?	
28	What is the only country in the world whose name, in English, contains the two letters "rz" in a row?	
29	What four-letter word is the Persian or Farsi word for country or homeland? The word forms part of the names of seven members of the United Nations.	
30	Garuda is the national airline of which Asian country?	
31	Which Canadian born architect designed both the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao and the version under construction in Abu Dhabi?	
32	The sixth son of Ibn Saud to assume the throne, who became king of Saudi Arabia in January 2015 on the death of his half-brother Abdullah?	
33	The parotid glands are the largest of the three main glands in humans which produce what substance?	
34	Which retail chain recently banned games of hide and seek in its Dutch stores following Facebook campaigns which had some 32,000 participants signed up for a game in early March?	
35	What derogatory acronym using the countries' initials is still used to describe the group of, mainly Mediterranean, EU countries (but a variation often includes Ireland) who ran into significant financial difficulties in the late 2000's, resulting in bail-outs, economic programs and exclusion from international bond markets?	
36	Who is the oldest living former Secretary-General of the United Nations?	
37	Which of the world's countries with a population of just over 7 million, has among its approximately 850 different languages, three official languages: Hiri Motu, Tok Pisin and English? A number of the 850 languages now have no living speakers.	
38	Conquered by Pompey in 64BC and made a Roman province by Nero in 62AD, the historic region of Pontus was predominantly situated in which modern-day country?	
39	Reputed to be the only military code never cracked, which Native American tribe's language was used by US Marine Corps for coded messaging during World War II, most famously during the Battle of Iwo Jima, and is central to the plot of the 2002 Nicolas Cage film Windtalkers?	
40	Which European capital city is home to the Casa Poporului or People's House, the world's largest parliament building? Building commenced in 1984, 7 years after a major earthquake damaged much of the old centre of the city - though the building work itself is thought to have resulted in nearly as much damage.	

Picture1 (Q7)



Picture2 (Q9)





1	Which fragrance is said to have gotten its name from the fact that its designer considered a particular number lucky, even going so far as to present her dress collections on that numbered day and month each year?	
2	Which female artist scored her first UK number 1 single in 9 years when she co-sang 2013's "Scream & Shout" with US artist will.i.am?	
3	"Hello Nasty" and "To the Five Boroughs" are two of the four US chart-topping albums of which New York-based group who disbanded in 2012 following the death of one of their founder members?	
4	Whose most recent female companions, in reverse chronological order, have been Clara Oswald, River Song and Amy Pond?	
5	What US sitcom's eighth season was delayed in 2014 when the five main actors demanded significantly improved contracts and was only resolved when three of them signed a deal reported to be worth \$1 million an episode for the eighth, ninth and tenth seasons?	
6	Which two comedians and presenters were involved in the 2008 Sachsgate affair - causing one to resign his job and the other to be suspended for a number of months?	
7	Which singer was dragged down a flight of stairs at this year's Brit Awards as a result of a wardrobe malfunction, though she continued the performance as if nothing had happened?	
8	The plot of which classic comedy film of 1974 involves the defence of the hapless town of Rock Ridge by a sheriff and his drunken deputy against the scheming Attorney General who wants to run a railroad through the town?	
9	He received an honorary Academy Award in 2005, having had 14 of his films nominated for various Academy Awards. Who was the director of 1970's classics, "Serpico", "Dog Day Afternoon" and "Network"?	
10	If One Direction are adored by "Directioners" and Justin Bieber worshipped by "Beliebers", what nickname is given to hardcore fans of Miley Cyrus?	
11	Best known for his work on Saturday Night Live and Emmy nominated for playing a character with the same given name as himself, which US comedian was involved in a near fatal car crash in the summer of 2014? His comedic colleague, James McNair was killed in the crash.	
12	Though now performing as Cheryl, what is Cheryl Tweedy's full married surname following her 2014 marriage to a French businessman and restaurateur?	
13	The first act of which 1920's musical takes place on and around The Cotton Blossom?	
14	Which Shakespearean play centres on the twins Viola and Sebastian, with Viola, disguised as a man winning the affections of the Countess Olivia, whom Sebastian is trying woo?	
15	Who is the only governor of the Australian state of New South Wales to have been portrayed in five different feature films? He was played by George Cross in the first in 1916 and, most recently, by Anthony Hopkins in 1984.	
16	The Best Picture Academy Award winning films of 1962 and 1963 both contained male, given names in their titles. Give either of the two film titles.	
17	Who is the only Oscar winning actress of the last 20 years to have been married to two different Oscar winners over that period - one husband won an Oscar for Best Adapted Screenplay and the other as a producer of the Best Picture?	
18	Which actor , married to actress Naomi Watts, is best known for portraying the title character Ray Donovan in the Showtime network TV series?	
19	Now a part of the Walt Disney Corporation, who originally founded "Industrial Light and Magic", a multi-award winning special effects company, which has been involved in films as diverse as Willow, Terminator 2, Death Becomes Her and Rango?	
20	Although he won 22 Academy Awards and a further 4 honorary Academy Awards, for which film did Walt Disney win his only Best Picture Academy Award?	
21	Jon Stewart resigned from the Daily Show in February 2015 just two months after Stephen Colbert moved to CBS, leaving which US cable and satellite channel , launched in 1991, without the presenters of their two most watched programmes?	
22	What was the name of Kanye West's most recent studio album released in 2013 - its title coming from an amalgamation of the ever-modest Mr West's name and that of the Son of God according to Christian teaching?	
23	The animated sitcom Family Guy is set in which US State ?	
24	Dying the year before Johnny Cash in 2002, who was the first member of the US Country Supergroup "The Highwaymen" to die? His most famous hits include, "Are you sure Hank done it this way" and "The Theme from the Dukes of Hazard".	
25	Annually butchered across the English-speaking world on New Year's Eve, what five words should follow "Should old acquaintance be forgot" in the most common English variation of Robbie Burns' poem Auld Lang Syne?	



26	With which song did Conchita Wurst win the 2014 Eurovision for Austria?	
27	In Los Angeles he had to contend with Hans Gruber, in New York his older brother Simon Peter Gruber but in between what renegade US army colonel (character surname please) did John McClane foil at Washington DC's Dullus airport?	
28	Which musical features the songs, "Big Girls Don't Cry", "Can't Take My Eyes Off You" and "Working My Way Back to You"?	
29	With a sequel just announced, the Walt Disney film Frozen is based on a story by which author ? It's highly unlikely he will write the sequel!	
30	A US court recently ruled that Robin Thicke and Pharrell Williams had to pay \$7.4m to the estate of Marvin Gaye as a result of their chart topping hit "Blurred Lines" being too similar to which of Gaye's hits , which itself topped the US charts in 1977?	
31	Winner of multiple Best Young Adult and Science Fiction awards, which US author wrote the Divergent trilogy, the first book of which was made into a 2014 film, which itself won Best Action Movie at the 2014 People's Choice awards?	
32	AKB48, a group originally comprising 48 members, who rotate in and out for performances, have sold over 30 million singles since their formation in 2006 and are currently on a run of 25 number 1 singles in a row. These numbers make them one of the top 10-selling artists of all time in which country ?	
33	Because she felt it glamourised an immoral lifestyle, the playwright Maurine Watkins repeatedly refused to sell the rights to which 1926 play ? On her death in 1969, her estate sold the rights and the play is now the basis of Broadway's second-longest running musical and an Academy Award winning film.	
34	Which UK band had a US top-5 hit with the song Pompeii in 2013? The band's took its name from the fact that the lead singer's birthday is in mid-July.	
35	Which US singing legend sang with or had as his backing group The Famous Flames, The Dapps, The Pacemakers and from 1970 to the early 1980's The J.B.'s?	
36	What type of creature is the children's animated character Angelina Ballerina who has been voiced on US and UK TV shows by Judi Dench's real-life daughter Finty Williams, with Dench herself voicing Angelina's mother?	
37	His first novel, "Things Fall Apart" is one of the most widely read books ever written by an African author and he followed it up with works such as "Arrow of God" and "Anthills of the Savannah". What is the name of this Nigerian author, who died exactly two years ago today (21st March 2013)?	
38	Written by Northern Irish author Sam McBratney, which illustrated children's book concerning Big and Little Nutbrown Hare has sold nearly 30 million copies worldwide in the 20 years since its release?	
39	She was the first person from her country to appear on Forbes Magazine's list of richest artists in 1991, what nationality is Xuxa? She has sold over 40 million records worldwide, appeared in over 20 films, has her own TV Xuxa weekly programme and an estimated net worth of over \$300m.	
40	Named after the American cartoonist who devised it in a 1985 comic strip, what is the name of the test which is used as an indicator of gender bias in works of fiction? A work of fiction only passes the test if two female characters have at least one conversation in the work about something other than a man and of the near 6,000 movies reviewed on the test's website, 43% fail.	