



## IRISH OPEN 2015

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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 etc.*)

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1	Invented in 2012, the caxirola was announced as the official musical instrument of <b>which sporting event?</b> Embarrassingly for the organisers, the instrument, a grenade-shaped bucket filled with small plastic particles was subsequently banned as a potentially dangerous weapon!	
2	Now a spokeswoman for teen-pregnancy prevention, <b>what is the given name</b> of former US-politician Sarah Palin's daughter, who was the subject of much media attention during her mother's vice-presidential campaign when she announced she was pregnant at the age of just 17?	
3	The names of three months of the year, in the English language, can also be used as standard, non-capitalised English words. May is one of these. Name <b>the other two months.</b>	
4	A US Treasury Secretary under George W Bush, a controversial English fast-bowler of the 1960's and 70's, the illegitimate son of Lord Eddard Stark and a Channel 4 broadcaster <b>all share what surname</b> (their given names differing only by a letter)?	
5	<b>Which Hollywood heart-throb</b> married British lawyer Amal Alamuddin in April 2014?	
6	According to Transparency International, three Scandanavian countries are in the top 4 least corrupt countries in the world. Finishing in second place, <b>which Southern Hemisphere country</b> , broke their domination?	
7	<b>What significant first</b> was achieved by the 19-second video, entitled "Me at the Zoo", shot in April 2003 and featuring Jawed Karim at San Diego Zoo?	
8	<b>What controversial internet craze</b> , which originated in Australia, involved participants rapidly drinking a pint of alcohol or spirits and then nominating two others to do likewise? A number of deaths have been linked to activity.	
9	In knitting, while a knit or plain stitch occurs when you pass the needle through the previous loop from below, <b>what type of basic stitch</b> occurs when you pass the needle through the previous loop from above?	
10	Made by a company founded by Ransom Eli Olds in 1904, <b>which flat-bed, light motor truck</b> of the 1910's and 1920's also gave its name to a US rock band, formed in the late 1960's by Neal Doughty and whose most successful album was 1980's Hi Fidelity?	
11	A member of the daisy family, <b>what flower</b> with a name deriving from the Greek for "apple on the ground" is commonly used in teas and other drinks for its proven stress relief qualities? It has also been shown to demonstrate anti-inflammatory, anti-cancer and anti-hyperglycemic properties, when used in compounds.	
12	<b>Which Leeds-born celebrity chef</b> was, at the time, the second youngest ever and also the first British chef to earn three Michelin stars? He is now more likely to be seen hosting Masterchef Australia and advertising Knorr stock cubes.	
13	Kimchi, a dish of fermented vegetables, often cabbage, is a traditional dish in the <b>cuisine of which country?</b>	
14	<b>(Picture)</b> This is the logo of <b>which famous US non-profit hospital</b> and research group? It was ranked as the "Best Hospital" in the US News 2014-15 listing.	
15	Often described as a cross between eBay and Amazon, <b>which company's</b> raising of US\$25 billion in September 2014, made it the largest Initial Public Offering in history?	
16	Rare in humans, sarcoma are cancerous mesenchymal cells, usually made of bone, fat or cartilage. Much more common in humans, <b>what is the name</b> given to cancerous epithelial cells, epithelium being one of the main types of tissue in the human body?	
17	<b>Which vegetable</b> did Thomas Jefferson have served to him, "in the French style" at an 1802 dinner in the White House, leading to the now ubiquitous name for a common foodstuff?	
18	Now used to make around 80% of the product in Ireland and the UK, the Chorleywood Process, developed in Chorleywood, Hertfordshire in the 1960's, is the most common process for <b>the production of what everyday item?</b>	
19	With a floor area of nearly 250,000 square metres, more than 500 stores and an estimated 40 million visitors per annum, the Mall of America, the USA's most popular enclosed shopping mall is located in the city of Bloomington, just south of the state capital <b>of which midwestern US State?</b>	
20	A regular in fish and chip shops in Ireland and the UK, a saveloy is a <b>highly-seasoned, reddish form of what foodstuff?</b>	
21	The logo of <b>which technology company</b> is formed by two white, intertwined Norse runes standing in a blue oval? The runes represent the letters H and B.	
22	Terminals provided by <b>which US financial software and data company</b> are used throughout the financial services industry to access the company's services and are distinguished by keyboards with a green <GO> key for ENTER, a red <CANCEL> for ESC and yellow named function keys?	
23	<b>Which country</b> became the 19th member of the Eurozone, when it adopted the euro on 1st January 2015?	
24	Flying over 5.5 million passengers in 2012 (3.5 times more than Dublin to London), the world's busiest international air route links Hong Kong to <b>which city</b> nearly 800 kilometres away?	
25	<b>What dish</b> usually served after dessert, with tea or coffee, takes its name from the French for small oven?	



26	<b>Which San Francisco based, US clothing company</b> owns the brands Banana Republic and Old Navy?	
27	<b>How many standard bottles</b> of champagne are there in a magnum plus a Methuselah plus a Nebuchadnezzar?	
28	<b>Which fashion designer</b> established his first store in Florence in 1920, formed his self-named company in 1921 and, together with his three sons, built it up to become Italy's biggest selling brand - now ranked in the top 100 world brands by Business Week magazine?	
29	<b>What form of exercise</b> mainly involving stretching and strenghtening of the core muscles of the body with an emphasis on breathing throughout, was named after its German-born, Greek developer, Josef, who devised the main principles in the mid 20th century?	
30	Shawl, square, book and waterbomb are all basic bases used as starting points in <b>which traditional art form</b> ?	
31	<b>Which South American country</b> ranks first per capita in the number of troops contributed to UN Peace Keeping Operations? It also ranks as South America's most peaceful, democratic, prosperous and secure country and was the first country in the world to give a laptop to every primary school child.	
32	The world's best-selling single-malt whisky, <b>which Scotch</b> features an impressively antlered stag's head on its bottles?	
33	In order to be considered kosher, non-carnivorous mammals must satisfy two criteria according to Leviticus Chapter 11. They must have cloven hooves (hence, for example, horses are non-kosher) and <b>they must engage in what other practice</b> (a fact which makes the cloven-hooved pig non-kosher)?	
34	<b>What is the full given</b> (first) name of the Swiss man, regularly the centre of controversy, who has been president of the world governing body of soccer, FIFA, since 1998?	
35	<b>Which weekly magazine</b> , printed in London and first published in 1843, describes itself as "not simply a chronicle of economics" but a publication which "takes part in the severe contest between intelligence, which presses forward, and an unworthy, timid ignorance obstructing progress"?	
36	With an average 30-minute car journey taking 68 minutes during rush hour, <b>which capital city</b> has the unenviable title of the world's most congested city, this despite (or maybe because of?) having the greatest number of billionaire residents in the world?	
37	<b>What fruit</b> is used to flavour the French liqueur <i>crème de mure</i> ? It is probably most commonly found in the Bramble cocktail, where it is mixed with gin and lemon juice.	
38	<b>Which part of the body</b> can suffer from blepharitis, a chronic inflammation often caused by bacteria build-up or allergies?	
39	Taking its name from the French for "the course", <b>what training methodology</b> developed in France in the 1980's from army assault course training, involves the participant getting from A to B in the most efficient manner possible. This might involve running, climbing, vaulting or rolling, all the time using one's surroundings for propulsion.	
40	Around 98% of all the grapes grown in the Beaujolais region of France are <b>of what grape varietal</b> ? Most winemakers in the region allow the grapes to ferment before crushing, giving rise to the typical, fruity Beaujolais red wines which are low in tannins.	

Picture (Q14)





1	The phrase halcyon days refers to a period of calm and comes from the name given by the Ancient Greeks to a mythical bird which they thought nested on the ocean. Halcyonidae is now one of the main families of <b>which brightly coloured birds</b> common along riverbanks in Ireland and the UK?	
2	<b>(Picture1)</b> Built in the 17th century, now a UNESCO World Heritage site and located at an altitude of 3,500 metres, the Potala Palace was, until 1959, <b>the chief residence of whom?</b>	
3	Lepidopterology is the study of <b>what types of animals?</b>	
4	The most common of its kind in Ireland, <b>what type of animal</b> is a porbeagle?	
5	<b>What radioactive metal</b> , atomic number 90, a member of the actinide family, takes its name from a Norse God?	
6	<b>(Picture2)</b> <b>What group of self-governing islands in the Atlantic Ocean</b> takes its name from a breed of sheep native to the islands? The island's coat of arms depicts the sheep.	
7	Dying out some 10,000 years ago, <b>what is the more common name for</b> the smilodon, a large carnivore of the Americas which hunted bison and camels?	
8	<b>What is the name of the space probe</b> launched by the European Space Agency in 2004, which reached the comet 67P / Churyumov - Gerasimenko in August 2014 and from which the Philae lander was launched becoming the first man-made object to land on a comet?	
9	<b>What is the westernmost city in Russia</b> , only two hours by road from Gdansk and twice the distance from Moscow than it is from Berlin?	
10	Despite being only second largest of the five, <b>which of the boroughs of New York</b> has the highest population, at almost 2.6m according to 2013 estimates?	
11	Once the fourth largest lake in the world, <b>what body of water</b> has shrunk to about 10% of its original size over the last 50 years due to diversions of feeder rivers for irrigation purposes?	
12	<b>What is the largest member</b> of the istophoridae fish family? It can regularly reach 5 metres in length and weigh over 800 kilograms but, despite this size, is one of the fastest creatures on the planet being clocked at over 120 km per hour - as fast as a cheetah.	
13	Jaipur is the capital and largest city of <b>which Indian state</b> - the country's largest by area?	
14	There are two animals in the monotremata order of mammals both of which are depicted on coins of the country in which this order of mammals is found. <b>Name either of the two animals.</b>	
15	<b>Whose law of gases</b> , published in 1662, states that the pressure exerted by a gas is inversely proportional to the volume it occupies, assuming the temperature remains constant?	
16	<b>How many degrees</b> are in each of the internal angles of a regular hexagon?	
17	The Rideau Canal, the oldest continuously operating canal system in North America and, during the winter, home to the world's largest ice-skating rink, is located <b>in which city</b> , the fourth most populous in its country?	
18	Used by police forces across the world, the defining component of <b>what substance</b> is 2-chlorobenzalmalononitrile - a compound of carbon and nitrogen triple-bonded (cyanide), chlorine and benzene?	
19	First used in relation to the spread of HIV in the US in the 1980's, <b>what two word term</b> was given to Gaetan Dugas, whom the US Centres for Disease Control identified as the primary or index case of the virus? It is now widely used in the media to refer to the first carrier of any disease or the originator of computer viruses.	
20	Variously known as traveller's joy, virgin's bower and old man's beard, <b>what climbing member of the buttercup family</b> common in European gardens is actually highly toxic if ingested?	
21	A Royal Society paper published in February 2015, outlined the discovery that <b>the teeth of which animal</b> , with a strength of nearly 5 GPa (human teeth register 0.5 GPa) were the world's strongest-known biological material?	
22	With an urban population of nearly 2 million people, <b>which city in northern Iraq</b> is the country's second largest, although administration is now largely in the hands of the Islamic State group?	
23	With an area of nearly 6,000 square kilometres (nearly half the size of Northern Ireland), Lake Vanern, the largest lake in the European Union, <b>is in which country?</b>	
24	Famed as the place of imprisonment of Alexandre Dumas' Count of Monte Cristo, the island of If is part of the Frioul archipelago, situated <b>in the bay of which city?</b>	
25	One of the poorest and economically slowest growing on the Spanish mainland, <b>which Spanish region</b> on the country's border with Portugal, with Merida as its capital, has a name which translates as "beyond the Duero" river	
26	Now comprising around 80% of the Irish and UK output, elsanta is a laboratory-constructed varietal of <b>which fruit</b> , its hardness meaning it can be grown much earlier and later in the year than the usually short summer period for this fruit?	

27	Which African country, the smallest on the continental mainland, was formed following British and French negotiations in 1889? The French conceded the first 300 kilometres of the river from which the country takes its name and the British marked out a boundary around 20 kilometres either side of the river.	
28	The town of Yambuku, where the Ebola virus was first identified, is located near the Ebola River, from where the virus got its name. The town and the river are in <b>which African country?</b>	
29	Driven to extinction in the wild in Europe in the 1920's, <b>which animal</b> , the largest land mammal in Europe, has been gradually reintroduced over the last 40 years in Eastern Europe and now numbers an estimated 4,000 in the wild?	
30	Site of the famous 1876 battle, the Little Bighorn River rises in northern Wyoming but is predominantly in <b>which US state?</b>	
31	The United States' first manned spaceflight programme and the capsule which carried the first US astronauts into space was named <b>after which Roman god?</b>	
32	Hunted to extinctin by Afrikaners in the 1870's, the quagga was a subspecies of <b>which large, common African mammal?</b>	
33	An easy one for those making up bottles for babies, to the nearest millilitre, <b>how many millilitres</b> are there in one fluid ounce? The answer is evenly divisible by 10.	
34	Although they usually vary greatly to follow national borders, <b>how many degrees of longitude</b> does each time zone occupy on average?	
35	<b>What very famous map</b> still in use today was drawn up by English draughtsman Harry Beck in 1931, though it took two years for the main beneficiaries to be convinced of its usefulness?	
36	English scientist John Newlands' 1860's "Law of Octaves" was an early, and reasonably accurate as it turned out, attempt to systematically <b>order and group what?</b>	
37	Famous for its salmon fishing and whisky distilleries and flowing into the Moray Firth, at 172km long, <b>what is Scotland's second longest river?</b>	
38	At just over 4,000 metres, Mount Toubkal is the highest peak <b>in which mountain range?</b>	
39	<b>What general name</b> is given to plants, the most common of which are cacti, which have some parts, usually leaves or stems, which are thickened to retain water to help survival in arid climates?	
40	<b>(Picture3)</b> This is the flag of <b>which Caribbean territory?</b> It is the second largest British Overseas Territory by population (after Bermuda), consists of two small but distinct groups of islands north of Hispaniola, and has Cockburn Town as its capital city.	

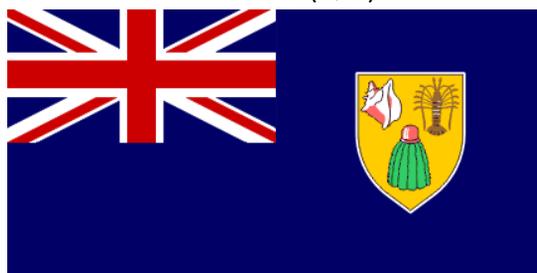
Picture1(Q2)



Picture2 (Q6)



Picture3 (Q40)





1	A standard sudoku puzzle, when correctly completed, is made up of <b>how many small squares</b> , each one containing a single-digit number?	
2	<b>Which country</b> did host nation Brazil defeat in the opening game of the 2014 FIFA World Cup?	
3	Originally simply called the Football League Cup, it has since been sponsored by companies such as the Milk Marketing Board, Rumbelows and Coca Cola. <b>Who are the current sponsors</b> of the cup competition open to all 92 clubs from the top four divisions of English football?	
4	The wonderfully named Carlos Costly scored <b>which country's</b> only goal during the 2014 FIFA World Cup finals?	
5	In November 2014, Microsoft bought Swedish company Mojang for \$2.5bn. Mojang is best known as the creator of <b>which video game</b> , its nearly 20 million sales on PCs making it the best selling PC game of all time?	
6	<b>What is the English equivalent</b> of the Italian award and title of Capocannoniere?	
7	<b>Which race</b> , currently in progress, is being competed for by seven teams including Dongfeng, Team Brunel, Team Alvimedica and the favourites, Abu Dhabi?	
8	Professional darts player Simon Whitlock, four-time World Snooker Champion John Higgins and the first footballer to be knighted while still playing, Stanley Matthews, all have <b>what word in common</b> as part of their nicknames?	
9	Worth two points, <b>what name</b> is given to a score in American Football which results from an attacking player having to ground the football having been tackled in their own end zone?	
10	Although Justin Rose top scored overall with four points, <b>which golfer</b> , the second youngest on their team, was the only unbeaten member and top scorer (3.5 points) on the 2014 US Ryder Cup team?	
11	Since 1980, the official men's world record <b>over which athletics distance</b> has been held by two Americans, three Britons, two Morroccans and an Algerian?	
12	Currently fifth place on the all-time home run scoring list, <b>which New York Yankee baseball player</b> , was banned for 162 games for his use of performance enhancing drugs causing him to miss the entire 2014 season though his records of most career grand slams, most home runs in a season and most runs by a player of Hispanic descent were all allowed to stand?	
13	Having managed his club to a 1962 European Cup win, Bela Guttmann walked out when refused a pay rise by the owners. He subsequently cursed the club and since then they have lost 8 major European finals, most recently 2013 and 2014? <b>Which European club?</b>	
14	Actually called Tetrominos, <b>how many different shapes</b> , each made up of four small squares, are there in the original version of Tetris?	
15	<b>What two-word French term</b> is used for the area in motor racing circuits to which cars are usually required to return at the end of races to allow stewards to examine them?	
16	The eight teams in the Premier Division of <b>which member of UEFA</b> all play their home league games at the Victoria Stadium on Winston Churchill Avenue?	
17	<b>Which Brazilian footballer</b> , now playing in Sweden, has been FIFA World Player of the Year five times in a row and been in the top three for each of the last ten years?	
18	The home stadia of Nagoya Grampus 8 of the J-League and, perhaps more surprisingly, the MLS clubs FC Dallas and Chicago Fire are all named <b>after which multinational company</b> , the world's second largest automotive company according to 2013 sales?	
19	Club teams from 8 different countries entered the inaugural 2014-15 European Rugby Challenge Cup - the six countries who participate in the Six Nations Championship, plus one club each from Romania and <b>what other country</b> , whose sole participant lost over two legs to Italy's Rovigo Delta?	
20	<b>Which city</b> was the first to host the modern summer Olympic Games twice?	
21	One of just two of the current members of the Super League never to have won the title, <b>which West Yorkshire rugby league club</b> fittingly play their home games at The Jungle?	
22	<b>Which US golfer</b> , given name John and nickname "Lord", still holds the record for most consecutive wins on the US PGA Tour, with his 11 straight wins in 1945? He won 18 and finished second in 7 of the 35 US PGA Tour events that year.	
23	<b>Which events of the 1956 Summer Olympics</b> actually took place in Stockholm some five months before the Games themselves were held in Melbourne, due to travel restrictions for the participants?	
24	<b>(Picture)</b> Resident in Las Vegas and with an estimated net worth of \$300m, Dana F White is best known to sports fans as president of <b>what sporting organisation?</b>	



25	Starring Tim Roth, Gerard Depardieu and Sam Neill, the 2014 film United Passions concerns the history of <b>which sporting organisation</b> ? Roth apparently asked "Where's all the corruption in the script?", though it didn't stop him playing a leading role!	
26	Developed by Richard Noble and driven by RAF pilot Andy Green, <b>what is the name</b> of the jet-propelled car which currently holds the World Land Speed record - 1,228 km/h?	
27	Similar to Texas hold 'em, <b>what variation of poker</b> , named for the largest city in a US State, sees each player dealt four cards face-down and requires them to use exactly two of these cards and three of the communal cards to make the best five-card hand?	
28	Three countries had over 200 athletes qualify to participate in the 2014 Winter Olympic Games. USA and Russia topped the list but, with 222 participants, <b>which country was third</b> in terms of eligible athletes?	
29	The Essendon Bombers and <b>which other Melbourne-based</b> Aussie Rules club, nicknamed the Blues, share the record for the most Australian Football League titles, both having won 16 times?	
30	Amongst the plethora of different coloured jerseys sported by cyclists in the Tour de France, <b>what is the name of the jersey</b> which can be worn by either the World Road Race or World Time Trial champions, if they are partaking?	
31	<b>Which female racing driver</b> in 2014 became the first woman in over 22 years to take part in a Formula 1 weekend, driving in a free practice session for the Williams F1 team and subsequently being named their 2015 test driver?	
32	Wladimir Klitschko holds both the IBF and WBO world heavyweight boxing titles. <b>Name either of the other two boxers</b> to currently hold recognised heavyweight world titles: an Uzbekistani who is WBA champion and an American who is WBC champion?	
33	Run in early June in Long Island, New York, <b>what race</b> , billed "The Test of the Champion", is the third leg of US thoroughbred horse-racing's Triple Crown?	
34	<b>Which country's national team</b> are current reigning Olympic, World and European handball champions - the first time one country has held all three titles at the same time?	
35	According to the British Horseracing Authority, <b>what is the maximum number of characters</b> (including spaces) which can be used in the name of a race horse in the UK?	
36	First used in 1976, <b>what disparaging name</b> is given to the last player chosen during the American Football NFL draft?	
37	Excluding the run-ups during long and high-jumps, <b>what is the total distance run</b> during a standard (Olympic, World Championships) women's heptathlon?	
38	Part of the World Cyber Games, where winners' cheques can run into hundreds of thousands of dollars, DotA is a hugely popular, multi-player modification of Blizzard Entertainment's Warcraft III. <b>What does DotA stand for</b> in this context?	
39	Although the average club player uses plastic versions, Olympic rules require that sixteen feathers <b>from which type of bird</b> are used in standard badminton shuttlecocks?	
40	Common in endgame situations and first used in English texts by Emanuel Lasker, <b>what German term</b> , literally translating as "compulsion to move", is used in chess to describe the situation whereby a player would be better off if they could pass their move as any move they make would leave them in a worse position than their current one?	

Picture (Q24)

