

## Round One

### EASY

1. If you were walking for half an hour, how many minutes would you have been walking for?

**ANSWER:** 30 minutes

2. What is the term given to the letters a, o, u, e, and i in the alphabet?

**ANSWER:** Vowels

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### MODERATE

3. When air is heated does it rise or fall?

**ANSWER:** Rise

4. Belfast is situated on which river?

**ANSWER:** Lagan

### DIFFICULT

5. What V is the toxin secreted by a snake when it bites?

**ANSWER:** Venom

6. Who did the Republic of Ireland beat in the playoff game to qualify for the European Championship in 2016?

**ANSWER:** Bosnia and Herzegovina

## Round Two

### EASY

1. Unscramble the word meaning to move quickly from an unsafe place to a safe place in times of danger – EEACVTUA

**ANSWER:** Evacuate

2. Which star sign is represented by the ram?

**ANSWER:** Aries

### MODERATE

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3. EGLNA is an anagram of which Christmas decoration commonly placed at the top of the Christmas tree?

**ANSWER:** Angel

4. Pharaoh is the title given to the leaders of which ancient country?

**ANSWER:** Egypt

### DIFFICULT

5. What part of a dart board shares its name with the horse from Toy Story?

**ANSWER:** Bulls eye

6. Which rugby team knocked Ireland out of the 2015 Rugby World Cup?

**ANSWER:** Argentina

### Round Three

#### EASY

1. What angle is formed by the hands of a clock at 3 o' clock?

ANSWER: A right angle or 90° degrees

2. Which one of the four judges on last year's X Factor had hits with Poison and How We Do (Party)?

ANSWER: Rita Ora.

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#### MODERATE

3. Which character in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory turned into a blueberry?

ANSWER: Violet (Beauregarde)

4. Complete the following analogy; nose is to smell as tongue is to \_\_\_\_\_.

ANSWER: Taste

#### DIFFICULT

5. Beginning with "S" what is another name for your savings in your Credit Union?

ANSWER: Shares

6. Which Meath man invented the scale for measuring wind strength? He called his invention after himself.

ANSWER: (Sir Francis) Beaufort

## Round Four

### EASY

1. Which province of Ireland is represented by a golden harp on a green background?

**ANSWER:** Leinster

2. What is the term for animals/creatures which are active at night?

**ANSWER:** Nocturnal

### MODERATE

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3. What word means to discharge a gun or weapon and dismiss an employee from a job/position?

**ANSWER:** Fire

4. Which river caused devastation in the towns of Athlone, Carrick-on-Shannon and the city of Limerick in December last year when it flooded its banks?

**ANSWER:** River Shannon

### DIFFICULT

5. Name the daughter of Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg and his wife Priscilla Chan.

**ANSWER:** Max

6. Who wrote "The Wind in the Willows"?

**ANSWER:** Kenneth Grahame

## Round 5

### EASY

*In the 12 days of Christmas, on the 6<sup>th</sup> day*

1. How many geese-a-laying did my true love give to me?

**ANSWER:** 6

2. What nationality is Real Madrid footballer Cristiano Ronaldo?

**ANSWER:** Portuguese

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### MODERATE

3. What are the two colours of the Swedish flag?

**ANSWER:** Blue and Yellow

4. Which French cathedral was said to be home to a hunchback called Quasimodo?

**ANSWER:** Notre Dame

### DIFFICULT

5. What is the average of the numbers 1, 2, 4 & 5?

**ANSWER:** 3

6. Who is the current President of the Irish League of Credit Unions?

**ANSWER:** Mr. Brian McCrory

## Round 6

### EASY

1. The Netherlands is another name for which flat country famous for windmills and clogs?

**ANSWER:** Holland

2. One Pig is an anagram of which bird once commonly used for delivering messages?

**ANSWER:** Pigeon

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### MODERATE

3. What is the perimeter of a rectangle with sides 2cm and 6cm?

**ANSWER:** 16cm

4. Which car brand was caught using technology to alter the results of emission and fuel consumption tests in America in 2015?

**ANSWER:** Volkswagen

### DIFFICULT

5. In which sea does the Isle of Man lie?

**ANSWER:** Irish Sea

6. What is the largest enclosed inland body of water in the world?

**ANSWER:** Caspian Sea

## Round 7

### EASY

1. In what town is the story of The Pied Piper set?

**ANSWER:** Hamelin

2. What "L" is the term used to describe the process of putting money into the bank, and also a type of guest house?

**ANSWER:** Lodge

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### MODERATE

3. Which Irish actor played the part of Steve Jobs in the film Steve Jobs?

**ANSWER:** Michael Fassbender

4. Complete the name of the Clive King book. Stig of the ??????

**ANSWER:** Dump

### DIFFICULT

5. What Q is the term for the limited quantity of a particular product which can be produced, exported, or imported?

**ANSWER:** Quota

6. The Irish Grand National is run at which racecourse every year?

**ANSWER:** Fairyhouse

Round 8

EASY

1. What 6 letter word is a common term used to describe vegetables for e.g.  
Eat your \_\_\_\_\_?

**ANSWER:** Greens

2. What type of bird shares its name with the process by which food is pushed down the throat?

**ANSWER:** Swallow

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MODERATE

3. What name is given to the length of the outside line of a circle?

**ANSWER:** Circumference

4. What is the name of the fairy in the story of Peter Pan?

**ANSWER:** Tinkerbell

DIFFICULT

5. Name the American actress who shares her name with William Shakespeare's wife.

**ANSWER:** Anne Hathaway

6. Silence Dogood and Anthony Afterwit were pseudonyms for which American President?

**ANSWER:** Benjamin Franklyn



Round 9

**EASY**

1. How many Queens are there in a deck of cards?

**ANSWER:** Four

2. What is the term for the day after Thanksgiving which is synonymous with shopping?

**ANSWER:** Black Friday

**MODERATE**

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3. Complete the title of this famous song sung by Shane McGowan and Kirsty MacColl which is traditionally heard at Christmas. Fairytale of \_\_\_\_?

**ANSWER:** New York

4. What H is the term used to describe the amount of water vapour in the air?

**ANSWER:** Humidity

**DIFFICULT**

5. In the book *Kensuke's Kingdom* by Michael Morpurgo, what is the name of the dog?

**ANSWER:** Stella (Artois)

6. What is the capital of Zambia?

**ANSWER:** Lusaka

**Round 10**

**EASY**

1. The River Liffey flows into which bay?

**ANSWER:** Dublin Bay

2. What are the chances of rolling a one on a dice?

**ANSWER:** One in 6

**MODERATE**

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3. What is the longest, narrowest country in South America?

**ANSWER:** Chile

4. If you were skiing in Andorra, what mountain range would you be in?

**ANSWER:** The Pyrenees

**DIFFICULT**

5. How many eyes has a bee?

**ANSWER:** Five

6. Mary Robinson was President of Ireland from 1990-1997. What county is she from?

**ANSWER:** Co. Mayo

**Round 11**

**(Competition B only)**

**EASY**

1. Which of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World was situated at Rhodes?

**Answer:** Colossus

2. What is the name of the outside of an egg or the hard outer covering of an animal?

**ANSWER:** Shell

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**MODERATE**

3. Which Top Gear presenter did not have his contract renewed by the B.B.C. after a dispute during filming?

**ANSWER:** Jeremy Clarkson

4. Name the popular family music festival which takes place at Stradbally in Co. Laois in August or September each year?

**ANSWER:** Electric Picnic

**DIFFICULT**

5. Name the passenger ship sunk off the southern coast of Ireland on 7<sup>th</sup> May 1915 by the German U-boat, the U-20.

**ANSWER:** RMS Lusitania

6. What man, with a double barrel surname, is credited with the invention of the World Wide Web?

**ANSWER:** Tim Berners-Lee.

**Round 12**

**(Competition B only)**

**EASY**

1. How many sides has a decagon?

**ANSWER:** 10

2. Cú Chulainn is the name of the rollercoaster at which theme park in Co. Meath?

**ANSWER:** Tayto Park

**MODERATE**

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3. What is the name given to the drops of water formed at night due to low temperatures, which are best seen on blades of grass or spider's webs in early morning?

**ANSWER:** Dew

4. What is the name of the nanny/teacher in Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom?

**ANSWER:** Nanny Plum

**DIFFICULT**

5. Former US President Bill Clinton travelled to which Northern Irish town in 2002, to open a peace centre named after him?

**ANSWER:** Enniskillen

6. Which island off the coast of Kerry was used for filming for the recent Star Wars films?

**ANSWER:** Skellig Michael

## Tiebreakers 1

CHOOSE ANY 3

1. In what year did the ship 'Titanic' sink?

**ANSWER:** 1912

2. Which legendary creature has the body and legs of a lion and the wings and head of an eagle?

**ANSWER:** Griffin

3. Which 1977 film franchise was introduced by the words, 'A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away ...'?

**ANSWER:** Star Wars

4. In economics, the term GDP is a monetary value of the gross worth of all goods and services produced in a period of time. What does the D stand for?

**ANSWER:** Domestic (Gross Domestic Product)

5. Both Ronald Reagan, US President, and Pope John Paul II survived assassination attempts in the 1980s. In what year did both assassination attempts occur? Nearest wins.

**ANSWER:** 1981

6. What is the name of the wooden or metal device erected on a post, with holes for securing the head and hands, used for public humiliation during The Middle Ages?

**ANSWER:** Pillory

Tiebreakers 2

CHOOSE ANY 3

1. John Phillip Holland, born in Co. Clare (1841-1914) invented what nautical vessel when he was living in the USA?

**Answer:** Submarine

2. Douglas Hyde is buried in Frenchpark, in his native county . In what county is Frenchpark?

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**ANSWER:** Co. Roscommon

3. Beginning with P, what stage of a salmon's lifecycle comes between Fry and Smolt?

**ANSWER:** Parr

4. The Khyber Pass connects Pakistan with which country?

**ANSWER:** Afghanistan

5. What is the name given to the collection of some 981 texts discovered between 1946 and 1956 along the West Bank?

**ANSWER:** The Dead Sea Scrolls

6. What is the capital of Morocco?

**ANSWER:** Rabat