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|  | MERSEYSIDE QUIZ LEAGUESQuestions set by JackFor use in MIMIR MQL Heats April 2022Correct as at March 2022 |  |

**Round One**

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| 1a | Which landlocked region in the South Caucasus, internationally recognized as part of Azerbaijan, is a territory that has been disputed by Armenia? | **NAGORNO-KARABAKH** |
| 1b | Danish actor Claes Bang rose to international recognition in 2020 by starring as which fictional character in a [BBC](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BBC)/[Netflix](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Netflix) horror series? | **(COUNT) DRACULA** |
| 1c | The national flag of which European country consists of a horizontal tricolour of (from top to bottom) yellow, green and red? | **LITHUANIA**  |
| 2a | Which Gilbert and Sullivan comic opera is a satire on the aesthetic movement of the 1870s and '80s in England? | **PATIENCE** |
| 2b  | Which three-word Latin term means in the act of committing an offence? | **IN FLAGRANTE DELICTO** |
| 2c | What is the alternative five letter name of the tree also known as the trembling poplar? | **ASPEN**  |
| 3a | In 1988 which UK national newspaper launched an annual Sportswoman of the Year Award? In 2021 the winner was Emma Raducanu. | **SUNDAY TIMES** |
| 3b | Ørsted A/S, the multinational power company formerly known as DONG and the world's largest developer of offshore wind power is headquartered In which country? | **DENMARK** |
| 3c | Which dish traditionally eaten in Greece, Turkey and the Balkans, consisting of alternate layers of minced lamb, aubergines and tomatoes, is usuallycovered with béchamel sauce and cheese? | **MOUSSAKA** |
| 4a | Opened in July 2002, which museum in Greater Manchester was designed by architect Daniel Libeskind? | **IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM NORTH** |
| 4b | In 2020 the UK government department for International Development was incorporated into which other department? | **FOREIGN (& COMMONWEALTH) OFFICE** |
| 4c | Bertha Mason and Grace Poole are characters in which nineteenth century novel? | **JANE EYRE** |

**Round Two**

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| 1a | The Tank Museum is a collection of armoured fighting vehicles at which military base in Dorset? | **BOVINGTON (CAMP)** |
| 1b | In the UK government department abbreviated to BEIS, headed by Kwasi Kwarteng, for what do the letters ‘IS’ stand? | **INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY** |
| 1c | In which nineteenth century novel does Dorothea Brooke have a loveless marriage to the Reverend Edward Casaubon? | **MIDDLEMARCH** |
| 2a | Parts of which region in south-east Ukraine are contested by the separatist groups the Donetsk People's Republic and the Luhansk People's Republic? | **DONBASS** |
| 2b  | Blaskó was the real surname of which Hungarian-American actor who portrayed Count Dracula in a 1931 film? | **BELA LUGOSI** |
| 2c  | Which European country has a flag that is almost identical to that of the Netherlands but for the bottom band of the horizontal tricolour being a lighter blue? | **LUXEMBURG** |
| 3a | In which Gilbert and Sullivan comic opera has a fairy been banished from fairyland because she married a mortal? | **IOLANTHE** |
| 3b | Which two-word rhyming Latin term means willingly or unwillingly or willy-nilly? | **NOLENS VOLENS**  |
| 3c | What is the alternative five letter name of the tree also known as the mountain ash? | **ROWAN** |
| 4a | In 1962 who was the first woman to win the BBC Sports Personality of the Year award? | **ANITA LONSBROUGH** |
| 4b | Which Danish company was the largest container shipping line and vessel operator in the world from 1996 until 2021 until overtaken by the Mediterranean Shipping Company? | **MAERSK** |
| 4c  | Which word from the Persian for ‘taste’ means a selection of small dishes served as appetizers in much of West Asia, the Balkans and Greece? | **MEZE** (Mazzeh, Mezze or Mazza) |

**Round Three**

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| 1a | At the BBC Sports Personality of the Year ceremony the award given “for outstanding achievement in the face of adversity” is named after which presenter? | **HELEN ROLLASON** |
| 1b | Which Russian majority state-owned multinational energy corporation headquartered in Saint Petersburg is ranked as the largest company in Russia by revenue? | **GAZPROM**  |
| 1c | If you were served with keftedes in Greece or albondigas in Spain what would you be eating? | **MEATBALLS** |
| 2a | Britain’s largest aviation museum, a branch of the Imperial War Museum, is based near which village in Cambridgeshire? | **DUXFORD** |
| 2b | The UK government department formerly known as Housing, Communities and Local Government added which two-word term when Michael Gove became Secretary of State in September 2021?  | **LEVELLING UP** |
| 2c | Which nineteenth century novel was first published as a 19-volume monthly serial with the subtitle *Pen and Pencil Sketches of English Society* before being published as a single volume with the subtitle *A Novel without a Hero*? | **VANITY FAIR** |
| 3a | Transnistria is an unrecognised breakaway state internationally recognised as part of which country? | **MOLDOVA** |
| 3b | Which British actor starred as the title character in Bram Stoker's Dracula, the 1992 film directed by Francis Ford Coppola? | **GARY OLDMAN** |
| 3c | The national flag of which European country is a tricolour featuring three equal horizontal bands of (from top to bottom) blue, black and white? | **ESTONIA** |
| 4a | In which Gilbert and Sullivan comic opera does a young man named Alexis invite the proprietor of J. W. Wells & Co to brew a love potion? | **THE SORCERER** |
| 4b | Which two-word alliterative Latin term is an artistic or symbolic trope acting as a reminder of the inevitability of death? | **MEMENTO MORI** |
| 4c | What is the common two-word name of the ornamental tree *Salix babylonica*? | **WEEPING WILLOW** |

**Round Four**

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| 1a | With music by Sir Arthur Sullivan and a libretto by Julian Sturgis, which 1891 romantic opera was based on an 1819 novel? | **IVANHOE** |
| 1b | Which three-word Latin term means an indispensable and essential action, condition, or ingredient? | **SINE QUA NON** |
| 1c | Araucaria Araucana is known as the Monkey Puzzle tree and also by which other two-word name? | **CHILEAN PINE** |
| 2a | Irish jockey Rachael Blackmore has won the Grand National, the Champion Hurdle and the Cheltenham Gold Cup riding horses trained by whom? | **HENRY DE BROMHEAD** |
| 2b | Which oil and gas exploration and production company founded in 2007 and headquartered in Bamber Bridge intend to develop shale gas in the UK by using hydraulic fracturing? | **CUADRILLA** |
| 2c | Which popular Greek fast food consisting of small pieces of meat and sometimes vegetables grilled on a skewer is usually eaten straight off the skewer while still hot? | **SOUVLAKI** |
| 3a | Which national collection in Leeds, was originally housed in the Tower of London? | **ROYAL ARMOURIES** |
| 3b | In the UK government department abbreviated to DCMS, headed by Nadine Dorries, for what does the letter ‘D’ stand? | **DIGITAL** (Digital, Culture, Media and Sport) |
| 3c | The title of which nineteenth century novel is a fictional town based on the Cheshire town of Knutsford? | **CRANFORD** |
| 4a | Abkhazia is a de facto state in the South Caucasus, recognised by most countries as part of which country? | **GEORGIA** |
| 4b | Which 1922 silent German film, subtitled ‘A Symphony of Horror’, starred Max Schreck as Count Orlok in an unauthorized adaptation of Bram Stoker's novel *Dracula*? | **NOSFERATU** |
| 4c | The flag of which European country is a tricolour consisting of three equal-sized horizontal bands of (from top to bottom) white, green, and red? | **BULGARIA** |

**Round Five**

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| 1a | On which Channel 4 dating game show is a clothed person faced with six nude people who are initially hidden in booths?  | **NAKED ATTRACTION** |
| 1b | What is the stage name of George Mpanga, the spoken-word artist and rapper? | **GEORGE THE POET** |
| 1c | Which SI unit is defined as one newton per square metre? | **PASCAL** |
| 2a | Who plays Jeremiah "Jimmy" Jesus, a Jamaican born street preacher, in the BBC drama series Peaky Blinders? | **BENJAMIN ZEPHANIAH** |
| 2b | In which film franchise did Leslie Nielsen play the role of Detective Sergeant. Franklin "Frank" Drebin? | **NAKED GUN** |
| 2c | Which unit of pressure is approximately equal to 14.5 pounds per square inch? | **BAR** |
| 3a | Also called American valve and named after a company founded in 1844 which type of pneumatic tyre valve is used on virtually every motor vehicle in the world today? | **SCHRADER** |
| 3b | Which official poet of the 2012 London Olympics has been chancellor of the University of Manchester since 2015? | **LEMN SISSAY** |
| 3c | Who wrote the 1959 novel ‘The Naked Lunch’? | **WILLIAM S BURROUGHS** |
| 4a  | Released in 1988 *Naked* is the eighth and final studio album by which American rock band fronted by Scottish-born David Byrne? | **TALKING HEADS** |
| 4b | The barye is the unit of pressure on which system of units, a variant of the metric system? | **CGS** (Centimetre-Gram-Second) |
| 4c |  In 2021, who delivered her poem "The Hill We Climb" at the inauguration of U.S. President Joe Biden? | **AMANDA GORMAN** |

### Spare Questions

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| 1 | The National Waterways Museum, operated by the Canal & River Trust, is in which town? | **ELLESMERE PORT** |
| 2 | Who wrote the 1948 novel The Naked and the Dead? | **NORMAN MAILER** |
| 3 | Which two-word alliterative Latin term means ‘after childbirth’? | **POST PARTUM** |

### Tie Break 1

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| 1 | In 1971 members of the Awami League set up a government-in-exile and declared which modern day country an independent state? | **BANGLADESH** |
| 2 | In which country are traffic lights known as robots? | **SOUTH AFRICA** |
| 3 | The credits of which writer include the ITV drama series *Scott & Bailey,*, *Happy Valley* and the BBC series *Last Tango in Halifax and Gentleman Jack*? | **SALLY WAINWRIGHT** |

### Tie Break 2

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| 1 | What name is given to a coarse, green-skinned banana used as a staple food in tropical countries? | **PLANTAIN** |
| 2 | What is the capital of the Caribbean country Grenada? | **ST GEORGE’S** |
| 3 | Which Dutch woman is the current head coach of the England women's national football team? | **SARINA WIEGMAN** |

**Tie Break – nearest wins**

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| 1 | According to Encyclopaedia Britannica, what is the maximum depth in feet of Lake Baikal, the world’s deepest lake? | **5,315** |