



**Irish League**  
**of Credit Unions**

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CREDIT UNION SCHOOLS QUIZ 2008

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STAGE 2 – CHAPTER LEVEL SATURDAY 1st MARCH 2008

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**QUESTIONS**

Enclosed in this booklet is a set of questions which formulate the twelve rounds of the Quiz for the date specified above and recommendations concerning tie break situations. Rounds 1 – 10 are common to both Competition A and B. There are two extra rounds for Competition B only. Also included are some advisory notes for the organisation of the Quiz which should be beneficial to you.

We would recommend that you read the Procedures Manual in depth also.

Please note the following:

1. (a) There are three categories of questions:
  - (i) Easy
  - (ii) Moderate
  - (iii) Difficult
- (b) If you or the Adjudicator have any concern about a question - do not use it - please choose an alternative.
2. In the event of two or more teams tying at the end of the Quiz, use questions from Tie Breaker One as follows:
  - (a) One round of three questions from Tie Breaker One.
  - (b) In the event of a further tie, use three questions from the remaining questions given in this book.

A credit union may wish to compile their own questions. In devising these questions, do remember the age group involved and please ensure that no questions are seen as favouring a particular school. However the credit union will be entirely responsible for the accuracy of the questions they set.

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## **Round One**

### **Easy**

1. Words that sound the same such as: bed, red, fed are said to what?

**Answer: Rhyme**

2. Fabio Capello took over from Steve Mc Claren as the soccer manager of what country?

**Answer: England**

### **Medium**

3. Ships sometimes send out an S.O.S. An S.O.S. is a call for what?

**Answer: Help/Rescue**

4. The Mercalli and Richter Scales are use to measure the intensity of what sudden release of energy in the Earth's Crust?

**Answer: Earthquake**

### **Hard**

5. Sombrero, Panama and Boater are different types of what?

**Answer: Hats**

6. What is the largest island off the west coast of Ireland?

**Answer: Achill**

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## **Round Two**

### **Easy**

1. In Ireland, which season would you associate with the leaves of trees changing colour and falling off?

**Answer: Autumn**

2. 9-volt, AA, One D and AAA are all types of what?

**Answer: Batteries**

### **Medium**

3. In the Fairytale what type of characters were Doc, Sleepy, Bashful and Happy?

**Answer: Dwarves**

4. In the book, "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" Lucy meets a faun soon after coming through the wardrobe. What was the faun's name?

**Answer: Mr. Tumnus**

### **Hard**

5. The "Gae Bolga" was what type of weapon given to Cúchulainn by his martial arts teacher, Scáthach in Irish mythology

**Answer: A Spear**

6. Which county are the reigning all Ireland Senior Football champions?

**Answer: Kerry**

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## **Round Three**

### **Easy**

1. What was the collective term for the twelve men Jesus chose to be his special helpers beginning with the letter "A."

**Answer: Apostles**

2. In the children's poem, Monday's child is fair of face. What is said of Thursday's child?

**Answer: Has far to go**

### **Medium**

3. With what sport would you associate the following terms: ruck, touch judge and television match official?

**Answer: Rugby**

4. If you walked down Ramsay Street, which soap opera would you be in?

**Answer: Neighbours**

### **Hard**

5. Blackpool is a seaside town located in Lancashire in England along the coast of the Irish Sea. It is located on which coast of England?

**Answer: West**

6. Remembrance Day or Poppy Day is a day to commemorate the sacrifices of members of armed forces during WW1. In what month is it celebrated?

**Answer: November**

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## **Round Four**

### **Easy**

1. In which capital city would you find the Kremlin and Red Square?

**Answer: Moscow**

2. What year was the credit union movement established in Ireland?

**Answer: 1958**

### **Medium**

3. Angelina Jolie plays the role of which character in the Tomb Raider films?

**Answer: Lara Croft**

4. Which outlaw lived in Sherwood Forest and had a band of Merry Men?

**Answer: Robin Hood**

### **Hard**

5. Edelweiss is one of the best known European mountain flowers belonging to the sunflower family. It is the national flower of which European country bordered by Germany?

**Answer: Austria**

6. The credit union movement is broken into Chapters? How many Chapters are there in Ireland? (a) 15, (b) 25 or (c) 35?

**Answer: (b) 25**

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**Round Five**  
**(Numbers) – Total 105**

**Easy**

1. The letters J, K, and L are found on which button of a mobile phone?

**Answer: 5**

2. How many people were present at the Last Supper?

**Answer: Thirteen (13)**

**Medium**

3. How many white pieces are there on a draughts/checkers board at the start of a game?

**Answer: Twelve (12)**

4. Darts is a traditional pub game. How many numbered sections are there on a dart board?

**Answer: 20**

**Hard**

5. What number is represented by the Roman numeral “L”?

**Answer: 50**

6. How many rings in the Olympic Flag?

**Answer: 5**

## **Round Six**

### **Easy**

1. What county are the reigning all Ireland Senior Hurling champions?

**Answer: Kilkenny**

2. What do you count on the stem of a tree to determine how old it is?

**Answer: Rings**

### **Medium**

3. What sea located beside the West Bank and Israel is so named because it is too salty to support life?

**Answer: Dead Sea**

4. The Sea of Tranquillity is found where?

**Answer: The Moon**

### **Hard**

5. What type of creature was the mythical phoenix, the only one of its kind, it could live for more than 500 years, burn itself on a funeral pyre and rise again from a worm in its own ashes?

**Answer: Bird**

6. The roe of the sturgeon is made into caviar. What kind of creature is a sturgeon?

**Answer: Fish**

## **Round Seven**

### **Easy**

1. Washington D.C. is the capital city of The United States of America. What is the largest city?

**Answer: New York City**

2. In Cinderella what was turned into a coach by her fairy Godmother?

**Answer: A Pumpkin**

### **Medium**

3. What is the only continent occupied by one nation?

**Answer: Australia**

4. The Aran Islands located at the mouth of Galway Bay are made up of (a) Inis Mor, (b) Inis Meain and (c) Inis Oirr. Which of them is the smallest?

**Answer: (c) Inis Oirr**

### **Hard**

5. "The Worst Witch" is a series of children's books, based on the main character Mildred Hubble who attends Miss Crackle's Academy for Witches. Who is the author of this series?

**Answer: Jill Murphy**

6. Chlorofluorocarbons are compounds containing chlorine, fluorine and carbon and are widely used in industry. What are they more commonly known as?

**Answer: CFC**



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## **Round Eight**

### **Easy**

1. Which surname is shared by pop stars Dannii and Kylie ?

**Answer: Minogue**

2. Many people use e-mail to communicate. What does the letter e stand for in the term e-mail?

**Answer: Electronic**

### **Medium**

3. Brian Ormond is the current presenter of the talent show "You're A Star." Who was the presenter for the series 5 live shows and who is a judge in the current series?

**Answer: Keith Duffy**

4. Who is the current Prime Minister of the U.K?

**Answer: Gordon Brown**

### **Hard**

5. Name the Irish Actor who won the best actor award at the Bafta ceremony in London in February of this year?

**Answer: Daniel Day Lewis**

6. Who are the current holders of the UEFA Champions League?

**Answer: AC Milan**

## **Round Nine**

### **Easy**

1. Name the popular online social network with four letters founded in January 2005 by Michael and Xochi Birch which allows friends to stay in contact.

**Answer: Bebo**

2. According to the saying, what do "many hands make?"

**Answer: Light work**

### **Medium**

3. John McCain and Mike Huckabee are seeking election from which party for the 2008 presidential campaign?

A: Democratic Party

B: Republican Party

**Answer: B: Republican**

4. When air is heated it expands and takes up more space. Is warm air lighter or heavier than cold air?

**Answer: Lighter**

### **Hard**

5. In what county would you find the town of Athlone?

**Answer: Westmeath**

6. What is the oldest type of grave found in Ireland from Neolithic times?

**Answer: Court Cairn**

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## **Round Ten**

### **Easy**

1. St. Brigid was an Irish Christian nun and one of our patron saints. A Saint Brigid's Cross is traditionally made from what?

**Answer: Rashes**

2. If you are suffering from arachnophobia, what would you have a fear of?

**Answer: Spiders**

### **Medium**

3. Silver Ghost, Silver Cloud and Silver Shadow are all types of cars manufactured by which car company?

**Answer: Rolls Royce**

4. What word is used to describe when one material seems to disappear and become part of a liquid?

**Answer: Dissolve**

### **Hard**

5. What European country is called Hellas by its natives?

**Answer: Greece**

6. In Irish Folklore, Conor Mac Neasa built a secret house for Deirdre of Sorrows so he could marry her. With whom did she marry and elope to Scotland with?

**Answer: Naoise, son of Uisneach**

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## **Round Eleven**

### **Easy**

1. What is the name given to the surface or structure upon which a religious sacrifice is made?

**Answer: Altar**

2. How many years ago did the Munich Air Disaster, which claimed the lives of several Manchester United players, occur?

**Answer: 50**

### **Medium**

3. In which country would you find the ancient Sphinx monuments?

**Answer: Egypt**

4. This year, how many days in February, March & April 2008, when you add them together?

**Answer: 90 days Feb (29) March (31) April (30)**

### **Hard**

5. Madonna is an American singer/songwriter. Which of the following is her real first name: Mary, Louise or Deborah?

**Answer: Louise**

6. Name the American actress who has a biological daughter called Shiloh and three adopted children called Pax, Zahara and Maddox?

**Answer: Angelina Jolie**

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## **Round Twelve**

### **Easy**

1. Starting with the letter 'R', what is the name given to a movable, flat piece of wood or metal at the end of a boat or ship by which it is steered?

**Answer: Rudder**

2. One tenth can be written as 0.1. What is one tenth as a percentage?

**Answer: 10%**

### **Medium**

3. What liquid is dew formed from?

**Answer: Water**

- 4 'Arrivederci' means 'Farewell; until we meet again' in which language?

**Answer: Italian**

### **Hard**

5. In May 1927, Charles Lindberg had a solo non-stop flight over which ocean?

**Answer: Atlantic**

6. Generally rocks sink in water. However, a type of volcanic rock with a very thin, translucent bubble wall initially floats on water. Name this rock beginning with "P."

**Answer: Pumice**

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**Tie Breakers One**  
**(Use Three Only)**

1. What name, beginning with “v”, is given to a person who provides the sound for puppets without making their own lips move?

**Answer: Ventriloquist**

2. What book about meat, eggs, sugar and tea could be found in every family home in Britain in the 1940s?

**Answer: Ration Book**

3. Of which better known organisation was the Cheka the origin?

**Answer: The KGB**

4. Whom did Michael Collins help escape from Lincoln Gaol with the aid of a duplicate key?

**Answer: Eamon DeValera**

5. In which American state is Los Angeles?

**Answer: California**

6. Which river runs through the Grand Canyon?

**Answer: Colorado River**

**Tie Breakers Two**  
**(Use Three Only)**

1. What is the longest river in Europe?

**Answer: River Volga**

2. Zagreb is the capital of what country?

**Answer: Croatia**

3. Daniel O Connell was born on the 6<sup>th</sup> of August in what year?

**Answer: 1775 (Closest Wins)**

4. Name the actor who plays the part of Dr. John Dorian in the hit TV comedy series "Scrubs!"

**Answer: Zack Braff**

5. Who read the Proclamation of the Republic during The 1916 Rising from the steps of the GPO in Dublin?

**Answer: Patrick Pearse**

6. Guayaquil is the largest city of the Republic of Ecuador. What is the capital city of Ecuador?

**Answer: Quito**