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NATIONAL FINAL

CREDIT UNION SCHOOL QUIZ 2009

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MAIN HALL, RDS

Round One

Easy

1. Larry Mullen Junior is drummer with which rock band?

Answer: U2

2. Starting with 'T', what name is given to the unusually long teeth of certain animals such as the elephant and wild boar?

Answer: Tusks

Medium

3. In which track event did Derval O'Rourke win a bronze medal at the European Indoor Championships in Turin Italy 2009?

Answer: Hurdles (60 metres)

4. Which planet in our solar system shares its name with a plant that traps and eats insects?

Answer: Venus (flytrap)

Hard

5. In which book for children will you find the Mack family consisting of Mr Mack, his wife Billie Jean, Jimmy, Robbie and little baby Kayla?

Answer: The Giggler Treatment by Roddy Doyle

6. Name the sea in northern Europe bounded by the Scandinavian Peninsula, the mainland of Europe and the Danish Islands?

Answer: Baltic Sea

Round Two

Easy

1. What name is given to an Eskimo dwelling, usually domed and constructed from packed snow?

Answer: Igloo

2. According to tradition, what legless reptiles were expelled from Ireland by St. Patrick?

Answer: Snakes

Medium

3. Which plant in the lily family, closely related to the onion, was believed in medieval times to be a charm against vampires and other evil

Answer: Garlic

4. In the nursery rhyme which small flying insect is told to 'fly away home' as her 'house is on fire and her children all gone'?

Answer: Ladybird

Hard

5. According to the Book of Genesis, which of Jacob's 12 sons was sold by his brothers into slavery in Egypt

Answer: Joseph

6. Who was inaugurated as Vice President of the USA on January 20th 2009?

Answer: Joe Biden

Round Three

Total of Answers comes to 45

Easy

1. In the cartoon series 'The Simpsons', how old is Bart?

Answer: 10

2. How many daughters has Barack Obama, the President of the USA?

Answer: 2, Malia and Natasha (Sasha)

Medium

3. Brian O' Driscoll plays outside centre for Ireland in Rugby Union football. What numbered jersey does he wear ?

Answer: 13

4. How many Harry Potter books have been published to date ?

Answer: 7

Hard

5. In the book of Exodus, how many plagues of Egypt were there?

Answer: 10

6. How many African countries begin with the letter 'T'?

Answer: 3 (Tanzania, Tunisia, Togo)

Round Four

Easy

1. Starting with the letter 'H', what name is given to a person who gains unauthorised access to a computer system or data belonging to someone else?

Answer: Hacker

2. Your first set of teeth are called baby or what teeth?

Answer: Milk (Primary)

Medium

3. An early version of what machine was known as a 'bone-shaker'?

Answer: Bicycle

4. According to legend, what fruit fell on Isaac Newton's head which led him to form the Law of Gravity

Answer: Apple

Hard

5. 'Readers beware ..you're in for a scare' is the slogan on what series of horror books by R.L. Stine which include *Bad Hare Day* and *How I got My Shrunken Head*?

Answer: Goosebumps

6. Which English king was killed at the Battle of Hastings 1066?

Answer: Harold

Round Five

Easy

1. Credit Unions do not have customers. Instead, what name is given to people who have an account in a credit union. Beginning with the letter "M".

Answer: Members

2. What name is given to the indigenous people of Australia whose ancestors came to Australia at least 50,000 years ago?

Answer: Aborigines

Medium

3. In Irish folklore, who is the fairy woman reputed to wail at the death of a member of certain families?

Answer: Banshee

4. Sometimes called ephemera, what is the common name for these winged insects that have an extremely short adult life span - a mere few days?

Answer: Mayfly also Shadfly and Dayfly

Hard

5. The Palio de Siena, the most famous palio in Italy, takes place each year on the 2nd of July and 16th of August. What kind of race takes place at this palio?

Answer: Horse race

6. This comet was last seen in 1986 and it will be seen again in 2061. What is its name?

Answer: Halley's Comet

Round 6

Audio ROUND

QTN 1. FROM WHAT MOVIE IS THIS SONG TAKEN ?

Ans Mary Poppins.

QTN 2. WHO IS SINGING THIS SONG?

Ans Miley Cyrus

QTN 3. PROBABLY THE WORLDS GREATEST SINGING TENOR, WHO PASSED AWAY IN 2007 SINGING THERE, HIS MOST FAMOUS ANTHEM NESSUN DORMA...WHO IS HE ?

Ans Luciano Pavorotti

QTN 4. "THIS IS ME" FROM THE DISNEY FILM "CAMP ROCK" WITH DEMI LOVATO AND THE JONAS BROTHERS, WHICH JONAS BROTHER PLAYS THE PART OF SHANE ?

Ans Joe Jonas

QTN 5. THIS FAMOUS PIECE OF MUSIC WRITTEN BY JOHN WILLIAMS IS THE MAIN TITLE FROM WHAT FILM ?

Ans Star Wars

QTN 6. WOMANIZER IS ONE OF THE TRACKS TAKEN FROM BRITNEY SPEARS NEWEST ALBUM CALLED ?

Ans Circus

Round Seven

Easy

1. In which part of your body is your Adam's Apple?

Answer: Neck or Throat

2. Complete the title of the episode of the Simpsons set in Ireland and premiered in March 2009? *In The Name of the* ?

Answer: Grandfather

Medium

3. Rafael Nadal, the number one ranked male tennis player in the world is a native of what European country?

Answer: Spain

4. Pipkin, Bigwig, Hazel, Blackberry and Fiver are all characters in the book, film and cartoon series Watershipdown. What kind of animals are they?

Answer: Rabbits

Hard

5. Defensive towers were built around the coast of Ireland and Britain in the early 19th century. What are they called?

Answer: Martello Towers

6. Which of the states in the United States of America is the largest in size but is the least densely populated?

Answer: Alaska (more than twice the size of Texas) one person per square mile

Round Eight

Easy

1. What name is given to the Chinese medical technique in which hair thin needles are inserted in certain parts of the body usually to relieve pain

Answer: Acupuncture

2. In which European city will you find the large amphitheatre called the Colosseum?

Answer: Rome

Medium

3. Credit Unions in Ireland celebrated an important anniversary in 2008. In what year was the first credit union established in Ireland?

Answer: 1958

4. Born in Sweden in 1833, what was the name of the chemist, engineer and innovator who invented dynamite and gelignite?

Answer: Alfred Nobel

Hard

5. The Pembroke and Cardigan are two breeds of which dog which originated in Wales

Answer: Corgi

6. Ice Hockey is the official national winter sport of Canada. Which sport, originated by native North American Indians, is the official summer sport of Canada?

Answer: Lacrosse

Round Nine

Easy

1. What type of toy animal is Winnie the Pooh in the A. A. Milne stories ?

Answer: Bear

2. What famous brewery was founded in Dublin in 1759?

Answer: Guinness

Medium

3. What jockey had a record seven wins in horseracing at the 2009 Cheltenham Festival?

Answer: Ruby Walsh

4. What traditional Irish ring shows two hands clasping a heart and usually surmounted by a crown?

Answer: Claddagh

Hard

5. St. Nicholas of Myra is the patron saint of children. In what modern country is Myra?

Answer: Turkey

6. Author Daniel Handler uses a pseudonym in his 13 book series called *A Series of Unfortunate Events*. It is also the name of a character in the series. What is the pseudonym ?

Answer: Lemony Snicket

Round Ten

Easy

1. On March 14th 2009, Ireland beat Scotland in Rugby Union. In which stadium did the match take place?

Answer: Murrayfield

2. Beginning with 'O', what cereal or grain is used in the making of porridge?

Answer: Oats

Medium

3. Prior to 1924, when it was renamed O' Connell Street, what was the name of Dublin's main thoroughfare?

Answer: Sackville Street

4. Thought to date from the 8th century, what is the name of the large two handled silver cup decorated with gold and gilt bronze found in a potato field in 1868 by two boys, Paddy Flanagan and Jim Quinn?

Answer: Ardagh Chalice

Hard

5. In which Roald Dahl Book do we read of the Wormwood family and Miss Honey a kind school teacher?

Answer: Matilda

6. On what island of the northern coast of Ireland was Robert Bruce (Robert 1st of Scotland) reputed to have learned the virtue of perseverance from a spider in January 1307?

Answer: Rathlin Island (off the Antrim coast)

Round Eleven

Easy

1. On January 1st 2007 two countries joined the European Union bringing the total of countries to 27. Name either country?

Answer: Romania or Bulgaria

2. What is the term used in ten-pin bowling to indicate that all of the pins have been knocked down in the first ball of a frame?

Answer: Strike

Medium

3. Beginning with 'T', what name was given to the persistent wind that blows westward and towards the equator which helped sailing ships travel from Europe to America?

Answer: Trade Wind

4. Horses have four gaits: walking, trotting, galloping and which other?

Answer: Cantering

Hard

5. Name the fantasy film based on the book 'Northern Lights' by Philip Pullman starring Dakota Blue Richards as Lyra Belacqua and Nicole Kidman as Marissa Cole?

Answer: The Golden Compass

6. Name the 2,740 km South American river whose source and mouth are in Venezuela and whose course forms part of Venezuela's frontier with Colombia

Answer: Orinoco

Round Twelve

Easy

1. What plant eating, African, land mammal has a tongue that measures a foot and a half or almost half a metre ?

Answer: Giraffe

2. What athlete won a bronze medal for Ireland at the 2009 European Championship 3000m in Turin ?

Answer: Mary Cullen

Medium

3. In Architecture what name is given to the central wedge of an arch, which marks the apex and locks all the other stones into position?

Answer: Keystone

4. In Islamic religious worship , Salah is the name given to the prayer ritual performed each day. How often each day is the ritual performed?

Answer: Five times (dawn, noon, afternoon, sunset, nightfall)

Hard

5. Boz was an early pen name of which English novelist born 1812 died 1870?

Answer Charles Dickens

6. Which American President was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth.

Answer: Abraham Lincoln