



NATIONAL FINAL
CREDIT UNION SCHOOL QUIZ 2012

Sunday 1st April 2012

Hall 1, RDS, Dublin

ROUND ONE

EASY

1. 2012 is a leap year. In which year will the next leap year occur?

Answer: 2016

2. Starting with 'J', what name is given to a Boy Scout gathering at national or international level?

Answer: Jamboree

MODERATE

3. Which has the most sides, a quadrilateral, a triangle or a pentagon?

Answer: Pentagon (5 sides)

4. In cricket, LBW is one of the ways in which a batsman may be dismissed. What does the 'W' stand for?

Answer: Wicket (Leg Before Wicket)

DIFFICULT

5. The Diamond Jubilee of which Monarch is being celebrated this year - 2012?

Answer: Queen Elizabeth

6. Born Emmeline Gouldon in Manchester in 1858, she went on to become a leader in the struggle for voting rights for women. This suffragette is better known by her married surname. What is it?

Answer: Pankhurst

ROUND TWO

EASY

1. Which one word means a home for birds as well as a set of tables?

Answer: Nest

2. Surname Davis, what is the first name of the owner of Woody, Buzz and the toys in the three Toy Story Movies?

Answer: Andy

MODERATE

3. First Name Michael, what is the surname of the Irish-American dancer who became internationally known as the main dancer in Riverdance and Lord of the Dance?

Answer: Flatley

4. Which 81 Kilometer Ship Canal connects the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean via the Caribbean Sea?

Answer: Panama

DIFFICULT

5. Complete the name of the ship found abandoned in the Atlantic Ocean on December 4th 1872. The Mary or Marie what?

Answer: Celeste

6. Thursday last (March 29th) was the 100th anniversary of the death of this Antarctic explorer. First names Robert Falcon, what was his surname?

Answer: Scott

ROUND THREE

EASY

Total of all answers is 41

1. How many persons make up a jury in a courtroom trial in the UK and Ireland?

Answer: 12

2. In the Bible and in the musical Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat, Joseph interprets Pharaoh's dream. How many years of famine are foretold by Joseph after the same number of years of plenty?

Answer 7

MODERATE

3. The head of Statue of Liberty has a crown with spikes or rays. The spikes represent the continents or the 'seas' of the world. How many spikes or rays are in the crown?

Answer: 7

4. Quidditch is a fictional game created by JK Rowling for the Harry Potter series of novels. Played on flying broomsticks, how many persons on each team in Quidditch?

Answer: 7

DIFFICULT

5. As written in English, how many of the 27 countries in the European Union begin with the letter 'S'?

Answer: 4 (Spain, Sweden, Slovakia, Slovenia)

6. The United States of America has hosted the Summer Olympic Game more times than any other country. How many times has it hosted the games?

Answer: 4 (St Louis 1904, Los Angeles 1932 and 1984, Atlanta 1996)

ROUND FOUR

EASY

1. Persian, Siamese and Manx are all breeds of which domestic animal?

Answer: Cat

2. If the first day of a month is a Wednesday, what day will the ninth be?

Answer: Thursday

MODERATE

3. What form of high speed transport is the French TGV?

Answer: Train

4. Which English city was the birthplace of Beatles John, Paul, George and Ringo?

Answer: Liverpool

DIFFICULT

5. What was the name of the main equine character in Stephen Spielberg's film War Horse? Four letter answer?

Answer: Joey

6. Which Italic language was the spoken and written language of Ancient Rome?

Answer: Latin

ROUND FIVE
EASY

1. First name Ebenezer, what was the surname of the main character in Charles Dickens 1843 novel A Christmas Carol?

Answer: Scrooge

2. What type of bean is the main ingredient or basis of chocolate?

Answer: Cocoa or Cacao Bean

MODERATE

3. What Royal Forest in Nottinghamshire , England is famous through its historical association with the legend of Robin Hood?

Answer: Sherwood

4. According to the World Council of Credit Unions, how many credit union members are there throughout the world?

a) 38 million **b) 188 million** c) 508 million

Answer 188 million

DIFFICULT

5. Which letter of the alphabet along with the word Day is used to describe Tuesday 6th June 1944,

Answer: D

6. The 2012 UEFA European Football Championship is hosted by Poland and which other country?

Answer: Ukraine

ROUND 6

Audio Round for National School's Quiz Final

Q1. Who had a hit with this song...? (Dance with me tonight)

Answer: Olly Murs

Q2. Rihanna 1st single from the album "Talk the Talk" is We Found Love. What Scottish singer is featured on the song?

Answer: Calvin Harris

Q3. "I'm currently starring in our new movie and I love singing this song...Who am I?"

Answer: Kermit (the Frog)

Q4. This popular Classical Track by Composer Carl Orff is called "O Fortuna"...What popular TV Entertainment show uses it as its theme tune?

Answer: The X-Factor

Q5. "What makes you beautiful"A big hit from the boy band One Direction....What is the Irish band member's name? Full name needed here.

Answer: Niall Horan

Q6. This big no.1 song is from what singer ?

Answer: Jessie J

ROUND SEVEN

EASY

1. On a compass, what direction is directly opposite Northwest?

Answer: Southeast

2. What is the name of the stick used to strike the ball in croquet?

Answer: Mallet

MODERATE

3. The liner Titanic left Southampton on April 10th 1912, which port did it reach four hours later on the same day?

Answer: Cherbourg

4. Born Tom Marvolo Riddle and referred to as You-Know-Who and He-Who-Must-Not-Be-Named, what is the name of the main antagonist in the Harry Potter series of books and films?

Answer: Lord Voldemort

DIFFICULT

5. Brazil is the largest country in South America by land area. What is the second largest country by land area?

Answer: Argentina

6. Each year, a credit union holds an AGM at which it reports on the performance of the credit union during the year. At this meeting, credit union members also get the opportunity to elect the Board of Directors. What does AGM stand for?

Answer: Annual General Meeting

ROUND EIGHT

EASY

1. On what date were you born if your birthday occurs only once in every four years?

Answer: February 29th

2. In the Bible who is set adrift on the river Nile in a basket made from bulrushes and pitch?

Answer: Moses

MODERATE

3. Which Scandinavian country on the Scandinavian Peninsula is not a member of the European Union?

Answer: Norway

4. What does 'H' stand for in the computer term HTTP?

Answer: Hyper (Hyper Text Transfer Protocol)

DIFFICULT

5. Uluru in Australia is also known as what..... Rock?

Answer: Ayers

6. What horse won the 2011 Aintree Grand National Steeplechase?

Answer: Ballabriggs

ROUND NINE

EASY

1. Which one word means a mobile home and a camel train carrying passengers or goods?

Answer: Caravan

2. What shaped puzzle did Erno Rubik invent in 1974?

Answer: Cube

MODERATE

3. The Caledonian Canal is in which United Kingdom country?

Answer: Scotland

4. The cylindrical type was invented by Edwin Budding in 1827, this piece of gardening equipment can be cylindrical, rotary or hover. What is it?

Answer: Lawnmower

DIFFICULT

5. Homs is in the news this year. In which country is the city of Homs?

Answer: Syria

6. Performances of the operas of which German composer (1813-1883) are presented annually in the town of Bayreuth in Bavaria?

Answer: Wagner

ROUND TEN

EASY

1. What one word is an unmanned weapon and a male honey bee?

Answer: Drone

2. Specially trained pigs are used to search for this edible underground black fungus . Beginning with 'T', what is the name of the fungus?

Answer: Truffle

MODERATE

3. The Santa Maria was the flagship of which Christopher in 1492?

Answer: Columbus

4. What city will host the 2016 Summer Olympics?

Answer: Rio De Janeiro

DIFFICULT

5. What was the title of the chief magistrate and elected leader of Venice during the middle ages? The last one abdicated in 1797.

Answer: Doge

6. What is the name of the cave near Santander in northern Spain which contains prehistoric paintings of animals and human hands? The cave was first made public in 1880.

Answer: Altamira

ROUND ELEVEN

EASY

1. What country is called Cymru by its inhabitants in their own native language?

Answer: Wales

2. Real FC and Atletico FC are two football clubs in which Spanish city?

Answer: Madrid

MODERATE

3. English painter George Stubbs (1724- 1806) was famous for paintings of what particular animal?

Answer: Horse

4. The Vosges Mountain Range is in which European country?

Answer: France

DIFFICULT

5. First name Valentina , what was the surname of the Russian cosmonaut who became the first woman to fly into Space on 16th June 1963 ?

Answer: Tereshkova

6. Complete the title of Seamus Heaney's 12th collection of poems published in 2010, The Human what?

Answer: Chain

ROUND TWELVE

EASY

1. La Marseillaise is the National Anthem of which country?

Answer: France

2. First name Charles, what was the surname of the Scottish chemist who patented a waterproof material used in the making of raincoats in 1823?

Answer: Macintosh

MODERATE

3. The Cortes Generales is the parliament of which European country?

Answer: Spain

4. What was the name of the steamship which took 705 survivors of the Titanic on board and brought them to New York in April 1912?

Answer: Carpathian

DIFFICULT

5. The Summer Olympics 2012 has two mascots. Mandeville is one, name the other?

Answer: Wenlock

6. What European country had sovereignty over Iceland until Iceland became an independent republic in 1944?

Answer: Denmark