



**Irish League
of Credit Unions**

NATIONAL FINAL

***CREDIT UNION SCHOOL QUIZ
2013***

Sunday 7th April 2013

Hall 1, RDS, Dublin

ROUND ONE

Easy

1. A finding of the DNA from predominantly of what animal in frozen beef burgers and other frozen beef products led to those products being removed from shelves in shops and supermarkets in 2013. (Hint beginning with H).

Answer: Horse

2. What was the first name of the 19th century American President whose surname was Lincoln?

Answer: Abraham

Medium

3. Savings in a bank are called deposits, what are they usually called in a Credit Union?

a) Stocks b) Assets c) Shares

Answer: c) Shares

4. The River Loire is the longest river in which European country?

Answer: France

Difficult

5. What chemical element with the symbol CL is commonly used in swimming pools to sanitise the water?

Answer: Chlorine

6. Which fruit, which shares it's name with a flightless bird was originally known as a Chinese Gooseberry?

Answer: Kiwi Fruit

Round Two

Easy

1. What type of beans found in pods and the lower branches of the Cacao tree (pronounced KUH-KAH-OH) are traditionally used to make chocolate?

Answer: Cocoa Beans

2. Along with yellow and green, what other colour makes up the Lithuanian flag?

Answer: Red

Medium

3. Born on February 10th this year, what is Brian O' Driscoll and Amy Huberman's baby daughter called?

Answer: Sadie

4. Having already arrived from Belfast, from which **English port** did the Titanic begin her Transatlantic voyage on April 10th 1912?

Answer: Southampton

Difficult

5. What name is given to a person who prepares, stuffs and mounts animals for display?

Answer: Taxidermist

6. Finish the title of this award winning fantasy novel by Yann Martel which was made into a film, first released on November 21st 2012 - "Life of _____?"

Answer: Life of Pi

Round Three

Easy

1. What is the term given to a word which sounds the same but has a different meaning? *Example: see and sea, pear and pair.*

Answer: Homophone / Homonym

2. The Catholic Pope, Pope Benedict XVI, chose his papal name in honour of a previous Pope Benedict and St. Benedict. He retired after eight years of service this year. His first name is Joseph, beginning with R, what is his surname?

Answer: Ratzinger

Medium

3. *In Sword* is an anagram for which 11th century castle located in the county of Berkshire which has a long association with the royal family?

Answer: Windsor

4. In which city would you find the Brandenburg Gate and the Reichstag building?

Answer: Berlin

Difficult:

5. What word with eight letters and beginning with the letter *g* is used to make the lead in pencils?

Answer: Graphite

6. What is the name given to the bitter tasting fruit of the Blackthorn bush?

Answer: Sloe

Round Four

Easy

1. What clothing and footwear manufacturer uses the slogan "Just Do It?"

Answer: Nike

2. Which Amelia was born in 1897 in Kansas, USA; disappeared over the pacific ocean in 1937 as she attempted to fly around the world and received the U.S. Distinguished Flying Cross in 1932?

Answer: Amelia Earhart

Medium

3. There are 50 states in the United States of America. Name the only state which starts with the letter 'P'.

Answer: Pennsylvania

4. In which Roald Dahl book does Grandma grow so big that her head breaks through the roof of the house?

Answer: George's Marvellous Medicine

Difficult

5. Built in 1928, what sport is most famously played at Stade de Roland-Garros in France?

Answer: Tennis

6. Beginning with 'N', what word is used to describe a star that shows a sudden increase in brightness, then gradually returns to its original state over a period of weeks to years?

Answer: Nova

Round Five

Hint (Numbers – Total is 126)

Easy

1. How many are in a baker's dozen?

Answer: 13

2. Daniel Day Lewis made Oscar history this year winning the best actor award. How many times has he won this award?

Answer: 3

(Lincoln , My Left Foot – The Story of Christy Browne and There Will Be Blood)

Medium

3. After how many years do you celebrate your silver anniversary?

Answer: 25 Years

4. Which P.H. number on the litmus scale describes a substance that is neither acid nor alkaline/base, but instead is neutral?

Answer: P.H. 7 (seven)

Difficult

5. In Maths terms, what is four cubed (4^3)?

Answer: 64

6. How many sides has a tetradecagon?

Answer: 14 sides

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Round Six

Easy

1. "Scream and Shout" featuring Britney Spears, but who did Britney team up with or feature with, on this hit song?

Answer: Will.I. Am

2. Name the Movie/Film?

Answer: Rise of the Guardians.

Moderate

3. "Some Nights" a big summer hit from last year...Can you name the band?

Answer: FUN

4. Russian Composer Tchaikovsky's "Dance of the Sugar Plum fairy", a favourite of Barbie's... From what Ballet is it from?

Answer: The Nutcracker

Difficult

5.That's from one of last year's blockbuster films. Who is this bad guy?

Answer: (Wreck it) Ralph

6. One Direction with One Way or Another, but what band sang the original version?

Answer: Blondie

Round Seven

Easy

1. Name the German scientist born in 1879 who is credited with the Theory of Relativity, $E = MC^2$.

Answer: Albert Einstein

2. At 2,525km long, what is the name of the most sacred river in India?

Answer: The Ganges

Medium

3. What T is the name given to the large, frozen, treeless area in the Arctic which has low temperatures and short growing seasons?

Answer: Tundra

4. Katniss Everdeen is one of the main characters in the science fiction saga *The Hunger Games*, set in the futuristic nation of Panem. What district does she represent in the games?

Answer: 12

Difficult

5. The Roman God Janus was said to look to the future and the past and the month of January is named after him. Beginning with f, what is he said to have two of?

Answer: Faces

6. A CAT Scan is a cross-sectional x ray, sometimes used by doctors to make a diagnosis. The A and T stand for axial tomography. What does the C stand for?

Answer: Computerised

Round Eight

Easy

1. If a decathlon is made up of 10 events, how many events are in a heptathlon?

Answer: 7

2. The city of Geneva is the second most populated city in which country?

Answer: Switzerland

Medium

3. A prime number has only itself and one as its factors. How many prime numbers are there between 54 and 60?

Answer: 1 (59)

4. The Boomtown Rats were a famous Irish Rock band in the 70s, which are due to reform for a gig in Cork in July 2013. Their lead singer later became a political activist, co-wrote the song *Do They Know It's Christmas* and is father to daughters Fifi, Peaches and Pixie. What is his name?

Answer: Bob Geldof

Difficult

5. People who use banks are known as Customers, what are the users of Credit Unions known as? Beginning with the letter "M"

Answer: Members

6. The painter Salvador Dali is associated with Surrealist paintings. His most famous painting is The Persistence of Memory. What nationality was he?

Answer: Spanish

Round Nine

Easy

1. In which hit U.S. TV series would you find the characters Blaine Anderson, Rachel Berry and Kurt Hummel?

Answer: Glee

2. What six letter word is used to describe a painting painted onto a wall or ceiling of wet plaster? The ceiling of the Sistine Chapel is a famous example.

Answer: Fresco

Medium

3. What word beginning with P is a document presented to an authority which is signed by many people demanding action?

Answer: Petition

4. Hugo Chavez passed away in March this year. Of what South American country was he president?

Answer: Venezuela

Difficult

5. What was the name of the NASA Science Laboratory rover that landed on Mars in 2012? Its purpose is to study the area to see whether life could ever survive on Mars.

Answer: Curiosity

6. Which snooker player, nicknamed *The Rocket* announced he is to end his sabbatical and return to snooker to defend his World Title in The Crucible in April 2013?

Answer: Ronnie O Sullivan

Round Ten

Easy

1. What is the largest lake on the River Shannon?

Answer: Lough Derg

2. What word means a break in the earth's surface where earthquakes can occur and a mistake or flaw in someone's character?

Answer: Fault

Medium

3. First name Rosa, name the African-American Civil Rights Activist born on February 4th 1913 who is most widely known for refusing to give up her seat on a Montgomery Bus?

Answer: Rosa Parks

4. Ms. Aung San Suu Kyi is a pro democracy leader who was under house arrest from 1989-2010. She won the Nobel peace Prize in 1991. What country is she a native of?

Answer: Burma (Myanmar)

Difficult

5. In which European city would you find The Spanish Steps and The Trevi Fountain?

Answer: Rome

6. Lima is the capital of which country?

Answer: Peru

Round Eleven

Easy

1. Every 2-3 years an astrological event occurs where there are two full moons in the same calendar month. What colour is used to name the second full moon which occurs?

Answer: Blue – hence the phrase 'once in a blue moon!'.

2. Havana is the capital of which island located in the Caribbean Sea?

Answer: Cuba

Medium

3. Name the company founded in Sweden in 1943 which is famous for designing and selling ready to assemble furniture. It has an outlet in Dublin and Belfast.

Answer: IKEA

4. What is the name given to the initiative which officially launched on New Year's Eve to make 2013 the year where people with Irish heritage across the world come to Ireland to visit?

Answer: The Gathering

Difficult

5. Adolf Hitler wrote a book which was published in 1925. When translated into English the title literally means *My Struggle or My Battle*. Beginning with M and K, what is the 2 word title of the book in German?

Answer: Mein Kampf

6. What country currently holds the Presidency of the Council of the European Union?

Answer: Ireland

Round Twelve

Easy

1. A segway is self balancing battery powered electric vehicle invented by Dean Kamen. How many wheels has a segway?

Answer: Two (2)

2. Name the Australian actor who plays Jean Valjean in Les Miserables and Wolverine in the X-Men franchise.

Answer: Hugh Jackman

Medium

3. Ganymede is the largest moon in our solar system. Which planet does it orbit?

Answer: Jupiter

4. What item, commonly found in offices, can be measured in bales and quires?

Answer: Paper

Difficult

5. The rediscovery of which stone in Egypt in 1799 made the deciphering of hieroglyphics possible? It is also the name of a language learning software.

Answer: The Rosetta Stone

6. What verb, beginning with a, is used to describe when a King or Queen gives up, or renounces, their throne?

Answer: Abdicate (accept any form of this verb – abdicated, abdicates, abdication)