



## CREDIT UNION SCHOOLS QUIZ 2015

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### STAGE 1 - CREDIT UNION LEVEL FRIDAY 30<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2015

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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.
3. 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.

#### ADVISORY NOTES FOR QUIZ MASTER

1. (a) Each question is read out twice.  
(b) All six questions are repeated at the end of each round.  
(c) Answer sheets are then collected after two minutes.

2. The answers to Round 1 are given when the answers to Round 2 have been collected and so on.
3.
  - (a) It is recommended that the table numbers be filled in by the teams on the answer sheets in advance of the Quiz commencing.
  - (b) Teams should be given some rough work paper.
4.
  - (a) Separate correctors should be assigned for both Competition A and Competition B.
  - (b) It is recommended that there should be one corrector per ten teams.
  - (c) Copies of the questions and answers should be copied to each corrector directly before the Quiz commences.
5.
  - (a) When the answer to the question is a person's name, accept the surname.
  - (b) Exact spelling of words is relevant only for spelling questions.

We would like to make you aware of the following:

- A. Some questions are more suitable for schools in the Republic and not Northern Ireland and vice versa. **In all cases the decision of the Adjudicator on the day is final.** Please ensure that the children know how to raise an objection on the night as no correspondence will be entered into after the final scores have been announced.
- B. To combat any incidents of cheating, you are requested not to show these questions to anyone **before or after** the Quiz. Bear in mind that the Quiz is being held over four days, Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January to Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2015.
- D. The dates for all stages of the Quiz are detailed in the Procedures Manual page 3. Please announce the dates before the Quiz commences and advise that should anybody be unavailable for future dates, they will not be able to participate in those future stages. These dates will not be changed. Team members are NOT allowed alter except in exceptional circumstances.
- E. It would be advisable for the quizmaster and the adjudicator to meet prior to the quiz, and go through each question. If in doubt about any question then substitute that question with another. Should you have any queries, please call Patricia Donnellan in League office (01 – 614 6912) BEFORE Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2015.
- F. In all cases the decision of the Adjudicator on the day is final. The League will not be responsible for resolving any disputes that may occur at Credit Union level or Chapter level.

## **ROUND ONE**

### **EASY**

1. How many minutes in 2 hours?

**Answer: 120**

2. Which band had a hit with 'Steal My Girl' in 2014?

**Answer: One Direction**

### **MODERATE**

3. What hobby would you associate with hooks, rods, reels and baits?

**Answer: Fishing/Angling**

4. Who is the current manager of Manchester United?

**Answer: Louis van Gaal**

### **DIFFICULT**

5. Beginning with A, what is the name given to a counting frame where coloured beads are moved back and forth to help calculate?

**Answer: Abacus**

6. What is the name given to the large sandstone rock in the Northern Territory, Central Australia? It is also known as Uluru.

**Answer: Ayers Rock**

## **ROUND TWO**

### **EASY**

1. Who was crowned the winner of the UK X Factor 2014?

**Answer: Ben Haenow**

2. Would you find the Arctic surrounding the North or South Pole?

**Answer: North**

### **MODERATE**

3. Beginning with T, what is the name given to a violently spinning funnel of air? It is sometimes known as a twister.

**Answer: Tornado**

4. Beginning with A, what fruit do the French refer to as Pommes?

**Answer: Apples**

### **DIFFICULT**

5. How many degrees in a full rotation?

**Answer: 360**

6. Name the actress that plays Katniss Everdeen in the Hunger Games movies.

**Answer: Jennifer Lawrence.**

### **ROUND THREE**

#### **EASY**

1. Who is the current President of the Irish League of Credit Unions?

**Answer: Mr. Martin Sisk**

2. Kim Kardashian married which celebrity in 2014?

**Answer: Kanye West**

#### **MODERATE**

3. AA and AAA are types of which product used to power toys and remotes?

**Answer: Batteries**

4. In Frozen, which of the sisters' hair colour changed?

**Answer: Anna**

#### **DIFFICULT**

5. Which Irish singer had hits with 'Take me to Church' and 'From Eden' in 2014?

**Answer: Hozier**

6. At 4,810 m and named after the French word for white, what is the highest mountain in the Alps?

**Answer: Mount Blanc**

## **ROUND FOUR**

### **EASY**

1. Who is the current coach of the Irish Rugby Team?

**Answer:            Joe Schmidt**

2. What is the next prime number after 5?

**Answer:            7**

### **MODERATE**

3. Which planet in the Solar System has the least amount of letters in its name?

**Answer:            Mars**

4. Which Scottish Loch, which is approx. 24 miles wide, is home to a famous monster?

**Answer:            Loch Ness**

### **DIFFICULT**

5. World War II is reported to have ended in which year? 1941, 1943 or 1945?

**Answer:            1945**

6. What Y is an Asian country south of Saudi Arabia? It has 5 letters.

**Answer:            Yemen**

## **ROUND FIVE**

### **EASY**

1. Complete the name of this Meghan Trainor song: 'All \_\_\_\_\_ that Bass'.

**Answer:            About**

2. Important dates on a calendar, e.g. Christmas Day or St. Patrick's Day are known as 'Red \_\_\_\_\_' days.

**Answer:            Letter**

### **MODERATE**

3. Do coconuts traditionally grow from a tree or in the ground?

**Answer:            Tree**

4. Which famous basketball player moved to Cleveland Cavaliers from Miami Heat last year?

**Answer:            LeBron James**

### **DIFFICULT**

5. The Po and Tiber rivers are found in which European country?

**Answer:        Italy**

6. Who composed the Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy?

**Answer:            Tchaikovsky**

## **ROUND SIX**

### **EASY**

1. NEWS stands for North, East, West and \_\_\_\_\_?

**Answer: South**

2. Complete the name of the flag of the United Kingdom - The Union \_\_\_\_\_?

**Answer: Jack**

### **MODERATE**

3. Which band released a cover of 'Oh Cecilia' last year?

**Answer: The Vamps**

4. Pierce Brosnan, Daniel Craig and Sean Connery have all played which iconic role?

**Answer: James Bond**

### **DIFFICULT**

5. In what year will the next Olympic Games be held?

**Answer: 2016**

6. Name the twice world champion Formula One racing driver who has been linked to singer Nicole Scherzinger?

**Answer: Lewis Hamilton**



## **ROUND SEVEN**

### **EASY**

1. What is the name of Brian O'Driscoll and Amy Huberman's son, born in 2014?

**Answer: Billy**

2. Approx how many credit unions members are within the Island of Ireland? Is it: (a) over 3 million (b) over 4 million (c) over 5 million

**Answer: (a) over 3 million**

### **MODERATE**

3. What type of natural disaster struck San Francisco in 1906?

**Answer: Earthquake**

4. Oritse, JB, Marvin and Aston were collectively known as what?

**Answer: JLS**

### **DIFFICULT**

5. Beginning with U, what word means a small guitar that originated in Hawaii?

**Answer: Ukulele**

6. Ulan Bator is the capital of which country that begins with M?

**Answer: Mongolia**

## **ROUND EIGHT**

### **EASY**

1. How many days are in January?

**Answer: 31**

2. Maris Piper, Home Guard and Rooster are all types of what?

**Answer: Potato**

### **MODERATE**

3. Germany won the FIFA World Cup last year. What country did they beat in the final?

**Answer: Argentina**

4. Cob and Pen are the male and female of which large aquatic bird?

**Answer: Swan**

### **DIFFICULT**

5. What tournament did Hogwarts, Durmstrang and Beauxbatons compete in in The Goblet of Fire?

**Answer: The Triwizard Tournament**

6. What is the name of the successful circus company from Canada that when translated means Circus of the Sun.

**Answer: Cirque Du Soleil**

## **ROUND NINE**

### **EASY**

1. What planet in the Solar System is the furthest from the sun (not including Pluto)?

**Answer:**            **Neptune**

2. What is the capital of Switzerland?

**Answer:**            **Bern**

### **MODERATE**

3. In what county would you find the town of Kingscourt?  
Cavan or Waterford.

**Answer:**            **Cavan**

4. In what county would you find the towns of Omagh and Cookstown?

**Answer:**            **Tyrone**

### **DIFFICULT**

5. The Rugby World Cup will be held in 2015. In what country will it be held? A) The UK   b) Australia or   c) New Zealand?

**Answer:**            **(A)   The U.K.**

6. What is the name given to the green pigment found in the leaves of plants?     *Hint: The third syllable sounds like a first name!*

**Answer:**            **Chlorophyll**

## **ROUND TEN**

### **EASY**

1. In what country would you find The Leaning Tower of Pisa?

**Answer: Italy**

2. Which chess piece can only move diagonally?

**Answer: Bishop**

### **MODERATE**

3. Which comic company published Iron Man, Spider man and The Hulk?

**Answer: Marvel**

4. What club did Luiz Suarez transfer to in 2014?

**Answer: Barcelona**

### **DIFFICULT**

5. What colour heart are members of the U.S. army sometimes honoured with for being wounded or killed in action?

**Answer: Purple**

6. In the Skulduggery Pleasant books, what is Valkyrie Cain's real first name?

**Answer: Stephanie (Edgley)**

## **ROUND ELEVEN**

### **EASY**

1. What is the square root of 169?

**Answer:           13**

2. Which Irish poet wrote 'Midterm Break'?

**Answer:           Seamus Heaney**

### **MODERATE**

3. What astronaut died on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2012?

**Answer:           Neil Armstrong**

4. What 6 letter word beginning with S describes a device that uses air pressure to force liquid upwards? It is usually in an inverted U shape.

**Answer:           A siphon**

### **DIFFICULT**

5. Which businessman founded Virgin airways and Virgin records?

**Answer:           Richard Branson**

6. Beginning with D, what is the closest part of the UK to France? There is also a song about the White Cliffs found there.

**Answer:           Dover**

## **ROUND TWELVE**

### **EASY**

1. Which tree has varieties called 'Weeping' and 'Pussy'?

**Answer:**            **Willow.**

2. What type of rock forms as a result of magma or lava cooling down? The answer begins with **I** and has 7 letters.

**Answer:**            **Igneous**

### **MODERATE**

3. What is the name of the oath taken by doctors to ensure they always try their hardest to save their patient? It is named after a Greek doctor and may remind you of an animal you would see in the zoo.

**Answer:**            **Hippocratic oath**

4. What is the name given to the sport where a horse and rider are expected to perform a series of moves such as trots and moving backwards? It is sometimes described as horse ballet.

**Answer:**            **Dressage**

### **DIFFICULT**

5. Which actor plays Bilbo Baggins in The Hobbit movies? He also plays the character Dr. Watson in Sherlock.

**Answer:**            **Martin Freeman**

6. What is the name given to the shallow water around Ireland's coast? The Continental \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer:**            **Shelf**

## **TIEBREAKERS**

### **CHOOSE ANY THREE**

1. In what film, which is also a musical, did John Travolta play Danny Zukko?

**Answer: Grease**

2. Name ALL THREE sports that make up a triathlon?

**Answer: Running, Cycling and Swimming**

3. St. Paul's Cathedral was designed by which British architect? He shares his surname with a small bird.

**Answer: (Christopher) Wren**

4. Which notorious prison stands on a rock in San Francisco Bay?

**Answer: Alcatraz**

5. What kind of creature was Gimli in The Lord of the Rings?

**Answer: Dwarf**

6. What is Victoria Beckham's maiden name?

**Answer: Adams**

## **TIEBREAKERS 2**

### **CHOOSE ANY THREE**

1. Queen Lillian and King Harold are the parents of which princess?

**Answer:**                **Fiona (Shrek)**

2. Penn State University beat which American college football team in Croke Park in September of 2014? University of \_\_\_\_\_

**Answer:**                **Central Florida (accept Florida)**

3. In the Harry Potter series, what do Hermione's parents both do for a living?

**Answer:**                **Dentists**

4. In Bingo calls, the number 9 is referred to as Doctors' \_\_\_\_\_?

**Answer:**                **Orders**

5. Beginning with C, what was the name of the first rescue ship that picked up survivors after the Titanic sank?

**Answer:**                **Carpathia**

6. In what year was the Battle of Clontarf? (nearest wins)

**Answer:**                **1014**