

- 1 Which famous brand owned Weight Watchers from 1978 to 1999 and still produces foodstuffs under that name?
- 2 297 people were killed in a 2009 earthquake, the epicentre of which was in the capital city of the Italian region of Abruzzo. Name the city.
- 3 Currently playing at Dublin's Gate Theatre is *An Enemy of the People*. Originally written by Henrik Ibsen, the Dublin production is the 1950 adaptation of the work by which American playwright?
- 4 In which entertainment franchise, which has included several tv series, comic books, animated and live-action films, do the Autobots battle the Decepticons?
- 5 Launched in 1977, which two identical NASA space probes have now reached the outer edge of the solar system while still sending back data?
- 6 His name sounds like that of another high-flier, which politician born in Cork but representing Dublin constituencies, served as Tánaiste between June 1981 and March 1982?
- 7 Which British actor (born 1946) has appeared in the following roles: Cardinal Richelieu, Long John Silver, Dr Frank-N-Furter and Pennywise the Clown in Stephen King's *It*?
- 8 Which cartoon character made his debut in the 1934 Disney film *The Wise Little Hen*?
- 9 What is the name for the method of growing plants using mineral nutrient solutions, in water, without soil?
- 10 From the Russian word for "to think" or "to consider", what name is given to the Russian parliamentary assembly?
- 11 This tribe (technical term) of plants features the largest and tallest members of the grass family. It also has some of the fastest growing, with cultivated plants averaging 3-10cm per day during the growing season. Famously, these plants make up to 99% of the diet of the Giant Panda. What plant?
- 12 *It's Now or Never*, recorded and released by Elvis Presley in 1960 features a melody based on which Neapolitan song written in 1898 by Giovanni Capurro with melody by Eduardo di Capua?
- 13 Apart from 20 years following the English Civil War which lighthouse, on the Eastern side of Waterford Harbour, has been in continuous use since 1245?
- 14 Which Provençal (French) dish of stewed vegetables, especially tomatoes, courgette, aubergine, bell peppers and spices, originated around the city of Nice and shares its name with Oscar-winning film of 2007?
- 15 Ali Maow Maalin, a Somali national, was the last person recorded (in 1977) as contracting which disease?
- 16 In the 2010 World Cup Finals, Germany's Thomas Muller was awarded the Golden Boot even though several other players had scored the same amount of goals as he had. His greater number of assists won him the award on his own. Including Muller, how many players finished tied on top of the scorers' chart on 5 goals?
- 17 In the Marx Brothers's film, *A Night at the Opera*, scenes of comic chaos play out over a performance of which Giuseppe Verdi opera?
- 18 Originally composed and recorded in 1977 as a home demo by John Lennon, in 1995 a studio version of this song, incorporating contributions from Paul McCartney, George Harrison and Ringo Starr, was released as a single by the Beatles, 25 years after their break-up. What was it called?
- 19 In Greek myth, what name is given to the one-eyed giants living on the slopes of Mt. Etna, Sicily, the best known of whom was Polyphemus who was tricked by Odysseus?
- 20 This man is the only athlete to win an Olympic medal for Namibia, taking silver in the 100m and 200m races in both Barcelona (1992) and Atlanta (1996). What is his name?
- 21 What is the Neolithic cairn on the summit of Knocknarae, just outside Sligo town, known as?

- 22 In 1908 it was renamed "The Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office" and, in 1965, was further changed to "Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith". What holy office was founded by Pope Paul III in 1542?
- 23 Which Asian country is known to the people who live there as Druk Yul, which can be translated as 'land of the thunder dragon'?
- 24 Which Irish singer, a former Eurovision Song Contest contestant, originated the famous musical roles of Jean Valjean (in *Les Misérables*) and Ché (in *Evita*)?
- 25 The ancient city of Nicaea, venue for the first and seventh Ecumenical councils in the early history of the Christian Church is located in which modern country?
- 26 In the International Rules Series between Ireland's gaelic footballers and Australia's AFL, the winners receive a trophy named after which late Tyrone footballer?
- 27 The computer language 'B' was created by Ken Thompson in 1969 as a revision of the Bon programming language (named after his wife Bonnie). In 1972, Dennis Ritchie improved on the B programming language and called it 'New B'. He later changed its name to what?
- 28 What was the name of the rock group, founded by Rory Gallagher in 1966 out of the remnants of the Fontana Showband? Gallagher would eventually leave to go solo, following the band's final performance at the 1970 Isle of Wight festival.
- 29 Passed in 1495 at a session in Drogheda, this law limited the power of the Irish Parliament and gave the English Parliament and monarch veto power over its legislation. It was sponsored by the Lord Deputy of Ireland, an appointee of England's Henry VII, and became known by his name. What law?
- 30 Located around 12km east of the city of Dusseldorf, this small valley of the river Dussel became famous following the 1856 discovery of the first example of an extinct species of human. What is the valley called?
- 31 Simeon Stylites was a Christian ascetic saint who achieved fame for spending the last 37 years of his life on top of a... what?
- 32 Which 1885 comic opera is set entirely in the Japanese town of Titipu?
- 33 In January 2013, the company that produces the Blackberry mobile phone officially changed its name to... Blackberry. What was its original name (not acronym), used by the company from its founding in 1984?
- 34 The name of which Italian liqueur literally means 'a little bitter'?
- 35 The world's largest rodent inhabits savannas and dense forests and lives near bodies of water in South America. Adults can grow up to 130cm in length and can weigh up to 65kg, which is probably why they are a favourite food of jaguar, puma, ocelot, eagle and anaconda. What is its name?
- 36 Named after the two mathematicians who devised it, what mathematical formulation is used in the sport of Cricket to calculate the target score for the team batting second in a limited overs match interrupted by weather or other circumstances?
- 37 He spent 16 years as manager of Dynamo Kyiv, during which time they won the Soviet league 8 times, the cup 6 times and the European Cup Winners' Cup twice. Their stadium is now named after him. He also managed the USSR to the final of Euro '88. Which football legend was awarded the title Hero of Ukraine, the nation's highest honour, following his death in 2002?
- 38 After one of the most-hyped countdowns in music history, which group released their fourth studio album *Random Access Memories*, on May 17th last? The hype must have worked as it reached no 1 in 19 countries including Ireland, the UK and the US.
- 39 First described in a 2008 paper by its mysterious developer Satoshi Nakamoto, which peer-to-peer, electronic cash system saw its value increase 14-fold in the early months of 2013?
- 40 3096, a film currently in production, is based on the best-selling 2010 autobiographical book *3096 Days*. In the film, Northern Irish actress Antonia Campbell-Hughes will play the book's author. What is her name?
- 41 Which Australian opera singer earned the nickname *La Stupenda* after her performance in Handel's *Alcina* in Venice in 1960?

- 42 This palace was originally built as a residence for England's King Henry VIII, who lived there from 1515-1523. Later it was leased to the French diplomatic mission and served as the setting for the famous Holbein painting *The Ambassadors*. In 1556 it became a jail and served in this capacity for 299 years, eventually becoming synonymous with police stations and detention facilities in England and in Ireland. What was the name of this building which was demolished in 1864?
- 43 Ireland's ladies rugby team won their first ever Grand Slam this year. Which country did they beat in the final game of the championship, by just 6-3?
- 44 The mayor of which major city has been under fire in recent weeks due to an ongoing scandal over a video purporting to show him smoking crack cocaine?
- 45 Which insect is known for performing a 'waggle dance' to indicate the distance and direction of food?
- 46 What word links a famous museum in St. Petersburg, the Shiraz grape and, via translation, all Irish placenames which feature the word Dysart?
- 47 Its name means dry lagoon and it is most famous for turn 8, the Corkscrew. Which motor racing circuit is located just outside the city of Monterey, California, was featured in the tv show *Top Gear* when host Jeremy Clarkson attempted to equal a lap he had set on the course in the videogame *Gran Turismo*?
- 48 The 1973 film *The Way we were* starred Robert Redford and which actress, who also sang the film's Oscar-winning (and eponymous) theme song?
- 49 On April 14, a 14-metre high fibreglass statue depicting whom was unveiled in the Polish city of Czestochowa?
- 50 Which singer-songwriter wrote the Irish rugby anthem *Ireland's Call*?
- 51 The first Canadian to walk in space, this man achieved worldwide fame during his recent mission on-board the International Space Station, a trip he ended by paying tribute to David Bowie with a rendition of "Space Oddity". Name him.
- 52 The world's largest nocturnal primate, this native of Madagascar combines rodent-like teeth and a special thin middle finger to fill the same ecological niche as a woodpecker, tapping on trees to find grubs, then gnawing holes in the wood using its incisors to create a small hole in which it inserts its narrow middle finger to pull the grubs out?
- 53 Prior to '*Schindler's List*' in 1993, which had been the last black and white film to win the 'Best Picture' Oscar?
- 54 A man of many talents, the USA's 20th President is credited with developing the trapezoid proof of the Pythagorean Theorem in 1876, five years before his election to the White House?
- 55 Famously mentioned in a 1982 song by The Clash, what name is given the walled citadel of many North African cities and towns, specifically the one in Algiers?
- 56 What is the name of the replica famine ship, based on an original ship which, over its 16 voyages to North America between 1848 and 1855, no crew or passenger lives were ever lost on board? The replica was built at Blennerville in Co. Kerry and launched in 2002?
- 57 The 2010 film '*Tangled*' told the story of which fairytale character?
- 58 The base for the Mexican dip known as guacamole, which fruit (technically a large berry) has a markedly higher fat content than other fruit and averages 160 kcalories per 100g weight?
- 59 Kyalami is a motor-racing circuit which hosted its national grand prix, a fixture on the Formula One calendar, from 1967-1985 and again in 1992 and 1993. In which country is it located, a country that has not hosted a Formula One event since that 1993 race, which was won by Alain Prost?
- 60 What service was closed down with the opening of Dublin's East Link toll bridge in 1984?
- 61 What subatomic particles are named after a word first used by James Joyce in *Finnegan's Wake*?
- 62 The author of many non-fiction works and over 20 plays, most famously '*The Garden Party*' (1963), which Prague-born writer became even more famous for his political career?

- 63 The 9th President of the US was also the shortest-lived. He died on the 32nd day of his term in office, probably caught while delivering the longest inauguration speech in US history (over 2 hours) on one of the coldest days of the year. What was his full name?
- 64 In 2013, SportsPro magazine rated him as the most marketable athlete in the world. At the age of 19, he won the 2011 South American Footballer of the Year award and retained that title in 2012. Which player announced he had signed a five-year contract with Spain's FC Barcelona in May 2013?
- 65 Which city was founded as Turicum by the Romans in 15BC? In 1519, it was the place of origin and centre of the local Protestant Reformation, led by the preacher Ulrich Zwingli.
- 66 The Travelling Wilburys were a rock supergroup, founded in 1988 by George Harrison and Jeff Lynne. They had three top 10 records here in Ireland. One of their members had already died before the band recorded the video for the second of those singles, End of the Line, so he was represented in the video by a guitar on an otherwise empty rocking chair. Who was he?
- 67 Fewer than 20 individuals have ever been confirmed to have landed on this 20-metre-high rock in the Atlantic Ocean. Its ownership is disputed between four countries: Denmark, Iceland, Ireland and the UK. Which islet's name features in the title of a 1975 song by The Wolfe Tones?
- 68 His son races under the flag of Germany and he himself was born in Sweden in 1948 but what country did 1982 Formula One drivers champion Keke Rosberg represent?
- 69 In which weight class did Katie Taylor win her gold medal at the 2012 Summer Olympic Games?
- 70 Italian Alberto Ascari (1955) and Australian Paul Hawkins (1965) are the only two drivers to have been forced to retire from the Monaco Grand Prix for what rare reason?
- 71 An example of a fixed verse form, what name is given to a nineteen-line poem consisting of five tercets followed by a quatrain. There are two refrains and two repeating rhymes, with the first and third line of the first tercet repeated alternately until the last stanza, which includes both repeated lines? It is best-known for its use in Dylan Thomas's 'Do not go gentle in to that good night'.
- 72 In 2011 the 25th of this series of conferences was held in its traditional venue, Brussels. Devoted to outstanding preeminent open problems in both physics and chemistry, the first five conferences were chaired by Dutch physicist Hendrik Lorentz and often featured a who's-who of scientists including Curie, Einstein, Poincaré, Rutherford and Schrodinger. By what name are these conferences known, in honour of the Belgian industrialist who convened the first in 1911?
- 73 Constructed around the year 125AD, which building still holds the record for the largest unreinforced concrete round dome in the history of architecture?
- 74 Described as "a twangy style of steel guitar music" in which the words are minimal, with a rough edge not heard on the more polished Nashville Sound recordings of the same era, this form of country music was popularised by country crooners such as Buck Owens and Merle Haggard in the 1950s. It was named for the city in the middle of the area in which this subgenre first appeared. Which city, the ninth largest in California?
- 75 It's connected to Germany and contains the cities of Aarhus, Aalborg and Vejle. What name is given to the peninsula forming the western half of Denmark?
- 76 What name links British dance group Faithless, a chocolate covered caramel sweet and the Viking leader who was given the duchy of Normandy by the French king in the year 911?
- 77 In the world of fiction, which ship always carries the identification number NCC-1701 on its side?
- 78 America's current First Lady Michelle Obama was born on January 17, 1964, in Chicago, Illinois. What is her maiden name?
- 79 What is the actual name of the record commonly referred to as The Beatle's White Album?
- 80 27-year-old Northern Irish footballer Johnny McKinstry was the somewhat surprising choice of the football federation of which country when they announced him as the new manager of their national football team in April?

- 81 Galway hurler Iarla Tannian was awarded the man of the match prize following last September's drawn All-Ireland final. Which player received the award following the replay, a dream debut if there ever was one?
- 82 Which song, recorded just three days before the singer's death, became Otis Redding's biggest hit?
- 83 How many US states have a coast on the Gulf of Mexico?
- 84 Described as the "most famous living Bangladeshi" by the BBC, who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2006, along with the Grameen Bank, which he founded in 1976, "for their efforts through microcredit to create economic and social development from below"?
- 85 What is the full birth name of singer-songwriter Luka Bloom?
- 86 Between 1998 and 2012, the UEFA Super Cup match between the winners of the Champions League and the UEFA Cup/Europa League took place in the Stade Louis II, in which city?
- 87 In how many consecutive years did Irish runner Catherina McKiernan finish runner-up in the World Cross-Country Championships?
- 88 In the last week Microsoft announced the successor to their very successful Xbox 360 games console. The new machine will be called the Xbox what?
- 89 At the age of 13, boys of the Jewish faith go through a coming-of-age ritual called the Bar Mitzvah. What is the name of the equivalent female ritual, which girls reach at the age of 12?
- 90 In the Olympics triathlon competition the exact running distance is measured in kilometres. What distance do competitors need to run?
- 91 What word links a small, high-pitched flute, the number five in the NATO phonetic alphabet and a county in Scotland?
- 92 In 2008 he penned an official sixth instalment in The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy series of books. He is much better-known though as the author of the Artemis Fowl books. What is his name?
- 93 Designed by Klaus-Jürgen Wrede and published in 2000, which tile-based board game is named after a medieval fortified town in Southern France?
- 94 Recorded on three different albums of the 1960s by The Dubliners, what song became Thin Lizzy's first UK top ten hit single?
- 95 Ireland's largest gardening show is taking place as we speak. Established in 2007 as an Irish equivalent to the Chelsea Flower Show it is organised by An Bord Bia each year in the Phoenix Park. What is it called?
- 96 First performed, at the Théâtre des Champs-Élysées on 29 May 1913, the avant-garde nature of its music and choreography caused a sensation and almost a riot in the audience. The Rite of Spring is a ballet and orchestral concert work by which composer?
- 97 The name of Dushanbe, the capital and largest city in Tajikistan, is identical to the Persian word for one of the days of the week, reflecting the fact that the city grew on the site of a village that originally was a popular market on that day. Which day?
- 98 Which Irish politician, activist and scholar released the autobiography A Kick Against the Pricks in 2012?
- 99 The original game in this series was released in 1996. It has spawned several movie adaptations in recent years (all starring Milla Jovovich). Raccoon City is a fictional American city, the scene of the action in which series of survival horror computer games?
- 100 Alfonso Ribeiro (born 1971) is an American actor and television director. He first gained recognition in 1983, when he played a leading role in the Broadway musical The Tap Dance Kid and subsequently appeared with Michael Jackson in a Pepsi television commercial. He is certainly best known though for playing what character in the 1990s sitcom The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air?

## Answers:

1. Heinz
2. L'Aquila
3. Arthur Miller
4. Transformers
5. Voyager
6. Michael O'Leary
7. Tim Curry
8. Donald Duck
9. Hydroponic
10. The Duma
11. Bamboo
12. O Sole Mio
13. Hook Head Lighthouse
14. Ratatouille
15. Smallpox
16. Four (with Villa, Sneijder, Forlan)
17. Il Trovatore
18. Free as a bird
19. Cyclopes
20. Frankie Fredericks
21. Queen Maeve's Grave
22. Inquisition
23. Bhutan
24. Colm Wilkinson
25. Turkey (iznik)
26. Cormac McAnallen
27. C
28. Taste
29. Poyning's law
30. Neander valley
31. Pillar
32. The Mikado
33. Research in Motion
34. Amaretto
35. Capybara
36. Duckworth Lewis
37. Valeriy Lobanovskyi
38. Daft Punk
39. Bitcoin
40. Natascha Kampusch
41. Joan Sutherland
42. Bridewell
43. Italy
44. Toronto
45. Bees
46. Hermitage
47. Laguna Seca
48. Barbra Striesand
49. Giant statue of Pope JP II
50. Phil Coulter

51. Chris Hadfield
52. Aye-aye
53. The Apartment (1960)
54. James Garfield
55. Casbah
56. The Jeanie Johnston
57. Rapunzel
58. Avocado / Alligator Pear
59. Kyalami
60. Liffey Ferry
61. Quark
62. Vaclav Havel
63. William Henry Harrison
64. Neymar (da Silva Santos Júnior)
65. Zurich
66. Roy Orbison
67. Rockall
68. Finland
69. Lightweight / 60kg
70. Cars in to the harbour
71. Villanelle
72. Solvay conferences
73. Pantheon
74. Bakersfield
75. Jutland / Cimbria
76. Rollo
77. Starship Enterprise
78. Robinson
79. The Beatles
80. Sierra Leone
81. Walter Walsh
82. (Sitting on) The Dock of the Bay
83. Five: Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida
84. Mohammad Yunus
85. (Kevin) Barry Moore
86. Monte Carlo
87. Four (1992-95)
88. One
89. Bat mitzvah
90. 10km / 6.2mi
91. Fife
92. Eoin Colfer
93. Carcassonne
94. Whiskey in the Jar
95. Bloom
96. Igor Stravinsky
97. Monday
98. David Norris
99. Resident Evil / Biohazard
100. Carlton (Banks)