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|  | MERSEYSIDE QUIZ LEAGUESQuestions set by MikeFor use in MIMIR MQL Heats April 2022Correct as at XXXX |  |

**Round One**

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| 1a | In which 2003 film, directed by Sofia Coppola. does Bill Murray play a fading American movie star who travels to Tokyo to promote Suntory whisky? | **LOST IN TRANSLATION** |
| 1b | In 2001 the mills in which river valley in Derbyshire became a UNESCO world heritage site?  | **DERWENT** |
| 1c | Australian born cricketer Sir George Oswald Browning Allen who captained England in eleven Test matches was known by which forename, a play on his initials? | **GUBBY**  |
| 2a | Which 1935 novel by C S Forester features the characters Charles Allnut and Rose Sayer? | **THE AFRICAN QUEEN** |
| 2b  | American Josephine Cochranewas the inventor of the first commercially successful version of which appliance under the name of Lavadora, later changed to Lavaplatos? | **(AUTOMATIC) DISHWASHER** |
| 2c | Which gold coin was first struck in a former Italian Republic from 1252 to 1533? A British coin with the same name was issued from 1849 until 1967.  | **FLORIN**  |
| 3a | Which sock puppet anthropomorphic sheep was created by American puppeteer and ventriloquist Shari Lewis? | **LAMB CHOP** |
| 3b | Which is the largest political party in Russia? It supports the policies of the incumbent president although Putin is its de facto rather than official leader. | **UNITED RUSSIA** |
| 3c | Avernus was the name of the infernal regions or their entrance in which mythology? | **ROMAN** |
| 4a | Hidrotic and sudorific are adjectives referring to the production of what in the body? | **SWEAT** |
| 4b | During his stay in which coastal city in the south of France did Vincent Van Gogh broadened his subject matter to include series of olive trees, wheat fields and sunflowers? | **ARLES** |
| 4c | Under what stage name did Stephen John Harrington became famous as the lead singer of the new wave synth-pop group Visage? | **STEVE STRANGE** |

**Round Two**

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| 1a | Horripilation, considered to be a vestigial reflex when under stress etc, is commonly known as what? | **GOOSE BUMPS/****PIMPLES/FLESH** |
| 1b | A 1904–1906 series of oil paintings by Paul Cézanne features which mountain overlooking Aix-en-Provence? | **(MONT) SAINTE-VICTOIRE** |
| 1c | Strangers in the Night was a 1966 studio album and single by which singer? | **FRANK SINATRA** |
| 2a | For her film Nomadland who became the second woman to win the Academy Award for best director? | **CHLOE ZHAO** |
| 2b  | Which isolated Scottish archipelago that has had no permanent residents since 1930 became a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1987? | **ST KILDA** |
| 2c  | Which England men’s cricket captain moved to England aged three from Milan? | **TED DEXTER** |
| 3a | Which 1935 memoir by the Danish author Karen Blixen has sometimes been published under her pen name, Isak Dinesen? | **OUT OF AFRICA** |
| 3b | American inventor Mary Anderson is popularly credited with devising the first power-operated version of which device for cars and other vehicles in 1903? | **WINDSCREEN WIPER**  |
| 3c | A moidore, meaning literally money of gold from Latin *monēta* *dē* *aurum*. was a former coin from which country? | **PORTUGAL** |
| 4a | Which dummy, attired in his top hat, tuxedo, and monocle, was a partner of American ventriloquist Edgar Bergen? | **CHARLIE MCCARTHY** |
| 4b | Which French political party was founded in April 2016 by Emmanuel Macron? | (LA RÉPUBLIQUE) **EN MARCHE!** |
| 4c  | In Greek myth what name was given to the underworld roamed by the souls of the dead? | **HADES** |

**Round Three**

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| 1a | Albert Saveen (or just "Saveen" as he was known) was a ventriloquist who had fourteen puppet characters including which tiny schoolgirl dummy? | **DAISY MAY** |
| 1b | Fidesz, led by Viktor Orban. is a right-wing populist and national-conservative political party in which country? | **HUNGARY**  |
| 1c | In Hinduism and Buddhism etc what name is given to a place of perfect peace and happiness, like heaven? | **NIRVANA** |
| 2a | Eructation, the release of gas from the upper digestive tract through the mouth, is commonly known as what? | **BURPING/BELCHING** |
| 2b | Which village on the River Seine is best known as the location of Claude Monet's garden and home? | **GIVERNY** |
| 2c | "Stranger on the Shore", the UK's biggest selling single of 1962, is an instrumental piece written by which clarinettist? | **ACKER BILK** |
| 3a | Who became the first woman to be nominated twice for the Academy Award for best director? | **JANE CAMPION** |
| 3b | Which castle on Anglesey is part of the UNESCO World Heritage site known as ‘Castles and Town Walls of King Edward in Gwynedd**’?**  | **BEAUMARIS** |
| 3c | Which Indian prince and cricket player was the captain of the India's national cricket team during its tour of England in 1946? He also played Test cricket for England in 1932 and 1934. | **NAWAB OF PATAUDI** (Senior) |
| 4a | *A Good Man in Africa*, published in 1981, is which Scottish writer’s first novel? | **WILLIAM BOYD** |
| 4b | British inventor Valerie Hunter Gordon is considered to be the inventor of which product used by new parents? | **DISPOSABLE NAPPY** |
| 4c | The name of which gold or silver coin of varying values, formerly much used in Europe, was derived from the Late Latin for a duchy? | **DUCAT** |

**Round Four**

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| 1a | *Green Hills of Africa* is a non-fiction account of a month on safari in 1933 undertaken by which American novelist? | **ERNEST HEMINGWAY** |
| 1b | Which lightweight, heat-resistant and strong synthetic fibre was developed by Stephanie Kwolek at DuPont in 1965? | **KEVLAR** |
| 1c | Which obsolete Spanish gold coin, originally worth 2 pistoles, is remembered due in large part to the influence of historical fiction about piracy? | **DOUBLOON** |
| 2a | Which English ventriloquist was associated primarily with the dummy Lord Charles? | **RAY ALAN** |
| 2b | After splitting from the Solidarity Electoral Action coalition in 2001, the Law and Justice party was formed in which country?  | **POLAND** |
| 2c | In Norse mythology Hel, the goddess of death, was one of the children of which trickster god? | **LOKI** |
| 3a | What is the medical tern for sneezing, the rapid and involuntary expulsion of air from the lungs through the nose and mouth? | **STERNUTATION** |
| 3b | Toward the end of his life, which French Post-Impressionist painter spent ten years in French Polynesia? | **PAUL GAUGUIN** |
| 3c | "Stranger in Paradise", a song from the musical *Kismet* is based on a melody bu which Russian composer? | **ALEXANDER BORODIN** |
| 4a | For which 2008 film did Kathryn Bigelow become the first woman to win the Academy Award for best director? | **THE HURT LOCKER** |
| 4b | The UNESCO World Heritage site Giant's Causeway and Causeway Coast is part of which Irish county? | **ANTRIM** |
| 4c | Affectionately and better known as Plum, which England cricketer born in Trinidad, captained England in ten Test matches before the First World War? | **PELHAM WARNER** |

**Round Five**

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| 1a | Which paralysing poison extracted from the bark of certain South American trees was used by indigenous tribes to coat the tips of arrows and later used as a muscle relaxant? | **CURARE** |
| 1b | Yen Sid ("Disney" spelled backwards) is the powerful sorcerer in which 1940 film? | **FANTASIA** |
| 1c | Which stop-motion children's series created by Otmar Gutmann and Erika Brueggemann focuses on a family of anthropomorphic emperor penguins who live at the South Pole? | **PINGU** |
| 2a | The title of which 1990 book by Roald Dahl is derived from the name of a reptile of the order Chelonia spelled backwards? | **ESIO TROT** |
| 2b | Which lectin and a highly potent toxin is produced in the seeds of the castor oil plant? | **RICIN** |
| 2c | Tux the penguin is the official brand character of which mostly free and open-source operating system kernel? | **LINUX** |
| 3a | Which penguin, a wanted robber who frequently disguises himself as a chicken, features in the Wallace and Gromit animation The Wrong Trousers? | **FEATHERS MCGRAW** |
| 3b | In 2018 which sportswoman launching her own beauty line company, called Aneres? | **SERENA WILLIAMS** |
| 3c | In the 1995 Tokyo subway attack, the Aum Shinrikyo sect released a form of which toxic chemical compound? | **SARIN** |
| 4a  | The seeds of the nux vomica tree are the most common source of which highly toxic, colourless, bitter, crystalline alkaloid? | **STRYCHNINE** |
| 4b | Elijah Wood voices the penguin Mumble in which 2006 computer-animated musical comedy film? | **HAPPY FEET** |
| 4c | Since 1986 who has been the Chair and CEO of Harpo Productions? | **OPRAH WINFREY** |

### Spare Questions

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| 1 | Which country topped the medal table at the 2022 Winter Olympics? | **NORWAY** |
| 2 | In 1831 which king created the French Foreign Legion? | **LOUIS PHILIPPE** (I) |
| 3 | What is the name of the art school of University College London (UCL)? | **SLADE** |

### Tie Break 1

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| 1 | Which cricket trophy for Test series played between the West Indies and England men has been replaced by the Richards-Botham Trophy? | **WISDEN (TROPHY)** |
| 2 | Pen-y-Fan is the highest peak in which UK National Park? | **BRECON BEACONS** |
| 3 | Which Italian word meaning ‘stained’ or ‘spotted’ is used for an espresso coffee with a shot of foamed milk? | **MACCHIATO** |

### Tie Break 2

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| 1 | Which medical term is used for habitual grinding of the teeth? | **BRUXISM** |
| 2 | Which ice-covered, mountainous island off the coast of Antarctica was the desolate refuge of Ernest Shackleton and his crew in 1916 following the loss of their ship *Endurance*? | **ELEPHANT ISLAND** |
| 3 | Which crime writer created Detective Inspector Tom Thorne? | **MARK BILLINGHAM** |

**Tie Break – nearest wins**

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| 1 | Shane Warne took 708 Test wickets but how many runs did he score in the 145 Test matches he played for Australia? | **3,154** |