

Set by George and Dragon B. Required answers in capitals and underlined. Surnames only required unless stated

Round 1: Eng Lit – a novel approach: Given the titles of 3 novels, name the author (FULL name required)

1A	Adam Bede, Daniel Deronda, Romola	GEORGE ELIOT
1B	Heart of Midlothian, Kenilworth, The Bride of Lammermoor	WALTER SCOTT
2A	The Woodlanders, The Trumpet Major, The Major of Casterbridge	THOMAS HARDY
2B	The Warden, Barchester Towers, The Last Chronicle of Barset	ANTONY TROLLPE
3A	Burmese Days, Keep the Aspidistra Flying, A Clergyman's Daughter	GEORGE ORWELL
3B	To the Lighthouse, Orlando, Jacob's Room	VIRGINIA WOOLF
4A	The Cement Garden, Enduring Love, On Chesil Beach	IAN MCEWAN
4B	The Rachel Papers, Money, London Fields	MARTIN AMIS
Spare	Nostromo, Under Western Eyes, Lord Jim	JOSEPH CONRAD

Round 2: Scary Monsters

1A	What is the name of the sea monster, described as resembling a giant squid, which is said to appear in the Norwegian Sea? It is the subject of a Tennyson poem.	KRAKEN
1B	What was the name of the only human survivor from the crew of the space tug Nostromo after it encountered the Xenomorph in the original 'Alien' film (1979)?	RIPLEY
2A	First appearing in an eponymous 1954 film and in more than 40 films since, what is the name of prehistoric reptilian monster awakened and powered by nuclear radiation who is often seen destroying Tokyo and battling with other monsters?	GODZILLA
2B	Lord Ruthven in an 1819 short story and Camilla in an 1872 novella are early examples in fiction of what type of creature?	VAMPIRE
3A	Which Slavic character, usually depicted as a witch with a chicken-leg hut, appears in Mussorgsky's 'Pictures at an Exhibition'?	BABA YAGA
3B	What is the name of the cyclops who kills Acis in the 'Acis and Galatea' myth as it appears in Ovid's Metamorphoses and the Handel oratorio of the same name?	POLYPHEMUS
4A	Which monster "with eyes of flame" is killed by a vorpal sword in the nonsense poem by Lewis Carrol that begins "'Twas brillig, and the slithy toves, Did gyre and gimble in the wabe"?	JABBERWOCK
4B	What is the name of the reptile, reputed to be the serpent king, that causes death to those who look into its eyes?	BASILISK
Spare	What is the name of the character played by Bruce Campbell in Sam Rami's original Evil Dead trilogy who battles the Kandarian Demon? First name will suffice.	ASH (Ashley Joanna Williams)

Round 3: Top of the Pops Potluck

Choose any year between 1955 and 2025 that ends in a 0 or a 5 and you will be given the title of the single that was No 1 in the UK in the week that includes 13th April. Give the artist who had the hit with that single. Full names required for individual artists. Obviously, you cannot pick the same year twice!

1955	Give Me Your Word	TENNESSEE ERNIE FORD
1960	My Old Man's A Dustman	LONNIE DONEGAN
1965	The Minute Your Gone	CLIFF RICHARD
1970	Bridge Over Troubled Water	SIMON AND GARFUNKEL
1975	Bye, Bye Baby	BAY CITY ROLLERS
1980	Call Me	BLONDIE
1985	Easy Lover	PHILIP BAILEY AND PHIL COLLINS
1990	Vogue	MADONNA
1995	Back for Good	TAKE THAT
2000	Fill Me In	CRAIG DAVID
2005	(Is This the Way to) Amarillo	TONY CHRISTIE FEATURING PETER KAY
2010	This Ain't a Love Song	SCOUTING FOR GIRLS
2015	Hold My Hand	JESSE GLYNNE
2020	Blinding Lights	THE WEEKEND
2025	Ordinary	ALEX WARREN

Round 4: History

1A	Who was the grandson of Alfred the Great who is generally acknowledged as the first king of England. He reigned from 924 to 939.	AETHELSTAN
1B	Who was the Northumbrian king who reigned from 633 to 642 and was killed by Penda of Mercia. He is commemorated as a Saint and Martyr and churches in Warton (near Carnforth) and Grasmere are dedicated to him.	OSWALD
2A	Boudicca was queen of which iron age tribe?	ICINI
2B	York was captured in 866 by a Viking army, one of whose leaders was Ivar Ragnarsson. What was his nickname (allegedly)?	THE BONELESS
3A	When William Adelin drowned when the White Ship sank off Barfleur in 1120 it left which English king with no male heir?	HENRY I
3B	Who was sent by Pope Gregory to England in 595 to convert the Anglo-Saxons to Christianity and later became the first Archbishop of Canterbury?	AUGUSTINE
4A	Who did Edward the Confessor succeed as King of England in 1042?	HARTHACNUT
4B	Furness Abbey near Barrow-in-Furness was founded in 1123 by which future king of England?	STEPHEN
Spare	The sack of which monastery by the Vikings in 793 is often considered as the beginning of the Viking invasion of Britain?	LINDISFARNE

Round 5: Sporting success in 2025/26: Who were the following sporting winners.

1A	2025 Men's FA Cup final winners	CRYSTAL PALACE
1B	2025 UEFA Women's Champions League winners	ARSENAL
2A	2025 Wimbledon ladies singles champion	Iga ŚWIĄTEK
2B	2025 Formula 1 champion	Lando NORRIS
3A	2025 Giro d'Italia 2025 winner	Simon YATES (not an error not asking for first name – didn't want to give an extra clue!)
3B	2025 Open Golf champion	Scottie SCHEFFLER
4A	Women's 800m indoor world record holder (set on February 19 th 2026)	Keely HODGKINSON
4B	Double Gold Medal winner in the Skeleton Bob, Winter Olympics 2026	Matt WESTON
Spare	2025 Grand National winning jockey	Patrick MULLINS

Round 6: Laws

1A	Whose law states that 'Anything that can go wrong, will go wrong'?	MURPHY
1B	Whose law states that 'Work expands to fill the time available for its completion'?	PARKINSON
2A	Which comic character is often depicted stating "I am the law"?	JUDGE DREDD
2B	Which Star Trek character was known to tell Captain Kirk that 'I canna change the laws of physics'?	Montgomery SCOTT (accept SCOTTY)
3A	The second law of what type of system establishes the concept of entropy as a physical property of the system?	THERMODYNAMIC
3B	Whose law states that 'Equal volumes of all gases, at the same temperature and pressure, have the same number of molecules'?	AVAGADRO
4A	Which author created the Three Laws of Robotics in his 1942 short story 'Runaround'?	Isaac AZIMOV
4B	Which author's third law states 'Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic'?	Arthur C CLARKE
Spare	Who starred in the American TV show (1963 – 66) Burke's Law as Captain Amos Burke?	Gene BARRY

Round 7: Geography

1A	What is the highest mountain in England outside the Lake District	CROSS FELL (893m)
1B	The John Barrow Monument stands on Hoad Hill overlooking which Cumbrian town?	ULVERSTON
2A	Which river empties into Kent Estuary at Milnthorpe?	BELA

2B	Which Yorkshire town lies at the eastern end of the Dales Way?	ILKLEY
3A	Which Derbyshire village lies at the southern end of the Pennine Way?	EDALE
3B	What is the highest hill in the Forest of Bowland?	WARDS STONE (561m)
4A	The building currently known as the AO Arena is in which northern English city?	MANCHESTER
4B	Which river runs through Wensleydale in North Yorkshire?	URE
Spare	What is the highest mountain in County Durham?	MICKLE FELL (788m)

Round 8: General

1A	'Hannah the Plumber' won the Gorton and Denton by-election in February. What is her surname?	SPENCER
1B	Who is the current Secretary of State for Education?	Bridget PHILLIPSON
2A	Which musical includes the song 'There is Nothing Like a Dame'?	SOUTH PACIFIC
2B	Which musical includes the song 'On the Street Where You Live'?	MY FAIR LADY
3A	If someone in the entertainment industry has an EGOT what does that tell you?	They have won an EMMY, a GRAMMY, an OSCAR and a TONY
3B	What does the QR stand for in QR code?	QUICK RESPONSE
4A	What is the common name for the plant antirrhinum majus?	SNAPDRAGON
4B	What is the common name for the plant atropa belladonna?	DEADLY NIGHTSHADE
Spare	A Harvey Wallbanger cocktail is vodka, orange juice and what liqueur?	GALLIANO

Round 9: Maths and Science

1A	What is the total number of spots on two dice?	42
1B	What kind of triangle has two sides of equal length?	ISOSCELES
2A	What kind of quadrilateral has just one pair of parallel sides?	TRAPEZIUM
2B	How many feet are there in 1 chain?	66
3A	What is the chemical symbol for potassium?	K
3B	What blood type is known as the universal donor?	O NEGATIVE
4A	Which cells detect colour in the human eye?	CONES
4B	What is the chemical symbol for mercury?	Hg
Spare	After the sun what is the nearest star to Earth at a distance of approximately 4.24 light year?	PROXIMA CENTAURI

Round 10: General

1A	Who is the only US President other than Donald Trump to serve non-consecutive terms?	Grover CLEVELAND
1B	Who was the only US President never to be elected as either president or vice-president?	Gerald FORD
2A	What kind of animal is a bushmaster	SNAKE
2B	What kind of animal is a mountain chicken?	FROG
3A	Who was the first female Director General of MI5 who, after retiring in 1996, wrote a number of spy novels and died in 2025?	Dame Stella RIMINGTON
3B	Which Conservative politician, who died in 2025, was nicknamed 'The Chingford Skinhead'?	Norman TEBBIT
4A	According to the nursery rhyme what happened to Solomon Grundy on Wednesday?	MARRIED
4B	According to the nursery rhyme what kind of child is born on a Friday?	LOVING AND GIVING
Spare	Who painted the pop-art picture 'A Bigger Splash' which currently hangs in the Tate Gallery?	David HOCKNEY