

European Quizzing Championships 2012

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INTERNATIONAL QUALIFIER - ROUND 1

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| 1 |  They may be the oldest collegiate a cappella group in the USA, but being established only in 1909 they are 200+ years younger than their <i>alma mater</i> . To which Ivy league institution do <i>The Whiffenpoofs</i> belong? | YALE (est. 1701) |
| 2 | This photograph was taken in 1981. Who is the guy with the pistol in his right hand, his left hand raised to get attention? | Antonio TEJERO (in the Cortes) |
| 3 | Madonna made headlines exposing her right nipple, on stage in Istanbul on 10 June. What is the four-letter name given to her 2012 Tour, her ninth, which has been promoting her 12 th studio album, of which the Istanbul show formed a part? | MDNA |
| 4 | Although <i>Madame Tussauds</i> sounds French (the founder made death masks during the revolution) this UK-centred wax museum has galleries worldwide but not in Paris. However, there is a noted Paris wax museum, situated on the Boulevard Montmartre. What is the name of France's equivalent to <i>Madame Tussauds</i> ? | Musée GRÉVIN |
| 5 | Based on a Sara Gruen novel of the same name, which 2011 movie starring Robert Pattinson and Reese Witherspoon, tells the story of Berzini Brothers Circus employees Jacob and Marlena during the Great Depression? | WATER FOR ELEPHANTS |
| 6 | Found worldwide in the tropical zone and sometimes referred to as the 'Jesus bird', or 'lily trotter'; what common name is given to these (8 species) birds equipped with huge feet that enable them to walk on floating vegetation? | JACANA |
| 7 | Which is the only US State in which the names of all three of its most populous cities start with the same letter, in this case the letter 'C' as in "Charlie"? | OHIO (Columbus, Cleveland and Cincinnati) |
| 8 | One candidate (identified as the very object) is in the Louvre - we see it modelled for us by Louis XIV; the <i>'Song of Roland'</i> says of it - " <i>never was there a sword to match it</i> "; what upbeat name was given to the emperor Charlemagne's personal sword? | La JOYEUSE ("zhwa-yerz") |
| 9 | <i>'People Committed to the Propagation of the Prophet's Teachings and Jihad'</i> is an Islamist terrorist organisation based in northern Nigeria. Responsible for about 1000 deaths last year, in January their attacks on the city of Kano resulted in around 100 more; in recently weeks they've talked about a cease fire. Which movement is better known by a two word Hausa name meaning ' <i>Western education is sinful</i> '? | BOKO HARAM |
| 10 | Located in different cities but in the same state, what is the only name shared by a NHL (hockey) and an NBA (basketball) team? | KINGS (LA and Sacramento) |
| 11 | 1896 saw the premiere of this famous composer's only opera. Its title translates as ' <i>The Maiden in the Tower</i> '. The composer was not impressed and is reported to have commented " <i>The maiden needs to stay in the tower from now on</i> ". As a result the opera was rarely performed. Who was the famous composer ? | Jean SIBELIUS |
| 12 | A 1990s ad for Calvin Kline. The girl is Kate Moss, but who's that with her ? We need sufficient information in your answer to <i>demonstrate</i> you've identified who it is. | Mark WAHLBERG but we will also accept 'MARKY MARK' |