LANCASTER CITY QUIZ LEAGUE: 9/11/2026
Quiz set by Boot & Shoe B.
Required elements are in bold and underlined

Round 1: Gladiators

1a	The name, gladiator, is derived from the Latin for which weapon?	**SWORD** (accept **GLADIUS**)
1b	What is the surname of the father and son who introduce the latest series of the TV programme, *Gladiators*?	**WALSH** (BRADLEY, BARNEY)
2a	Who directed the 2000 Oscar Best Picture winner, *Gladiator*?	RIDLEY **SCOTT**
2b	Who are traditionally introduced by the piece of music entitled, *Entry of the Gladiators?*	**CLOWNS** (accept **CIRCUS PERFORMERS**)
3a	Which firm manufactured the RAF biplane fighter, the Gladiator?	**GLOSTER**
3b	What was the ultimate prize offered to a successful gladiator, symbolised by a wooden sword?	**DISCHARGE** or **FREEDOM** (accept ANYTHING SIMILAR)
4a	Which former football referee is the referee of the latest series of the TV programme, *Gladiators?*	MARK **CLATTENBERG**
4b	What distinctive piece of equipment was used by a retiarius, alongside a trident and dagger?	**NET**
Spare	What name was given to the rare females who fought in the arena?	**GLADIATRIX** (plural GLADIATRICES)

Round 2: As Ugly As Sin

Some really ugly questions

1a	Name the witch in Russian and Slavonic folktales who is said to be the devil's mother and is represented as a little, ugly, old woman who eats children	**BABA YAGA** (accept **BABA JAGA)**
1b	In Greek mythology, who was the lame and ugly god of blacksmiths, volcanoes and fire?	**HEPHAESTUS**
2a	Which American artist, a leading figure of the Pop art movement, said 'I just do art because I'm ugly and there's nothing else for me to do'?	ANDY **WARHOL**
2b	Which French sculptor said 'To the artist there is never anything ugly in nature'?	AUGUSTE **RODIN**

3a	Who is Hercule Poirot's secretary, who is described as being 'Unbelievably ugly and incredibly efficient'?	MISS **LEMON**
3b	In which novel by Oscar Wilde does Lord Henry Wootton say 'It is better to be beautiful than to be good. But… it is better to be good than to be ugly'?	**THE PICTURE OF DORIAN GRAY**
4a	Which Christian missionary and explorer said 'People say I am ugly, and how very ugly I am indeed!'?	DAVID **LIVINGSTONE**
4b	Which American writer and literary critic, known for her caustic wit, said 'Beauty is only skin deep, but ugly goes clean to the bone'?	DOROTHY **PARKER** (accept **ROTHSCHILD)**
Spare	Which German philosopher, who introduced the concept of Übermensch or Superman, said 'The Christian resolution to find the world ugly and bad has made the world ugly and bad'?	FRIEDRICH **NIETZSCHE**

Round 3: The Empire Strikes Back

Questions about Empires, Emperors and Empresses

1a	What was the name of the wife of the Emperor Napoleon III who lived in exile in England from 1871 to 1920? The name is the same as that of a British princess who gave birth to her third child in August 2026	**EUGENIE**
1b	The wife of Austro-Hungarian Emperor Franz Josef was assassinated in 1898. What was her name? It is the same as that of more than one British monarch	**ELIZABETH**
2a	Which Roman emperor, who died in 37 AD and was succeeded by his nephew, lived for much of his reign on the island of Capri?	**TIBERIUS**
2b	Which Roman emperor lived for part of his reign at a villa in Tivoli near Rome that is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site? He is thought to be the first emperor to wear a full beard	**HADRIAN**
3a	Between 1815 and 1836, Shaka, Dingane and Mpande were the first three rulers of which African Empire, also sometimes referred to as a kingdom?	**ZULU**
3b	Between 1526 and 1605, Babur, Humayun and Akbar the Great were the first three rulers of which Indian Empire?	**MUGHAL** (accept **MOGOL**. Do not accept MONGOL)
4a	Who was the 'Empress of the Blues'?	BESSIE **SMITH**
4b	The folktale*, The Emperor's New Clothes*, first published in 1837, was by which writer?	HANS CHRISTIAN **ANDERSEN**
Spare	Who was the Aztec Emperor who was overthrown by Hernan Cortez and who died in 1520?	**MONTEZUMA** II (accept **MOCTEZUMA** II)

Round 4: The Pen Is Mightier Than The Sword

All answers include the word 'PEN'

1a	Which fictional, vast bog on Dartmoor is the setting for the Sherlock Holmes story, *The Hound of the Baskervilles?*	**GREAT GRIMPEN MIRE** (accept **GRIMPEN MIRE**)
1b	Which Edgar Allan Poe story is about the torture that a prisoner suffers during The Spanish Inquisition?	**THE PIT AND THE PENDULUM**
2a	*The Slave of Duty* is the alternative title of which Gilbert and Sullivan opera?	**PIRATES OF PENZANCE**
2b	Which American physicist, who was the director of the Manhattan Project during World War II, is known as 'Father of The Atomic Bomb'?	ROBERT **OPPENHEIMER**
3a	Which firth separates the Orkney Islands from the Scottish mainland?	**PENTLAND** FIRTH
3b	Who was hanged in 1910 for the murder of his second wife, a music hall singer who performed under the stage name, Belle Elmore?	DR **CRIPPEN**
4a	Which architect was knighted in 1960 for his work on Coventry Cathedral?	BASIL **SPENCE**
4b	On which hill in Lancashire did George Fox have a vision that led to his travelling around and preaching to convert people to Quakerism?	**PENDLE** HILL
Spare	Who was the first man to win the Oscar for Best Actor in consecutive years? *Both names required*	**SPENCER TRACY**

Round 5: Czechmate

A round about Czechoslovakia

1a	What river flows through Prague and is the longest river in the Czech Republic?	**VLATAVA** (accept **MOLDAU**, the German name)
1b	Named for a type of fabric, what two word name is given to the non-violent transition of power in Czechoslovakia in November 1989?	**VELVET REVOLUTION**
2a	In which novella by Franz Kafka does Gregor Samsa awake to find himself transformed into a giant insect?	(The) **METAMORPHOSIS** (accept THE **TRANSFORMATION**)
2b	Which Czech statesman, who served from 1918 to 1935 as the first President of Czechoslovakia, is regarded as the founding father of the state?	Tomas **MASARYK**
3a	Which Czech composer, often called 'The Father of Czech Music', composed the opera, *The Bartered Bride*, and the symphonic cycle, *Ma Vlast?*	Bedrich **SMETANA**
3b	Originally called the Stone Bridge, what 15th century bridge crosses the river Vlatava? It is named for the Holy Roman Emperor who laid the first stone	**CHARLES** BRIDGE (Karluv Most. Named for Charles IV)
4a	What two word, seasonal name is given to the events of 1968 in Czechoslovakia which saw an ultimately failed attempt to introduce political reform and liberalisation?	The **PRAGUE SPRING**
4b	The science fiction play*, RUR*, by Czech writer Karel Capek, introduced which word into the English language?	**ROBOT**
Spare	In 1938, who referred to Czechoslovakia as 'a faraway country about which we know little'?	Neville **CHAMBERLAIN**

Round 6: Scary Movies

1a	In the Mel Brooks film, *Young Frankenstein*, who played the hunchback, Igor?	MARTY **FELDMAN**
1b	The killer in in the films, *Friday The 13th* and *Friday The 13th Part II*, is a mother and son respectively. What is their surname?	**VOORHEES** (PAMELA, JASON)
2a	In which 2002 film did Naomi Watts investigate an urban myth of a videotape which killed the viewers who watched it?	**THE RING**
2b	Who played Dr Hannibal Lecktor in the 1986 film, *Manhunter?*	BRIAN **COX**

3a	Who co-wrote, directed and starred in the 1967 movie, *The Fearless Vampire Killers?*	ROMAN **POLANSKI**
3b	Who directed *28 Days Later?*	DANNY **BOYLE**
4a	In *Shaun of the Dead,* who plays Shaun's slacker friend, Ed?	NICK **FROST**
4b	Who played obsessive fan, Annie Wilkes, in Rob Reiner's film, *Misery?*	KATHY **BATES**
Spare	In the original *Halloween* film, who played psychiatrist, Dr Samuel Loomis?	DONALD **PLEASENCE**

Round 7: Geographic Trios

All questions have three answers. A point for each, all three required for a pass

1a	The Pampas, a natural grassland area, is in which three South American countries?	**BRAZIL, ARGENTINA, URUGUAY**
1b	Which three US states have the longest coastlines?	**ALASKA, FLORIDA, CALIFORNIA**
2a	Lake Constance has shorelines on which three European countries?	**AUSTRIA. SWITZERLAND, GERMANY**
2b	Alfred Wainwright's Coast to Coast Walk passes through which three National Parks?	**LAKE DISTRICT, YORKSHIRE DALES, NORTH YORK MOORS**
3a	After Windermere, which are the three largest lakes by surface area in The Lake District?	**ULLSWATER, DERWENTWATER, BASSENTHWAITE**
3b	In area, what are Italy's three largest islands?	**SICILY, SARDINIA, ELBA**
4a	Which three major rivers border Manhattan Island in New York?	**HUDSON, EAST, HARLEM**
4b	The Kalahari Desert, a semi arid sandy savanna in Africa, is in which three countries?	**SOUTH AFRICA, BOTSWANA, NAMIBIA**
Spare	By area, which are the three largest states in Australia?	**WESTERN AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND, NORTHERN TERRITORY**

Round 8: A Mixed Bag

1a	There are two NFL teams based in Ohio. The Cleveland Browns is one, which is the other? *(City and franchise name required)*	**CINCINNATI BENGALS**
1b	Which dance has the same name as the surname of Sylvester Stallone's character in a 1989 cop movie in which he plays one of the title characters? Kurt Russell plays the other	**TANGO** (Tango and Cash)
2a	Timothy Dalton starred in two James Bond films. *Licence to Kill* was the second, but which 1987 film was the first?	**THE LIVING DAYLIGHTS**
2b	Which female tennis player won two Grand Slam singles titles in 2026 and became World ranked Number One?	Elena **RYBAKINA**
3a	Which dance has the same name as the capital of West Virginia?	**CHARLESTON**
3b	There are two NFL teams based in Pennsylvania. The Philadelphia Eagles is one, which is the other? *(City and franchise name required)*	**PITTSBURGH STEELERS**
4a	Which male tennis player won two Grand Slam singles titles, the first of his career, in 2026?	Alexander **ZVEREV**
4b	The James Bond film, *Never Say Never Again*, starring Sean Connery, was a remake of which earlier Bond film?	**THUNDERBALL**
Spare	Which is the only dwarf planet in the inner solar system and is therefore the closest dwarf planet to the sun?	**CERES**