

# University of Sheffield Alumni Quiz

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## **Round 1 – Current Affairs**

1. What was the name of Ricky Gervais's title character in his new comedy about a man in a care home?
2. Which former Canadian Idol contestant recently shot to the top of the U.K. singles chart with Call Me Maybe, the fastest-selling song of the year?
3. Two artifacts valued at £1.8million were stolen from which university's Oriental Museum during April 2012?
4. Four year old Heidi Hankins from Winchester recently became a member of which society?
5. What part did 35-year-old Trenton Oldfield play in the 2012 University Boat Race?
6. Which comedian has a new BBC TV series where he gives out weekly awards in his own name in strange new categories?
7. Easter 2012 saw the 75th anniversary of which sweets that were originally known as Rowntree's Chocolate Beans?
8. Which country recently became the second country after Greece to lay a formal claim to an object in the British Museum, after it requested the return of the Samsat Stele?
9. Who recently was appointed Dame Grand Cross by the Queen on the day that she celebrated her seventh wedding anniversary?
10. A lottery funded project called Ping! is setting up hundreds of what across the country enabling people to take part outdoors in an Olympic sport?

## **Round 2 - Sheffield**

1. RAF Finningly was closed in 1996 and demolished in order to make way for what?
2. In which year did the university college of Sheffield become the University of Sheffield, 1879, 1884, 1905?
3. Sheffield has more what per person than any other European city?
4. Born in Sheffield and one of your fellow alumni, who is the current commissioner of police of the metropolis?
5. Since 1977, where in Sheffield have the world snooker championships been held?
6. Hailing from Sheffield, which multimillionaire nightclub owner opened the black cat club in his hometown with his brothers in the 60s?
7. Which of Sheffield's alumni was the first Briton in space?
8. Born in Sheffield in 1967, who was the second female MP elected to the House of Commons?
9. *Set in Sheffield*, Four Lions a British satirical comedy film was the debut feature for which director in 2010?
10. The university arts tower is a half size copy of which famous building in New York?

### Round 3 – Quick fire Round – Twitter

As at April 2012, these celebrities were those on Twitter with most followers – name them from the descriptions:

1. My albums include The Fame, The Fame Monster and Born This Way
2. My debut album spawned the My World tour and a 3D biopic movie entitled Never Say Never
3. Once married to a British comedian, I am the only artist to spend over 52 consecutive weeks in the top ten of the Billboard Hot 100
4. I was born Robyn Fenty Barbados in 1988
5. I am the highest-selling Colombian artist of all time, and the second most successful female Latin singer behind Gloria Estefan, having sold over 70 million albums worldwide
6. In the United States, I was the youngest female artist to have five albums debut at number one, earning a place in the Guinness Book of World Records
7. In August 2011, I married basketball player Kris Humphries in a widely publicized ceremony. In October 2011, I filed for divorce, 72 days after the wedding.
8. I was the first U.S. President to have been born in Hawaii
9. I released my debut single, Tim McGraw, in mid-2006, reaching number 6 on Billboard magazine's 'Hot Country Songs' chart
10. I am an American actress and singer best known for portraying Alex Russo in the television series Wizards of Waverly Place

### Round 4 - Battles

1. During which military conflict did the three battles of Bull Run take place?
2. In which year did workers in Britain's major industries take on the government by organizing the General Strike?
3. First appearing in the DC Comics in 1943, which character is Wonder Woman's longest serving arch enemy?
4. Which battle marked the last successful foreign invasion of the British Isles in 1066?
5. Satan and his rebels began the mother of all feuds with God in Paradise Lost, an epic poem written by who?
6. *Which silent Russian film*, made in 1925 is regarded as one of the most influential propaganda films of all time?
7. His debut album *Alive til I'm Dead* peaked at number 2 in the UK charts; *which musician from Hackney London*, rose to success upon winning a rap battle tournament?
8. Microsoft bravely tried to take on Apple in 2008, when it released its iPod equivalent, what is Microsoft's MP3 player called?
9. The song *Dueling Banjos* was made famous by which film, a 1972 American thriller film produced and directed by English filmmaker John Boorman?
10. Which pirate challenged Lieutenant Robert Maynard to a duel and lost the duel, his life and his head?

### Round 5 - Three Letter Link

1. Which is the most northerly country of the three former Soviet Baltic republics?
2. In Europe, what are the C.A.C. and D.A.X.?
3. In 2008, which Premier League football club was the first to forego a commercial shirt sponsorship deal and instead advertised the Acorns Children's Hospice?
4. Which lady became the first woman MP to take her seat in the House of Commons, when she was elected as the MP for Plymouth Sutton in 1919?
5. George Clooney played Captain Billy Tyne in which 2000 film?
6. When measuring a person's blood pressure two values are considered, diastolic pressure and what else?
7. What is the Norwegian Parliament called?
8. Who wrote the novels *Anna Karenina* and *War and Peace*?
9. Samuel Watson, a horologist, is noted as a maker of the first what?
10. Which crafty cockney dominated darts in the 80's and helped turn it into a spectator sport?

### Final Round 6 – Wipeout Round

1. What did Consignia plc become in 2002?
2. During early 2012, three members of which group announced that their partners were pregnant?
3. In Great Britain they are called Swedes what is the equivalent in North America?
4. Which group had a U.K. top ten hit in 1985 with the song *Everybody Wants to Rule the World*?
5. Which chemical element has the atomic number 33?
6. Who wrote the classic children's novel *Little Women*?
7. How long in meters is an Olympic swimming pool?
8. In which Shakespeare play do Viola, Malvolio and Orsino appear?
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10. Now based at the Coach and Horses ground, who are noted as the oldest football club in the world?