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A Word from the Registrar

Dear Candidate,

Welcome to the examination hall. You will find it looks a good deal like a sofa, a kitchen table or the corner of a bar, and that is by design.

This is a quiz about dating. It has ten rounds, a Final Exam and a certificate. It can be played alone, by two people who are deciding whether they like each other, or by a table of friends who already know far too much about one another. Nobody needs a pencil for much besides the scorecard, and nobody needs to have been on a date since 2009.

I should say what the book is for. The questions are meant to be funny, and I have been told that some of them are. The answers are meant to be useful. After every round you will find my rulings, which give the answer and, nearly always, one practical thing to do about it. At the end of each round there is a page of Field Notes: five habits, in plain words, that you could try on Saturday.

You will meet Priya and Jordan, who are single, well-meaning and fictional, and in due course somebody called Sam. You will also meet their Group Chat, which gives advice at all hours and should be followed about half the time. Any resemblance to your own friends is your own business.

Three housekeeping notes. The round on safety is played straight. The certificate at the back is a novelty and will not get you into a library. And somebody has been at my biscuit tin, a matter I intend to settle by the end of the Final Exam.

Turn over when you're ready. You may begin.

The Registrar

The Dating College

Kindly filed.

How to Play



What you need

This book, one or more people and about half an hour a round: less on your own, more with a crowd. A pencil is useful for the scorecards, the puzzles and the lightning rounds. Everything else is done by talking, pointing and holding up fingers.

Choose your mode

Solo. Answer everything. Only the questions with a right answer score. The ones marked *Predict*, *Who's more likely to*, *Rate 1–5* and *Finish the sentence* have no points when you're alone. Answer them anyway. They're the ones you'll think about on the bus.

Two players. Take turns to read. Both of you answer every question. Wherever a question mentions the person on your left, on your right or opposite, it means each other. This is a good game for a third or fourth date, and a brave one for a first.

Two teams. Each team confers and gives one answer. Teams take turns to read. "The person on your left" means somebody on the other team.

Party. Appoint a Quizmaster, who holds the book and reads. The Quizmaster plays too, since the answers are overleaf and out of sight. Change Quizmaster each round, so that everyone gets a turn at being unbearable.

Answering

Everybody answers at the same moment, on a count of three. Hold up one, two, three or four fingers for A, B, C or D. For true or false, it's thumbs up or thumbs down. For the Group Chat, say the name aloud. Nobody may change a finger once it's up.

Then the reader turns to the Registrar's Rulings, reads the ruling aloud and awards the points. Keep a thumb in the page. If you're playing alone, finish the round first and mark it afterwards.

How the questions score

- **Multiple choice, True or false, Case study, The Group Chat and Picture round.** One point for the right answer.
- **Who's more likely to.** On three, everybody points at one person. You score if you pointed at whoever got the most fingers. If it's a tie, everyone who pointed at one of the tied people scores. With two players, you each score if you agree.
- **Predict.** Say your prediction aloud, then the other person answers honestly. One point if you were right. They decide whether you were close enough.
- **Finish the sentence.** Everybody answers. Where the ruling offers a point, the table awards it by pointing on three, and you can't point at yourself.
- **Rate 1–5.** On three, hold up fingers. With two players, you score a point each if you're within one of each other. With more, you score if you're within one of the commonest number.
- **Lightning rounds.** The reader reads all ten in sixty seconds. Everybody, the reader included, jots ten quick answers on the scorecard strip or a scrap of paper. One point for each you got right.
- **Puzzles.** Put the book where everyone can see it. Two points to the first player or team to solve it. If you solved it together, or alone, take two each.
- **Bonus Point.** One point for anyone willing. Anyone may pass.

Now and then a ruling gives its own way of scoring. When it does, the ruling wins.

House rules

1. The reader's decision is final. The Registrar's is more final.

2. “Left”, “right” and “opposite” mean exactly that. If nobody is sitting there, choose the person you know best.
3. Anyone may pass on any question, with no reason given and no teasing. The table moves on.
4. What’s said at the table stays at the table. This applies especially to the sentence-finishing.
5. Phones are for the Bonus Points and the tie-breakers only.

On cheating

Looking at the rulings before you answer is cheating. So is changing your fingers after you’ve seen everyone else’s. Pointing at yourself in *Who’s more likely to* is allowed and is usually correct.

The penalty for cheating is one point and the loud disappointment of the table. The Registrar keeps a list.

The winner

Write each round’s score on the Master Scorecard. The highest total wins the game. Your degree, however, is decided by the Final Exam alone, so a poor showing in Round 2 can still be redeemed. This is more mercy than the Registrar generally approves of.

FOR THE WHOLE GAME

The Master Scorecard

Copy each round's total across. Highest total wins the game. The Final Exam mark decides your degree.

PLAYER OR TEAM	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	FINAL	TOTAL

Kindly filed.



Exhibit A. Full on Monday.

ROUND 1

1

The Profile

Six photographs and a paragraph. The Registrar has seen worse, and has kept copies.



1 Which photograph should go first on a dating profile?

- (A) The group shot from the stag weekend, so people can admire your friends.
- (B) You at a wedding in 2014, because that was a very good year for your hair.
- (C) A sunset. Let them wonder.
- (D) A clear, recent one of you on your own, smiling.

2

TRUE OR FALSE

Adding two inches to your height is fine, because everybody does it.

3

WHO'S MORE LIKELY TO...

...have a photo with a fish?

4

Jordan's bio reads "Ask me anything." What has Jordan given a stranger to reply to?

- (A) An open, generous invitation.
- (B) Nothing. It's homework, and they didn't enrol.
- (C) A dare.
- (D) The impression that Jordan wrote it in the lift.

5

PREDICT

Which three words would the person on your left use to describe themselves in a bio? Say your guess, then let them answer.

6

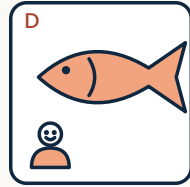
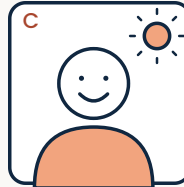
TRUE OR FALSE

A list of deal-breakers in your bio saves everybody time.

7

PICTURE ROUND

Four profile photos. Which one is doing its job?



- (A) Five people at a festival.
- (B) Sunglasses, hat, scarf.
- (C) A face, a smile, daylight.
- (D) A very large fish.

8

FINISH THE SENTENCE

“The most honest line I could put on my profile is...”

9

How old is too old for a profile photo?

- (A) Anything in black and white.
- (B) More than two years, or older than your current glasses.
- (C) Photos don't age. People do.
- (D) Whatever's on the mantelpiece at your mum's.

10

RATE 1–5

How much does your current profile look like you on an ordinary Tuesday?

11

WHO'S MORE LIKELY TO...

...ask a friend to choose their photos, and then ignore the friend?

- 12 Priya is unsure what she's looking for. What should her profile say?
- (A) "Not sure yet, and I'll say so when I know."
 - (B) "Looking for my soulmate," to be on the safe side.
 - (C) Nothing. A woman of mystery.
 - (D) "Here for a good time, not a long time," which she saw on someone else's.

- 13 TRUE OR FALSE
Your pet may appear in your profile.

- 14 CASE STUDY
The Arm

Jordan's best photo was taken at a cousin's wedding. He looks great. Around his shoulder is a hand, a forearm and nothing else, because the rest of that person has been cropped out.

What should Jordan do with it?

- (A) Keep it. It's a good photo and nobody will notice an arm.
 - (B) Add a caption: "Arm belongs to my sister."
 - (C) Retire it and take a new one by a window this weekend.
 - (D) Crop further, until he is mostly ear.
- 15 What's the quickest test of a line in your bio?
- (A) Would my mother approve?
 - (B) Does it rhyme?
 - (C) Has it worked on anyone before? (It has not.)
 - (D) Could a stranger reply to it in one sentence?

- 16 PREDICT
Which of their own photos does the person opposite like best, and why?

17

THE GROUP CHAT

Jordan asks the Group Chat whether to keep the fish photo. Which reply is the worst advice?

OLU

Lose the fish. Lead with the one from Sunday.

BEX

Keep it but wait three days before uploading.

TASH

The fish is your whole personality, babe. Add a second fish.

DOM

What does it look like to someone who's never met you?

18

FINISH THE SENTENCE

"You'd never guess from my photos that I..."

19

"Truth, slightly ironed" means you may...

- (A) Remove five years and add a degree.
- (B) Borrow a friend's dog, a friend's flat and a friend's job.
- (C) Choose good light, a shirt that fits and a day you'd slept.
- (D) Smooth your face until it has the texture of a boiled egg.

20

RATE 1–5

How comfortable are you with a friend reading your bio aloud to this table?

21

TRUE OR FALSE

"Fluent in sarcasm" tells a reader something about you.

22

WHO'S MORE LIKELY TO...

...write their bio in under four minutes and call it finished?

- 23 The sincere one. What is a dating profile actually for?
- (A) To be liked by as many people as possible.
 - (B) To win.
 - (C) To give your friends something to screenshot.
 - (D) To be recognised by the few people who'd be glad of the real you.

- 24 And straight after. What should Jordan's fourth photo be?
- (A) The same fish, closer.
 - (B) A different fish.
 - (C) Jordan, holding a framed photo of the fish.
 - (D) Anything except a fish.

BONUS
POINT

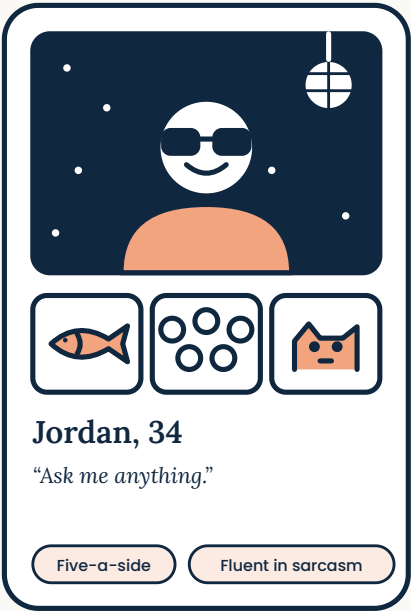
Hand your phone to the person on your right. They choose your first photo. You keep it for a week.

PUZZLE · TWO POINTS

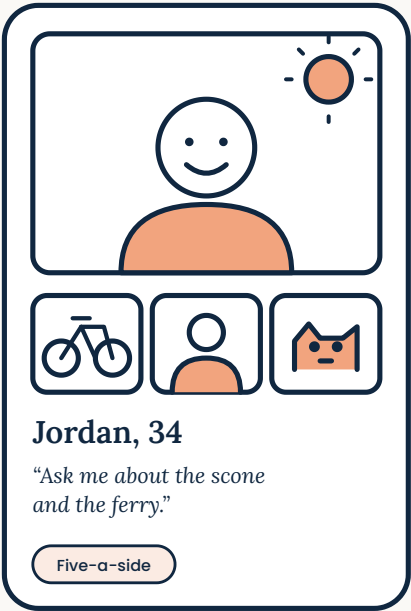
Spot the Difference

Jordan fixed his profile. Find the six changes between Before and After.

BEFORE



AFTER



ROUND 1 · SCORECARD

The Marks

One point a question unless the ruling says otherwise. Two for the puzzle.

PLAYER OR TEAM	QUESTIONS	PUZZLE	BONUS	TOTAL

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