**Irish Question 1**

 1: Which Nobel winning Irish poet wrote “Mid-Term Break”? Seamus Heaney.   
2: What is the biggest county in Ireland? Co. Cork  
3:What is the name of the channel which separates Ireland from Wales? St. George’s Channel.  
4:What is the smallest county in Ireland? Co. Louth  
5:What is the name of the trophy presented to the winners of the All-Ireland hurling title? The McCarthy Cup.

[Football-Sam Maguire]

6: What is reputed to be the oldest inhabited castle in Ireland?

Kilkea Castle, Castle Dermot, Co. Kildare.  
7: Who is the manager of Ireland’s soccer team? Martin O’Neill. [Co. Derry]  
8:Who was the first president of Ireland?   
Douglas Hyde.

9:How many counties in the province of Leinster? Twelve.

[Munster –Largest province though!]  
10:What is the smallest county in Northern Ireland?

Co. Armagh [Orchard County]

11:What is the most southern tip of Ireland?

Mizen Head.Co. Cork [Most northerly Malin Head Co Donegal]  
12: In what county is Roaring Water Bay? Co. Cork.  
13::What Irish Town hosts an annual writer’s week? Listowel.

Co. Kerry

14:What maritime county in Ireland has the shortest coastline? Leitrim.

15: What is the largest lake in Ireland and the United Kingdom? Lough Neagh. [America- Lake Superior. World -Caspian Sea. Africa- Lake Victoria]  
16:In what year did the Catholic Emancipation Act become law? 1829 [Catholics could now vote.]

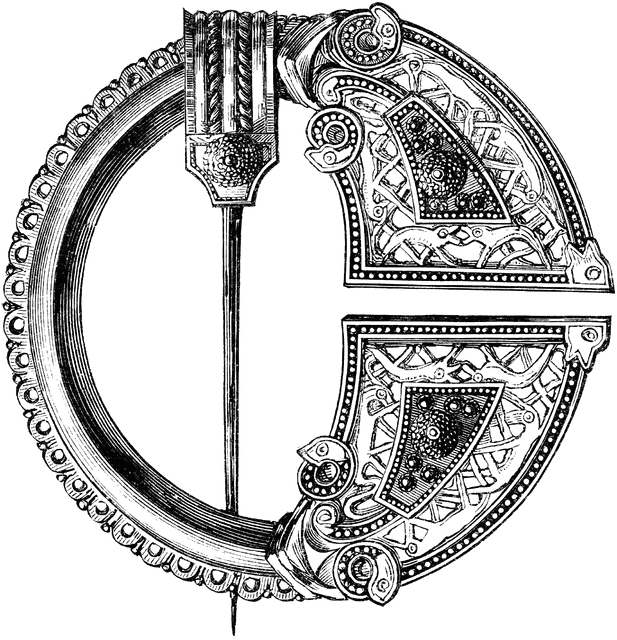
17: Who wrote the musical piece “Messiah” ? Handel  
First performed in Dublin.  
18: What does the letter **G** .in G A.A. stand for? **Gaelic** Athletic Association.  
  
19: Where is the Book of Kells, written in Latin, kept?

Trinity College, Dublin.  
20: What is Michael D. Higgins wife’s name? Sabina.[D is for Daniel]

21:What is Rooster a variety of? Potatoes. Developed at Oak Park

22: Name the famous Celtic brooch on display at

the National Museum? The Tara Brooch.

23:How many lines in a Limerick? Five.  
24:Name Fionn MacCumhaill’s army. The Fianna.  
25:In what year did Pope John Paul II visit Ireland? 1979  
26:Where did the ancient Kings of Munster reside? Cashel.  
27:Who was the second president of Ireland?

Séan T. O Ceallaigh.  
28:In what county is Limerick Junction? Tipperary.  
29: In what county does the Shannon rise? Cavan.[Shannon Pot]  
30:What do the letters U.C.D. stand for?   
University College Dublin.