The DEFINITE ARTICLE

We ask a celebrity a set of devilishly probing questions – and only accept THE definitive answer. This week it’s F1 pundit Eddie Jordan’s turn

The prized possession you value above all others... My Dolan racing bike. It only weighs six kilos and is beautiful to ride. They cost about £11,000, but Terry Dolan, who owns the company, is a friend, so it cost me half that. I love cycling and I ride about 200 miles a week.

The temptation you wish you could resist... I’m easily tempted, especially when it comes to sweets, cake and alcohol. Above all, I love a Snickers bar.

The book that holds an everlasting resonance... I love autobiographies by big, complex characters. The one I enjoyed recently was David Coulthard’s It’s What It Is. Everyone thinks he’s clean-cut and straight, but DC’s actually a complete lunatic, which is why I love him.

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The figure from history for whom you’d most like to buy a pie and a pint... Oscar Wilde. I’d like to know how he coped with being hounded for his sexuality. He’d be a hero in the modern era and hilarious company.

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We’d have crudités followed by poached salmon and rosemary wine. I’d then cycle up the Col de Madone mountain route in France and later sail in a regatta off Corsica. The evening would begin with Thai green chicken curry at Brinkley’s in Chelsea before watching the football team thrash Barcelona. I’d end the night with Marie at our home in Monaco.

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The order of service at your funeral... The Begrudgers! They’re the people who begrudge others’ success. When Zoe got married in 2010, her brothers and I got FTB tattooed on our wrists.

The misapprehension about yourself... One in Formula 1 likes to get one over on the other guy.

The crime you would commit knowing you could get away with it... I’d steal all F1 boss Bernie Ecclestone’s money just to see the look on his face when he realised it was gone!

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