

KNOCKOUT QUALIFYING (WEEK 3) 5 JANUARY 2012

QUESTIONS BY THE FINGERPOST

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First Verbal Round

- 1 The city of Hiroshima can be found on which Japanese island?

Honshu

- 2 Whose novel *Strangers on a Train* was adapted for a film by Alfred Hitchcock?

Patricia Highsmith

- 3 As used in mobile phones, what does the acronym *SIM* stand for in SIM card?

Subscriber identity module [see note 1](#)

- 4 Gala, Jonagold and Pink Lady are varieties of which fruit?

Apple

- 5 Which female singer had a 1990 hit album called *The Immaculate Collection*?

Madonna

- 6 Who was the first human to walk in space?

Alexei Leonov

- 7 In Greek mythology which hero killed the monster known as the chimera?

Bellerophon

- 8 Which city is the capital of the Italian district of Tuscany?

Florence

- 9 Who is credited with the invention of bone china?

Josiah Spode

- 10 What boxing weight falls between bantam-weight and light-weight?

Feather-weight [see note 2](#)

- 11 Who played The Riddler in the 1995 film *Batman Forever*?

Jim Carrey

- 12 Originally called 40/50, what did Rolls Royce's 1907 car later become known as?

Silver Ghost

- 13 Badminton House in Gloucestershire is the country seat of which British peer?

The Duke of Beaufort

- 14 Butlin's first holiday camp opened in Skegness in what year?

1935 [see note 3](#)

- 15 "Two households, both alike in dignity" is the opening line to which famous play?

Romeo and Juliet

16 Which politician's last words are said to be "I'm so bored with it all"?

Winston Churchill

17 How is the sport of tauromachy better known?

Bull fighting

18 In 2004, Fathers 4 Justice campaigner Jason Hatch caused an embarrassing security breach at Buckingham Palace dressed as who?

Batman

19 What is the capital of the African country Mozambique?

Maputo

20 Which English football team were the first to have an all-seater stadium?

Coventry City

21 At which castle was Mary, Queen of Scots crowned in 1543?

Stirling

22 Who wrote the music and lyrics to the musical *Anything Goes*?

Cole Porter

23 Which scientist was awarded Nobel prizes in both chemistry and peace?

Linus Pauling

24 Which artist was responsible for the painting entitled *Whaam!*?

Roy Lichtenstein

25 Who was born in Russia in 1877, moved to America and worked on make-up for films and, in 1927, introduced the first cosmetics to be sold to non-theatrical customers?

Max Factor [see note 4](#)

26 What was Minerva the Roman goddess of?

Wisdom [see note 5](#)

27 How much liquid does a flagon hold?

Two pints [see note 6](#)

28 Which sculptor's work includes *Genesis*, *Adam* and *Lucifer*?

Sir Jacob Epstein

29 Neil Hannon had nine Top 40 singles in the 1990s under what name?

The Divine Comedy

30 Which TV detective had a dog called simply *Dog*?

Columbo

First written round **THERE IS A THEME**

31 Who was American president between the years 1887-1891?

Rutherford B Hayes [see note 7](#)

32 In Greek mythology which daughter of King Minos of Crete was abandoned by Theseus on the island of Naxos?

Ariadne

33 Which London railway terminus was designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel and Matthew Digby Wyatt?

Paddington

34 According to the book of revelation 6: 8 what is ridden by death?

A pale horse

35 Name the only three successive female English monarchs?

Lady Jane Grey, Mary I and Elizabeth I

36 Who was the Greek goddess of retribution?

Nemesis

37 Who in 1982 had a number 6 hit single with *Poison Arrow*?

ABC

38 The RHS Harlow Carr Gardens are located on the outskirts of which Yorkshire town?

Harrogate

39 Which Cumbrian town was raided by John Paul Jones during the American War of Independence in 1778?

Whitehaven

40 Who had a No1 hit single in 1969 with *Dizzy*?

Tommy Roe

Theme is Agatha Christie

31. Take your pick: Margaret Rutherford and Helen Hayes have both played Miss Marple on screen.

32. Ariadne Oliver appears in various novels.

33. *4:50 from Paddington* is a Miss Marple story.

34. *The Pale Horse* is a novel in which Ariadne Oliver appears and not Miss Marple as televised.

35. Take your pick: Jane Marple or St. Mary Mead.

36. *Nemesis* is a Miss Marple novel.

37. *The ABC Murders* is a Poirot novel.

38. Agatha Christie reappeared in Harrogate after her disappearance in 1926.

39. Hercule Poirot lived in Whitehaven Mansions.

40. Tommy Beresford appears in the *Tommy and Tuppence* stories

Second Verbal Round

41 Orbiting the sun every 4.6 years, which is the largest asteroid in the solar system?

Ceres

42 In which modern Olympic Games did women first compete? (the year only will suffice)

London, 1908 [see note 8](#)

43 Which famous British ship's name means 'The Short Skirt'?

The Cutty Sark

44 Which sport would you associate with Bobby Orr, Maurice Richard and Wayne Gretzky?

Ice hockey

45 In which country is mythological monster the Bunyip said to live?

Australia

46 In the Bible, what kind of trees grew in the Garden of Gethsemane, the scene of Christ's agony and betrayal?

Olive trees

47 In which American state is San Quentin prison located?

California

48 What was the name of Britain's first nuclear powered submarine?

HMS Dreadnought

49 Which English King was defeated by Robert The Bruce at the battle of Bannockburn?

Edward II

50 Upon which river is the city of Philadelphia located?

The Delaware [see note 9](#)

51 Who married Timothy Laurence in 1992?

Princess Anne

52 What is the name of the famous Chicago building that is 110 storeys high?

Sears Tower [see note 10](#)

53 Prospero is a leading character in which Shakespeare play?

The Tempest

54 Which Canadian province is named after one of Queen Victoria's daughters?

Alberta

55 Which animated character from TV and films, was originally named from a nonsense phrase in Frank Sinatra's *Strangers In The Night*?

Scooby Doo

56 Who ordered the building of The Tower of London?

William the Conqueror

57 What does BAFTA stand for?

British Academy of Film and Television Arts

58 Whitehorse Hill at 261 metres is the highest point in which English county?

Oxfordshire

59 Of which country were the Ptolemy dynasty once rulers?

Egypt

60 In which 1993 film does Kevin Kline play a look-alike hired to impersonate the President?

Dave

61 The title characters of which TV show live at 1313 Mockingbird Lane, Mockingbird Heights?

The Munsters

62 Which element has the chemical symbol Os?

Osmium

63 Who is the current presenter of BBC Radio 4's *Desert Island Discs*?

Kirsty Young

64 The name of which Italian cheese means 're-cooked'?

Ricotta

65 Who wrote the children's book *The Gruffalo*?

Julia Donaldson

66 Phasmophobia is the fear of what?

Ghosts

67 Whose motto is "Let not the deep swallow me up"?

Royal National Lifeboat Institution

68 What is the name of the phenomenon which causes both sound and light to change pitch/colour as its source moves?

Doppler Shift or Doppler Effect

69 Which two words is the company name Intel abbreviated from?

Integrated technology [see note 11](#)

70 Who created the police drama series *Prime Suspect*?

Lynda La Plante

Second written round

71 A goal is worth how many points in Australian Rules football?

Five [see note 12](#)

72 Which three South American countries does the Equator cross?

Brazil, Colombia and Ecuador

73 Frederic Chopin airport serves which city?

Warsaw

74 What game starts with a squidge off?

Tiddlywinks

75 What is the only property on a Monopoly board that contains all of the letters in the word Monopoly?

Electric Company

76 Which atomic element takes its name from the Greek meaning heavy, referring to the density of its ores?

Barium

77 By what name are Dominican Monks also known?

Blackfriars

78 Which American state has a name that ends in three vowels?

Hawaii

79 Bruce Springsteen won an Oscar for which song?

Streets of Philadelphia

80 What property of a body is calculated by multiplying its mass by its velocity?

Momentum

Spares

1 At a maximum depth of 46 feet which is the shallowest sea the world?

The Sea of Azov

2 What is the common name for the plant *myosotis*?

Forget-me-not

3 How many hoops are used in a game of croquet?

Six

4 Which animal became extinct in Scotland in 1743 and then in Ireland in 1766?

The wolf

5 In what year did Guy Fawkes attempt to blow up the Houses of Parliament?

1605

Notes and corrections

The [question-setting guidelines](#) state: “*Errors can be found in any book/website: never write a question using information from a single source. Many websites contain downloadable questions; tempting though it may be, do not plagiarise these: not only do they often contain mistakes...*”.

If question setters choose to ignore this advice and insist on taking their questions from a single source (www.quiz-zone.co.uk, for example), it is advisable to check with different sources that the answers are correct.

1 ‘Subscriber **identification** module’ is an equally acceptable answer.

2 There are four other equally acceptable answers to this question: super bantamweight (also known as junior featherweight) and super featherweight (also known as junior lightweight).

3 The camp opened on 11 April 1936.

4 Max Factor was born in Poland in 1872.

5 This question has several, equally acceptable answers. In addition to wisdom, Minerva was also goddess of: war; the arts and crafts; commerce, industry and trade; poetry; medicine; weaving and magic.

- 6 There is no set volume for a flagon.
- 7 Hayes held office from 1877 to 1881, not 1887 to 1891.
- 8 Women first competed (in golf and tennis) at the 1900 Games in Paris.
- 9 Two rivers flow through Philadelphia: the Delaware and the Schuylkill
- 10 The building was re-named in March 2009 and is now known as The Willis Tower.
- 11 Intel takes its name from a contraction of **I**ntegrated **E**lectronics
- 12 A goal is worth six points, not five.

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