

# LEAGUE MATCHES 8 MARCH 2012

## QUESTIONS BY HMRUFC

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### First Verbal Round

- 1 What is the name of France's Prime Minister?

**François Fillon**

- 2 Fred Astaire never won an Oscar, but he did get an Oscar nomination for which film?

***Towering Inferno***

- 3 What is the common name of the shrub *Ligustrum vulgare*?

**Privet**

- 4 Who was the first American President to die in office?

**William Harrison**

- 5 At the Battle of Agincourt, Henry V defeated the French. Who was the French Commander? (Accept Position or Name)

**The Constable of France or Charles D'Albret**

- 6 Which science fiction author wrote novels under the pseudonym Paul French?

**Isaac Asimov**

- 7 In which market town is the Royal Agricultural College?

**Cirencester**

- 8 What nationality is Arsenal Player Tomáš Rosický?

**Czech**

- 9 In which county is the National Trust property Wilderhope Manor?

**Shropshire**

- 10 What is *turophobia* the fear of?

**Cheese**

- 11 Which city hosted this year's Superbowl?

**Indianapolis**

- 12 From which position did Christian Wulff resign last month?

**President of Germany**

- 13 Who played a supermarket manager in the short-lived TV series *Slinger's Day*?

**Bruce Forsyth**

- 14 Which Shakespeare play did Joseph Fiennes choose for his first effort as a film director?

**Coriolanus** [see note 1](#)

- 15 Which board game takes its name from the Latin for "I play"?

**Ludo**

16 What is the name of the Prime Minister of Greece?

**Lucas Papademos**

17 Steve McQueen never won an Oscar but he did get an Oscar nomination for which film?

***The Sand Pebbles***

18 In which county is the National Trust property Montacute House?

**Somerset**

19 What nationality is Spurs player Younès Kaboul?

**French**

20 What is the common name for shrubs and trees of the genus *Crataegus*?

**Hawthorn**

21 Kenneth Branagh has directed five film adaptations of Shakespeare's plays. Which was the most recent in 2006?

***As You Like It***

22 On TV, what was the name of Dr Frasier's brother?

**Niles**

23 Who was the only American President to have a foreign language as his first language?

**Martin Van Buren**

24 Which game takes its name from the Latin name for the bird of prey, the Hobby?

**Subbuteo**

25 The new word *nomophobia* has been coined to mean the fear of what?

**Being without or out of contact with a mobile phone**

26 At the Battle of Chalons in 451AD, the Romans defeated an army led by who?

**Attila the Hun**

27 Who became the first Chancellor of a united Germany in 1990?

**Helmut Kohl**

28 Name either of the two countries who hosted football's 2012 African Cup of Nations.

**Equatorial Guinea or Gabon**

29 Which crime fiction author wrote novels under the pseudonym Jack Harvey?

**Ian Rankin**

30 In which market town did Keith Moon own a pub and Ronnie Barker own an antiques shop?

**Chipping Norton**

**First written round**

31 Which Puccini opera is set in the United States?

**The Girl of the Golden West** [see note 2](#) and [note 3](#)

- 32 What name have the police given to their operation against various newspapers in connection with Leveson Inquiry?

**Operation Elveden**

- 33 The Duchess of Cambridge announced to the press the name of her new Cocker spaniel puppy on February 22nd. What is it?

**Lupo**

- 34 What is the name of the new stadium in which St Helens Rugby League Club play their home games?

**Langtree Park**

- 35 Prior to local government reorganisation in 1974, what was the highest point in Lancashire?

**Coniston Old Man** (also accept 'Swirl How' as there is now some doubt over its exact height)

- 36 Who was 'The Cowherd of Whitby Abbey', considered by some to be to be 'The Father of English Poetry'?

**Caedmon**

- 37 How is the 16th century Italian artist born Jacopo Comin, and also known as Jacopo Robusti, better known?

**Tintoretto**

- 38 How many edges (not faces) has an octahedron?

**Twelve**

- 39 Which English holiday resort had the first nude bathing beach?

**Brighton**

- 40 Mozart's works are identified by K numbers after the musicologist who catalogued them. What does the K stand for?

**Köchel**

## **Second Verbal Round**

- 41 In George Orwell's *1984*, there are four ministries: Peace, Plenty, Love and which other?

**Truth**

- 42 What was the name of the 15th/16th century explorer who made the first known sailing from Europe to India round the Cape of Good Hope?

**Vasco Da Gama**

- 43 How is the city of Yangon better known?

**Rangoon**

- 44 Which chemical element is extracted by the Frasch process?

**Sulphur**

- 45 What is the name of the Italian Cruise ship that was hijacked by Palestinian terrorists off Egypt in October 1985?

**Achille Lauro**

46 Which then unknown singer-songwriter played guitar for the Beach Boys in the 1960s when Brian Wilson stopped touring?

**Glenn Campbell**

47 In which city is Kennet Prison?

**Liverpool**

48 What word links a 2000 film set during the American Revolution, a surface to air missile and an SUV car made by Chrysler?

**Patriot**

49 Name either of this year's London Olympics and Paralympics mascots.

**Wenlock or Mandeville**

50 Who had a No 1 hit in 1985 with *You Spin Me Round (Like a Record)*?

**Dead or Alive**

51 What was the name of the 15th/16th explorer who captained the first circumnavigation of the globe but who himself did not complete the voyage?

**Ferdinand Magellan**

52 Who was the first question master of *A Question of Sport* in 1968?

**Stuart Hall**

53 Which aircraft company originally made the military jet aircraft Canberra and Lightning?

**English Electric**

54 What was the name of the oil tanker which ran aground off Alaska in March 1989 causing a devastating environmental disaster?

**Exxon Valdez**

55 Who won the 2011 Perrier Comedy Award at the Edinburgh Festival?

**Adam Riches** [see note 4](#)

56 Originally named Madras what is this city now officially called?

**Chennai**

57 Don Maclean's *American Pie* contains the line 'The day the music died', a reference to the plane crash which killed Buddy Holly, 'The Big Bopper' and which other singer?

**Ritchie Valens**

58 If you discount Alaska, what is the highest mountain in the USA?

**Mount Whitney**

59 Which chemical element is extracted by the Haber process?

**Ammonia** [see note 5](#)

60 In which city is Forest Bank Prison?

**Salford**

61 What word links a stately home designed by Vanburgh, a penal reform charity and a former leader of the Tory party?

**Howard**

62 Which company originally made the jet fighters Meteor and Javelin?

**Gloster**

63 Who had a No 1 hit in 1982 with *Pass the Dutchie*?

**Musical Youth**

64 This year's Summer Olympics will officially be known as which number Olympiad of the modern era?

**30**

65 To whom was Margot Asquith referring when she said: "*He never saw a belt without hitting below it*"?

**David Lloyd George**

66 In George Orwell's *1984*, how was Great Britain renamed?

**Airstrip One**

67 Mount Elbert is the highest mountain in which mountain range?

**The Rockies** [see note 6](#)

68 Who, in 1995, became the first individual woman to win the Perrier comedy award at the Edinburgh Festival?

**Jenny Eclair**

69 Who was the first compère of ITV's *Sunday Night at the London Palladium* in 1955?

**Tommy Trinder**

70 After she accused him of being drunk, to whom did Churchill retort: "*Madam you are ugly, but tomorrow I shall be sober*"?

**Bessie Braddock**

**Second written round**

71 The lines '*Fools rush in where angels fear to tread*' and '*A little learning is a dangerous thing*' are both from which poet's work?

**Alexander Pope**

72 The Joshua Tree is a member of which genus of plants?

**Yucca**

73 Who directed the film *The Battleship Potemkin*?

**Sergei Eisenstein**

74 Which writer was raised to the peerage in 1935 and appointed Governor General of Canada?

**John Buchan**

75 Charles Lutwidge Dodgson (aka Lewis Carroll) taught what subject at Oxford University?

**Mathematics**

76 In what year will Halley's comet next be seen from Earth ( $\pm 1$  year)?

**2061** (accept 2060 to 2062)

77 Who is Alexander Armstrong's co-presenter on Pointless?

**Richard Osman**

78 Who was the England football team's longest serving football manager?

**Walter Winterbottom** (1946–1962)

79 Who took over from Steve Jobs at Apple?

**Tim Cook**

80 What was the nationality of the artist Edvard Munch?

**Norwegian**

## Spares

1 What pattern of numbers was introduced by a Bury carpenter in 1896 and is still in use today?

**Numbers on a dart board.**

2 The food flavouring vanilla is derived from which plant?

**Orchid**

3 What was the name of the Spartan General who ended the Peloponnesian war with his victory at the Battle of Aegospotami?

**Lysander**

4 Who was the first American to walk in space?

**Ed White**

5 Who is the Italian Prime Minister?

**Mario Monti**

6 What is the common term for the condition *calvity*?

**Baldness**

## Notes and corrections

1 *Coriolanus* was directed by (and starred) **Ralph** Fiennes, Joseph's brother.

2 The 'official' title of the opera is *La fanciulla del West*. The correct English translation is *The Girl of the West*, but it is frequently referred to as *The Girl of the Golden West* which is the title of the David Belasco play upon which the opera is based.

3 '*Manon Lescaut*' is also an acceptable answer: Act 4 is set in Louisiana.

4 Since 2010 they have been known as the Foster's Edinburgh Comedy Awards

5 Ammonia is not an element; it is a compound of nitrogen and hydrogen. The Haber (or Haber-Bosch) process is not used to *extract* ammonia; it is used to synthesize it from its constituent elements.

6 'The Sawatch Range' (a smaller range that is part of the Rockies) is an equally acceptable answer.

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