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QUESTIONS BY THE ALEXANDRA

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First Verbal Round

- 1 As at 16 February 2012 George Abela is the President and Lawrence Gonzi the Prime Minister of which EU member state?

Malta

- 2 In 1814 which member of the Bourbon dynasty was restored to the French throne by the Allied powers following Napoleon Bonaparte's exile to Elba?

Louis XVIII

- 3 Which film's opening scene, one of the most well-known in movie history, features the virtually unknown American actress and stuntwoman Susan Backlinie?

Jaws (Backlinie played Chrissie Watkins, the shark's first victim)

- 4 Which singer, with eight, has won more Brit Awards than any other female artist?

Annie Lennox

- 5 Which two rivers merge to form the Humber estuary?

Ouse and Trent

- 6 Which is the shortest of the thirty-nine books of the Old Testament?

Obadiah

- 7 Mont Blanc, the highest mountain in the Alps, is located on the border between which two European countries?

France and Italy

- 8 In which city could you visit Fenway Park, the oldest and smallest Major League Baseball stadium in the USA?

Boston

- 9 The Austrian pop musician and singer Johann Hölzel was better known by which stage name?

Falco

- 10 The American Civil War Battle of Pittsburgh Landing, fought in April 1862, is more commonly known by which name?

Battle of Shiloh

- 11 British writers Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch, Rosamunde Pilcher and Sir William Golding were all born in which English county?

Cornwall

- 12 Soul singer Beverley Knight, rock singer Robert Plant and comedian Eric Idle are celebrity supporters of which Premier League football team?

Wolves

- 13 Of the fifteen states that are former members of the Soviet Union, which comes last alphabetically?

Uzbekistan

- 14 Who did David Cameron succeed as leader of the Conservative Party in 2005?

Michael Howard

- 15 Which London visitor attraction is located in the basement of the building which is home to The Treasury and HM Revenue and Customs?

Cabinet War Rooms (also accept 'Churchill War Rooms')

- 16 Which two things are combined to produce an *interrobang*?

A question mark and an exclamation mark

- 17 Which is the largest of the islands that comprise the Philippines?

Luzon

- 18 Which American author spent most of his life in England, eventually settled in the Sussex town of Rye and became a British citizen one year before his death in 1916? His works include *The Wings of the Dove*, *The Golden Bowl* and *The Portrait of a Lady*?

Henry James

- 19 Which fruit juice gives the vodka-based cocktail *Cosmopolitan* its distinctive red colour?

Cranberry juice

- 20 In football what do we call what the Italians know as *calcio di rigore*, the Dutch as *strafschop* and the Germans as *elfmeter*?

Penalty kick

- 21 Arlanda is the main international airport of which European city?

Stockholm

- 22 What do we usually call the vegetable Americans refer to as 'fava beans'?

Broad beans

- 23 What first name and surname are shared by the 2006 World Indoor Singles Bowls Champion, a leading British darts player and a prominent figure in the world of economics and banking?

Mervyn King

- 24 Which notorious criminal had the first names Hawley Harvey?

Doctor Crippen

- 25 In chess which piece is central to the pattern of play known as *fianchetto* ('little flank')?

Bishop

- 26 In terms of the structural organisation of the National Health Service, for what do the initials PCT stand?

Primary Care Trust

- 27 What six-letter word connects *The Goon Show* and a 'squashed fly cake'?

Eccles

- 28 In 1979 which American women's rights campaigner became the first non-fictional or non-mythological woman to appear on a circulating US coin?

Susan B. Anthony

- 29 The abdication of Queen Juliana of the Netherlands, the sinking of the Norwegian North Sea oil rig *Alexander Kielland*, the deaths of Jean-Paul Sartre, Jesse Owens and Hattie Jacques and the launch of the arcade game *Pac-Man* all occurred in which year?

1980

- 30 The basilic vein, the cephalic vein and the median cubital vein can all be found in which part of the human body?

The arm

First written round

- 31 What connects former *Coronation Street* star John Savident, Rugby League coach Brian Noble, former world snooker champion Ray Reardon, cricket commentator John Arlott, George Orwell and 'Whispering' Bob Harris?

All are former policemen

- 32 Earlier this season, which footballer scored the 20,000th goal in the history of the FA Premier League?

Marc Albrighton

- 33 The Nazi massacres at Babi Yar in the autumn of 1941 were an attempt to exterminate the Jewish population of which newly-occupied city?

Kiev

- 34 How many matches must a tennis player win to become Wimbledon Singles Champion?

Seven

- 35 Who is the oldest member of Take That? (first name only required)

Howard (Donald)

- 36 What name is commonly given to trees of the genus *Betulaceae*, whose species include Paper, Yellow, Alaska, Swamp, Sicilian and Manchurian?

Birch

- 37 In the history of Test Cricket only two matches have finished in a tie: one in 1960, the other in 1986. Which country played in both these matches?

Australia

- 38 Which pop group released the albums *Oceans of Fantasy*, *Take the Heat Off Me* and *Nightflight to Venus*?

Boney M

- 39 Which comedian is the regular presenter of the Channel 4 comedy game show *8 out of 10 Cats*?

Jimmy Carr

- 40 George Tupou V was crowned king of which island nation in 2008?

Tonga

Second Verbal Round

- 41 The anatomical term *plantar* refers **specifically** to which part of the human body?

Sole of the foot (do not accept 'foot')

42 Which British supermarket chain sells the *TU* brand of clothing?

Sainsbury's

43 Blondie, Angel Eyes and Tuco are the three title characters in which 1966 film?

The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

44 Used to denote mediocrity or as an expression of indifference, boredom or apathy, the word *meh* has entered common parlance following its use in which television series?

The Simpsons

45 In 1973 the Simon Park Orchestra had a UK number one with *Eye Level*, which was the theme from the TV series *Van der Valk*. The B side of this record, *Distant Hills*, was the theme tune to which other ITV drama series that ran for over 800 episodes between 1972 and 1984 and was broadcast during the afternoon?

Crown Court

46 According to local folklore the home to a Nessie-like monster called Morag, which Scottish loch is the deepest freshwater lake in Britain?

Loch Morar

47 Sharing its name with a 1980 album track by The Jam, which clothing company was launched in 2010 by former Oasis frontman Liam Gallagher and had its King Street store looted during the Manchester riots in August 2011?

Pretty Green

48 In the 1965 British comedy film *The Early Bird*, what is the occupation of Norman Pitkin, played by Norman Wisdom?

A milkman

49 At which British football ground would you find the Copland Stand and Broomloan Stand?

Ibrox (accept 'Rangers')

50 Which English monarch came to the throne in 1727?

George II

51 Stockport actor Daniel Rigby won a television BAFTA in 2011 for his portrayal of which legendary British comedian?

Eric Morecambe

52 Which rock band from Tennessee, whose first UK chart hit was *What I Saw* in 2003 and whose only UK number one was in 2008, is made up of four members of the Followill family?

Kings of Leon

53 Name any one of the four *Carry On* films made during his lifetime (i.e. before 1988) that did **not** feature Kenneth Williams.

One from: ***Carry On Cabby, Carry On Up the Jungle, Carry On Girls or Carry On England***

54 Which Bristol-based band, whose most successful period was in the 1990s, released the UK hit singles *All Mine*, *Glory Box* and *Sour Times* as well as the Mercury Prize-winning album *Dummy*?

Portishead

55 Which American state, nicknamed the Buckeye State, became the seventeenth to join the Union on this day in 1803?

Ohio

56 Which astronomer discovered the planet Uranus in March 1781?

William Herschel

57 BBC Alba broadcasts in which language?

Scottish Gaelic (also accept 'Scottish' or 'Gaelic')

58 The girl's name Vanessa was first coined by which Anglo-Irish writer?

Jonathan Swift

59 On this day in 1978 whose corpse was stolen, only to be recovered some three months later near Lake Geneva?

Charlie Chaplin

60 As displayed in the naming and packaging of many of its brands, in which year was the Kronenbourg brewery founded?

1664

61 Bodega Bay, California is the principal setting for which 1963 Hitchcock film?

The Birds

62 Which American multinational pharmaceutical and healthcare company was founded in 1887 and has brands that include *Band-Aid*, *K-Y jelly*, *Listerine*, *Nicorette* and *Sudafed*?

Johnson & Johnson

63 Crete is the largest of the Greek islands. What is the name of the second largest, whose main town is Chalcis?

Euboea

64 Which regular *Coronation Street* character is played by Ben Price?

Nick Tilsley

65 Who was the Tsar of Russia at the time of Napoleon Bonaparte's invasion in 1812?

Alexander I

66 Which son of Drusus and Antonia Minor was Emperor of Rome from 41 to 54 A.D.?

Claudius

67 *Swann's Way* and *Time Regained* are the first and last volumes of a seven-part, autobiographical novel published in the early twentieth century whose major theme is involuntary memory. Who wrote it?

Marcel Proust (*À la Recherche du Temps Perdu*)

68 Courmayeur is a winter sports resort in which European country?

Italy

69 What is the title of the song by Booker T. and the MGs that was used for many years as the theme music to cricket broadcasts on BBC Television?

Soul Limbo

70 Costero, Spinner, Hourglass and Atlantic Spotted are all species of which marine mammal?

Dolphin

Second written round

- 71 Not including San Marino or the Vatican, with which four countries does Italy share a land border?

France, Switzerland, Austria and Slovenia

- 72 Which political activist gave his name to the song whose first lines are: "*September '77 Port Elizabeth weather fine, It was business as usual in police room 619*"?

Steve Biko

- 73 What colour are the household bins provided by Stockport Council for the re-cycling of waste paper and cardboard?

Blue

- 74 In Shakespeare's *Hamlet* who gives Laertes the advice: "*This above all: to thine own self be true*"?

Polonius

- 75 *Jana Gana Mana* is the national anthem of which country?

India

- 76 Which name is shared by a British mammal, several species of cactus, an anti-submarine weapon developed by the Royal Navy during World War II and a pawn formation in chess?

Hedgehog

- 77 Known mainly for their photographic artwork, how are the Anglo-Italian duo Proesch and Passmore better known?

Gilbert and George

- 78 What is the three-letter name of the British record label that has released material by Art of Noise, 808 State, Tom Jones and Lisa Stansfield, but is probably best known for the recordings of Frankie Goes To Hollywood?

ZTT

- 79 What is the commonly-used four-letter name of the edible seed pods which are also known as bhindi, gumbo or lady's fingers?

Okra

- 80 In which language other than English did Nobel Laureate Samuel Beckett write many of his works?

French

'Extra time' written round

- 1 Of the Queen's four children, who is the only one **not** to have been born at Buckingham Palace?

Princess Anne (born at Clarence House)

- 2 In terms of flight movements, which is the world's busiest **single-runway** airport?

London Gatwick

- 3 Which poet, journalist and broadcaster is known as 'The Bard of Barnsley'?

Ian McMillan

- 4 The cocktail *Mickey Slim*, which was surprisingly popular in the USA during the 1940s and 1950s, contained gin and a pinch of which other, rather less palatable ingredient?

DDT (the pesticide)

- 5 The annual music festival held in March in Austin, Texas is often abbreviated to SXSW. What does this stand for?

South By South West

- 6 Which company makes the Vivaro and Movano vans?

Vauxhall (also accept 'Opel')

- 7 The National Trust property Seaton Delaval Hall is in which county?

Northumberland

- 8 Grey Goose vodka is produced in which country?

France

- 9 What word links a confectionary brand, a 1980s TV detective and a measure for wine?

Magnum

- 10 In which city was composer Johannes Brahms born?

Hamburg

Spare

- 1 Which French composer wrote the opera *Lakmé*?

Léo Delibes

- 2 What is the surname of the British retail adviser and TV presenter who is sometimes referred to as *Mary, Queen of Shops*?

Portas

- 3 Which member of the cabinet is the MP for Twickenham?

Vince Cable

- 4 In terms of population, which is the second-largest city in Bavaria?

Nuremberg

- 5 Which South Korean city will host the 2018 Winter Olympics?

Pyeongchang

Tie-breakers

- 1 What was the combined age of the four people travelling in the car that crashed resulting in the death of Diana, Princess of Wales?

148 (Diana 36; Dodi Fayed 42; Trevor Rees-Jones 29; Henri Paul 41)

- 2 What is the area of Scotland in square miles?

30,414

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