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## QUESTIONS BY THE ALEXANDRA

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### First Verbal Round

- 1 The Brooklyn Bridge connects Brooklyn to which other borough of New York City?

**Manhattan**

- 2 Named after the nineteenth century French scientist Jean Louis Marie Poiseuille, the *poise* is a unit used to measure which physical property of a liquid?

**Viscosity**

- 3 Which canal runs from Dukinfield Junction at Ashton-under-Lyne to Bugsworth Basin near Whaley Bridge?

**Peak Forest Canal**

- 4 Which English tenor, accompanied by Mantovani and his orchestra, topped the UK singles chart for ten weeks in 1954 with the song *Cara Mia*?

**David Whitfield**

- 5 From which club did Manchester City sign Serbian defender Aleksandr Kolarov?

**Lazio**

- 6 The Russian city formerly known as Leningrad stands on which river?

**Neva**

- 7 Frank Woolley is the all-time leading first class run scorer and Tich Freeman the leading wicket taker for which English county cricket team?

**Kent**

- 8 Which American University with over 190,000 students has ten campuses including those at Davis, Irvine, Merced and Riverside?

**University of California**

- 9 Derived from the Ancient Greek for 'glowing', what is the six-letter alternative name of *Alpha Canis Majoris* – the brightest star in the night sky?

**Sirius**

- 10 Which US state is nicknamed *The Pelican State*?

**Louisiana**

- 11 Which French city and ferry port stands on the right bank of the mouth of the River Seine?

**Le Havre**

- 12 Which UK number one single of the 1960s contains the following lyrics? "...it's a fool who plays it cool by making his world a little colder"

**Hey Jude**

- 13 Currently on maternity leave, who is the regular female presenter of the BBC TV programme *Countryfile*?

**Julia Bradbury**

14 In what year did John Hume and David Trimble share the Nobel Peace Prize? (accept one year either way)

**1998** (accept 1997–99)

15 The French revolutionary Maximilien Robespierre was dubbed 'the sea green incorruptible' by which Scottish writer?

**Thomas Carlyle**

16 What did Thomas Carlyle call 'the dismal science'?

**Economics**

17 In what year did Yasser Arafat, Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Rabin share the Nobel Peace Prize? (accept one year either way)

**1994** (accept 1993–95)

18 Who is the main presenter of the ITV programme *Countrywise*?

**Paul Heiney**

19 Which UK number one single of the 1960s contains the following lyrics? "...I hear the sound of a gentle word, On the wind that lifts her perfume through the air"

**Good Vibrations**

20 Which French town, the scene of *Operation Chariot* during World War II, stands on the right bank of the estuary of the River Loire?

**Saint-Nazaire**

21 Which US state is nicknamed *The Beehive State*?

**Utah**

22 To be found in the constellation Boötes, *Alpha Boötis* is the third-brightest star in the night sky (after *Sirius* and *Canopus*). The eight-letter name by which it is commonly known derives from the Greek for 'guardian of the bear', due to its proximity to both Ursa Major and Ursa Minor. What is that name?

**Arcturus**

23 Which Ivy League University was originally founded as King's College in 1754 and has alumni that include Richard Rodgers, Oscar Hammerstein, Art Garfunkel, James Cagney, Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Barack Obama?

**Columbia University**

24 Don Kenyon is the all-time leading first class run scorer and Reg Perks the leading wicket taker for which English county cricket team?

**Worcestershire**

25 The Russian city formerly known as Stalingrad stands on which river?

**Volga**

26 From which club did Manchester United sign French defender Patrice Evra?

**Monaco**

27 In 1955 which American singer spent eleven weeks at number one in the UK singles chart with the song *Rose Marie*?

**Slim Whitman**

28 Which canal runs from Marple to its junction with the Trent and Mersey Canal near Kidsgrove?

### **Macclesfield Canal**

- 29 The physical constant which has a value of approximately  $6.63 \times 10^{-34}$  joule seconds is named after which physicist?

### **Max Planck**

- 30 The Verrazano-Narrows Bridge connects Staten Island to which other borough of New York City?

### **Brooklyn**

## **First written round**

- 31 In 1894 which golf course became the first outside Scotland to host the British Open?

### **Royal St. George's** (or 'Sandwich')

- 32 According to the nursery rhyme, who had a hat made of good cream cheese, a coat made of good roast beef and lived in the moon?

### **Aiken Drum**

- 33 Which Derbyshire town on the southern edge of the Peak District has been home to the headquarters of the Youth Hostels Association of England & Wales since 2002?

### **Matlock**

- 34 Mark Haddon's critically-acclaimed book of 2003, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, takes its title from the plot of *Silver Blaze*—a Sherlock Holmes short story. Who or what was *Silver Blaze*?

### **A racehorse** (accept 'horse')

- 35 Which sort of establishment was the unusual location for the edition of BBC TV's *Question Time* broadcast on 19 May 2011?  
**Prison** (Wormwood Scrubs)

- 36 Which singer, with seventeen, has won more Brit Awards than any other performer?

### **Robbie Williams**

- 37 In contrast to the *Old Firm* of Celtic and Rangers, which two Scottish football teams became known as *The New Firm* during the 1980s?

### **Dundee United and Aberdeen**

- 38 British writer and broadcaster Candida Lycett Green is the daughter of which former Poet Laureate?

### **John Betjeman**

- 39 In which part of the body would you find the popliteal artery?

### **The leg**

- 40 Which major Italian river reaches the sea a few miles to the west of the city of Pisa?

### **River Arno**

## **Second Verbal Round**

- 41 What is the title of the famous nineteenth century painting which depicts a lantern-carrying Jesus preparing to knock on an overgrown door?

### **The Light of the World** (by Holman Hunt)

42 In the Royal Air Force what rank is between Group Captain and Air Vice-Marshal?

**Air Commodore**

43 In which English county could you visit the ancient stone circles at Stanton Drew?

**Somerset**

44 The national flag of which island nation features, amongst other items, a lion holding a cocoa pod, a dove of peace and a bunch of bananas?

**Fiji**

45 What is the nationality of Formula One driver Adrian Sutil?

**German**

46 Which German state is home to the cities of Cologne, Düsseldorf and Dortmund?

**North Rhine-Westphalia**

47 At 1,834 feet which hill between Macclesfield and Buxton is the highest point in Cheshire?

**Shining Tor**

48 In Radio 4's *The Archers*, who is Adam Macy's mother? (full name required)

**Jennifer Aldridge**

49 Released earlier this year, *Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides* features which British actor as Edward 'Blackbeard' Teach?

**Ian McShane**

50 St. Martin's Day or Martinmas is celebrated in which month?

**November**

51 English, Tok Pisin and Hiri Motu are the three official languages of which country?

**Papua New Guinea**

52 What collective name is given to the widely-used chemicals that consist of one or more hydroxyl groups bonded to an aromatic hydrocarbon and whose simplest member has the chemical formula  $C_6H_5OH$ ?

**Phenols**

53 Bob Diamond is the Chief Executive of which British high street bank?

**Barclays**

54 Which British film director's works include *Walkabout*, *Don't Look Now* and *The Man Who Fell to Earth*?

**Nicholas Roeg**

55 Anne Hyde, who died in 1671, was the first wife of which future king of England?

**James II**

56 Which English King married Elizabeth Woodville in 1464?

**Edward IV**

57 Which British film director's works include *This Sporting Life*, *Look Back in Anger* and *Britannia Hospital*?

**Lindsay Anderson**

58 Justin King is the Chief Executive of which British supermarket group?

### **Sainsbury's**

- 59 Also known as carbamide, what is the common name of the biologically-important compound that consists of two amide groups joined by a carbonyl group and has the chemical formula  $\text{CH}_4\text{N}_2\text{O}$ ?

### **Urea**

- 60 What is the official language of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau?

### **Portuguese**

- 61 The Christian feast of Lammas Day is celebrated in which month in the northern hemisphere?

### **August** (1st) (February 1st in the southern hemisphere)

- 62 Who plays the title role in the 2011 remake of the 1981 Dudley Moore comedy film *Arthur*?

### **Russell Brand**

- 63 In Radio 4's *The Archers*, Brenda Tucker is engaged to which character? (full name required)

### **Tom Archer**

- 64 At 1,261 feet Wills Neck is the highest point in which range of hills in South West England?

### **Quantock Hills**

- 65 Which German state is home to the cities of Stuttgart, Mannheim and Heidelberg?

### **Baden-Württemberg**

- 66 What is the nationality of Formula One driver Felipe Massa?

### **Brazilian**

- 67 The national flag of which European country features a pair of cows?

### **Andorra**

- 68 In which English county could you visit the neolithic stone circle known as *The Merry Maidens*?

### **Cornwall**

- 69 In the British Army what rank is between Colonel and Major General?

### **Brigadier**

- 70 Who painted the seventeenth century work *The Storm on the Sea of Galilee* which depicts a storm-tossed boat containing fourteen people thought to represent Jesus, the twelve disciples and the artist himself?

### **Rembrandt**

## **Second written round**

- 71 The BBC TV show *A Question of Sport* was first broadcast nationally in 1970 and was presented by David Vine. Prior to this it was a regional programme, shown only in the North West. Who presented this version of the show?

### **Stuart Hall**

- 72 Since 1955 Winfield House in Regent's Park, London has been the official residence of the holder of which position, currently held by Louis Susman?

### **US Ambassador to Britain**

73 Simon de Montfort, who led the Barons' Revolt against Henry III, was killed at which battle in 1265?

**Battle of Evesham**

74 Which Bavarian town stages an annual festival featuring the works of Richard Wagner?

**Bayreuth**

75 In Greek mythology which nymph was transformed into a laurel tree in an attempt to avoid an infatuated Apollo?

**Daphne**

76 Which country is the setting for the Delibes opera *Lakmé*?

**India**

77 According to the Book of Genesis, what did God create to symbolise his covenant with all living creatures that included a promise that the Earth would not be flooded again?

**A rainbow**

78 Give a year in the life of Russian ruler Ivan IV, also known as *The Terrible*.

**1530–1584**

79 Who is the central character in the George and Weedon Grossmith comic novel *Diary of a Nobody*?

**Charles Pooter**

80 What is the most noticeable symptom of the medical condition Bruxism?

**Grinding of the teeth** (also accept 'clenching of the jaw')

### **'Extra time' written round**

1 Which Conservative MP and former cabinet minister is the current holder of the titles Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House of Commons?

**Sir George Young**

2 Which battle on 7 September 1812 between the armies of Russia and France resulted in more than 70,000 casualties?

**Battle of Borodino**

3 The Egyptian god Osiris was classically depicted as having what colour skin?

**Green**

4 US Cellular Field and Wrigley Field are Major League Baseball venues in which US city?

**Chicago**

5 The name of which Italian dairy product means 're-cooked'?

**Ricotta**

6 The present Queen has three first names: one of them is obviously Elizabeth; what are the other two?

**Alexandra Mary**

7 The national flag of which African country comprises the same colours as, but in the opposite order to, the flag of the Republic of Ireland?

**Cote d'Ivoire** (Ivory Coast)

8 The French satirical comedy *L'Avare* is usually known by what name when performed in English?

***The Miser*** (by Molière)

9 According to *Jonah* Chapter 4 Verse 11, the inhabitants of which city could not tell their right hand from their left?

**Nineveh**

10 What was the name of the alleged drug dealer whose shooting by the Metropolitan Police in August led indirectly to looting and arson in several English towns and cities? (full name required)

**Mark Duggan**

### Spares

1 Who is the current Leader of Manchester City Council?

**Sir Richard Leese**

2 What is the chemical formula for tetrachloromethane?

**CCl<sub>4</sub>**

3 The urban myths that David Bowie invented the game *Connect 4* and Bob Holness played saxophone on Gerry Rafferty's *Baker Street* were both started by which writer and broadcaster?

**Stuart Maconie**

4 Actress Lalla Ward, who was briefly married to Tom Baker and played his assistant Romana in *Doctor Who*, is now married to which controversial evolutionary biologist?

**Richard Dawkins**

5 Which former British Army officer is currently the MP for the Greater London constituency of Beckenham?

**Bob Stewart**

### Tie-breakers

1 As taken by Prince William following his wedding, the title Duke of Cambridge was first bestowed in which year?

**1664**

2 On what date did the Trafford Centre open to the public?

**10 September 1998**

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