

KNOCKOUT QUALIFYING (week 5) 16 FEBRUARY 2012

QUESTIONS BY RAILWAY FLIERS

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First Verbal Round

- 1 *Altrinham*, *Large Altrinham* and *Manchester Table* are varieties of which vegetable?

Carrot

- 2 *Hrvatska* on postage stamps indicates they are from which country?

Croatia

- 3 What year: rationing of clothing ends in UK, Eire leaves the Commonwealth and *South Pacific* opens on Broadway?

1949

- 4 The duck-billed platypus and the echidnas (spiny anteaters) are the only surviving members of which order of mammals?

Monotremes

- 5 What is the highest mountain in the contiguous United States (i.e. excluding Alaska and Hawaii)?

Mount Whitney

- 6 As at 9 Feb, who is the Prime Minister of Australia?

Julia Gillard

- 7 What is the name of Heston Blumenthal's first London restaurant, opened in 2011?

Dinner

- 8 John Wemmick and his Aged Parent are characters in which Dickens novel?

Great Expectations

- 9 Gd is the chemical symbol for which element?

Gadolinium

- 10 What is the capital of the Seychelles?

Victoria

- 11 *Adi Granth* is a sacred text in which religion?

Sikhism

- 12 *RE* is the IATA designator for which European airline?

Aer Arann

- 13 Who provides the piano accompaniment in the radio show *I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue*?

Colin Sell

- 14 What was the folk singer and songwriter Ewan MacColl's real name?

James Miller

- 15 Manchester is twinned with which US city?

Los Angeles

- 16 What was the name of the NASA shuttle that made the final flight of the programme in July 2011?

Atlantis

- 17 Which artist released the album *Old Ideas* in January 2012?

Leonard Cohen

- 18 What is the name of the crossword setter who uses the pseudonyms *Araucaria* in the *Guardian* and *Cinephile* in the *Financial Times*?

John Graham

- 19 What was the familial relationship of the painter Ford Madox Brown and the author Ford Madox Ford?

Grandfather/Grandson

- 20 Where are the World Black Pudding Throwing Championships held?

Ramsbottom

- 21 What is the third largest city by population in the People's Republic of China?

Hong Kong [see note 1](#)

- 22 The former *Coronation Street* actor Katherine Kelly is currently appearing in which play at the National Theatre?

She Stoops to Conquer

- 23 In home entertainment/computing what do the initials HDMI stand for?

High Definition Multi-Interface [see note 2](#)

- 24 Where will the archery events be held at the London 2012 Olympics?

Lord's Cricket Ground

- 25 The Merlion is the mascot of which country?

Singapore

- 26 Which fictional family live at 742 Evergreen Terrace?

The Simpsons

- 27 Who wrote the novels *Flaubert's Parrot*, *Arthur & George* and *The Sense of an Ending*?

Julian Barnes

- 28 Who said "That woman speaks eighteen languages, and can't say 'no' in any of them"?

Dorothy Parker

- 29 Which mountain range separates the Rhine and Rhone rivers?

Jura

- 30 Which footballer caused an uproar by posting a picture of referee Howard Webb in a Man Utd shirt on Twitter?

Ryan Babel

First written round

31 Regina is the capital of which Canadian province?

Saskatchewan

32 The phrase "Round the rugged rock, the ragged rascal ran" is an example of which literary term?

Alliteration

33 What is the common English name for the constellation Ursa Minor?

Little Bear

34 Who was the King of England, son of Ethelred the Unready, who reigned between April and November in 1016?

Edmund Ironside

35 What is the surname of the British dramatist whose plays include *Equus* (1973) and *Amadeus* (1979)?

Peter Shaffer

36 Which group of islands was previously called the Sandwich Islands?

Hawaii

37 What was the name of Elvis Costello's permanent backing band formed in 1977?

The Attractions

38 What is the currency unit of Indonesia?

Rupiah

39 What does the 'K' in Jerome K. Jerome stand for?

Klapka

40 What word of Gaelic origin means a place where alcohol is sold illegally?

Shebeen

Second Verbal Round

41 How many imperial gallons of beer or ale are in a firkin?

Nine

42 What was the last military battle fought on the island of Great Britain?

Culloden

43 In heraldry what does a bar or bend sinister typically denote?

Illegitimacy

44 As at Feb 9 who is Secretary of State for Transport?

Justine Greening

45 What is the capital of Mauritius?

Port Louis

46 In Australia what is a 'kylie'?

Boomerang or Hunting Stick

47 *WW* is the IATA designator for which European airline?

BMIBaby

48 Who was the oldest English monarch at the start of their reign?

William IV

49 Where will the Rowing events be held at the London 2012 Olympics?

Eton Dorney [see note 3](#)

50 The actor Jeremy Irons is married to which actor?

Sinead Cusack (need both names)

51 In which town in Pakistan was Osama bin Laden killed?

Abbottabad

52 Which car company produce the Verna?

Hyundai

53 ISO paper sizes (A0, A1, A2, A3, A4...) are all based on an aspect ratio of 1 to what?

The square root of 2

54 Russell Thompkins, Airrion Love, Herbie Murrell, James Smith and James Dunn were the original members of which 1970s group?

The Stylistics

55 Which fast food franchise has the largest number of outlets in the world?

Subway

56 In which city are the headquarters (or international co-ordinating body) of Greenpeace?

Amsterdam

57 Which fashion house made its fortune supplying uniforms to the SS, SA and Hitler Youth?

Hugo Boss

58 Where in the body would you find the Islets of Langerhans?

Pancreas

59 Which group started as *Feedback* and *The Hype* before settling on their current name?

U2

60 On which circuit would you find Wellington Straight, Farm Curve and Vale?

Silverstone

61 What medical condition gets its name from the Greek for 'half a head'?

Migraine

62 What year: Golden Gate Bridge opened, Guernica was bombed and George Gershwin died?

1937

63 What is the largest species of the Dolphin family

Orca (or Killer Whale or Blackfish)

64 Who was the first President of the Fifth Republic in France?

Charles de Gaulle

65 Genting Casinos is the brand name on the shirts of which Premiership football club?

Aston Villa

66 Which film was nominated for 10 Oscars in 2011 but didn't win any?

True Grit

67 Which composer was born on the 29 January 1862?

Frederick Delius

68 Which rapper controversially flashed her middle finger (flipped the bird) at the camera during the half-time show at this year's Super Bowl?

M.I.A.

69 What is the name of the site in Crays Hill, Essex from which travellers were cleared after a long court battle in October 2011?

Dale Farm

70 What is measured in oktas?

Cloud cover

Second written round

71 What was the name of the 1979 film directed by Franc Roddam that was based on a rock opera by The Who?

Quadrophenia

72 What is the name of the Berlin thoroughfare that runs from the Stadtschloss royal palace to the Brandenburg Gate?

Unter den Linden

73 Which Gilbert & Sullivan operetta is subtitled *The Peer and the Peri*?

Iolanthe

74 What was the Christian name of the wife of the American author F. Scott Fitzgerald?

Zelda

75 What does the abbreviation LSD (as in the drug) stand for?

Lysergic acid diethylamide [see note 4](#)

76 What is the nationality of Erki Nool the gold medallist in the 2000 Olympics?

Estonian

77 What is the name given to fear of open spaces?

Agoraphobia

78 What is the name of the art gallery designed by Frank Gehry in Bilbao?

Guggenheim

79 What was the Fascist organization that ran Croatia as a Nazi puppet state during World War II?

Ustashi [see note 5](#)

80 In Greek mythology who was the daughter of Agamemnon and Clytemnestra who plotted with her brother to murder their mother?

Electra

Spares

1 Borough Briggs is the name of which Scottish Football club's stadium?

Elgin City

2 Where did the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge honeymoon?

Seychelles

3 In home entertainment what do the initials EPG stand for?

Electronic Program Guide

4 What is the name of the Mars Science Laboratory rover launched from the Kennedy Space Centre in November 2011?

Curiosity

5 Which two Italian teams play in the RaboDirect Pro12 Rugby Union League?

Aironi and Treviso

6 What spirit is added to brandy to make a Sidecar cocktail?

Cointreau or Triple Sec

Notes and corrections

- 1 It is almost impossible to provide a definitive answer to this question as a) Chinese city populations are constantly changing and b) it depends on how the population is calculated, either as that of the immediate urban centre or of the wider metropolitan area. In the many lists of Chinese city populations available, Hong Kong may be ranked anywhere from number 3 to number 40.
- 2 HDMI stands for High Definition **Multimedia** Interface.
- 3 'Dorney Lake' is an equally acceptable answer.
- 4 Obviously 'LSD' does not 'stand for' Lysergic acid diethylamide (LAD would be the appropriate abbreviation). LSD was derived from the German name, lysergsäure diethylamid.
- 5 There are a number of variations on the spelling/pronunciation: *Ustashi*, *Ustase*, *Ustashe* and *Ustashes* are all equally acceptable answers.

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