

# KNOCKOUT QUALIFYING MATCHES (WEEK 1) 24 NOVEMBER 2011

## QUESTIONS BY THE STAR

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### First Verbal Round

- 1 Which local microbrewery produces beers called Lemon Blossom, Black Coral Stout, and Dark & Divine?

**Hornbeam**

- 2 Which European city is served by Eleftherios Venizelos airport?

**Athens**

- 3 Which Asian city has recently hosted the 2011 World Athletics Championships?

**Daegu**

- 4 The Vapourer, the Cinnabar, the Old Lady and the Shark are all types of what?

**Moths**

- 5 What, according to its advertising slogan, will "keep you all aglow"?

**Uncle Joe's Mint Balls**

- 6 How many bones are there in a normal adult human body?

**206**

- 7 Prior to winning the Man Booker Prize this year for the first time, with 'The Sense of an Ending', Julian Barnes had been shortlisted three times. Name any of these three shortlisted novels.

**One from: *Flaubert's Parrot*; *England, England*; *Arthur & George***

- 8 In which year and month was the current car registration number system introduced in Great Britain?

**September 2001**

- 9 What are the names of Thomas the Tank Engine's two carriages?

**Annie and Clarabel**

- 10 Apart from the white crescent and star, which three colours make up the new Libyan flag?

**Red, Black and Green**

- 11 As of 11 November 2011, who is the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police?

**Bernard Hogan-Howe**

- 12 In the 1958 prison escape film *The Defiant Ones*, which actor was chained to Sidney Poitier?

**Tony Curtis**

- 13 How many pink 'double word' squares does a Scrabble board contain?

**Seventeen**

- 14 In which Ocean is the Gulf of Ob?

**Arctic**

- 15 Which heroine was born in Bamburgh, Northumberland in 1815, later to be referred to in poetry as 'the girl with windswept hair'?

**Grace Darling**

16 James, Simon and Judas are three of Jesus' brothers. Who was the fourth?

**Joseph (or Josés)**

17 Who wrote the *Duncton* series of novels?

**William Horwood**

18 What is an argali?

**A sheep** (wild mountain sheep of Asia)

19 Dixon Bainbridge was the name of an adventurer in which TV comedy?

***The Mighty Boosh***

20 If a semibreve is one whole note, what length is a demisemiquaver?

**One thirty-second**

21 Which Football League team plays its home games at The Crown Ground?

**Accrington Stanley FC**

22 According to Danny Baker, from whom did Marc Bolan take the inspiration for his stage name?

**Bob Dylan** (first two and last three letters)

23 Which organisation runs the *Britain in Bloom* competition?

**RHS – Royal Horticultural Society**

24 Boris Johnson's sister edits which magazine?

**The Lady**

25 At the Glastonbury Festival 2011, U2, Coldplay and Beyonce headlined the Pyramid Stage. Name any of the three acts to headline the Other Stage.

**Primal Scream, The Chemical Brothers or Queens of the Stone Age.**

26 What is the name of the Sikh holy book?

**The Guru Granth Sahib** [see note 1](#)

27 Dan Shechtman won the 2011 Nobel Prize for Chemistry for the discovery of what?

**Quasicrystals**

28 Name either of the jockeys that rode Red Rum to victory in the Grand National.

**Brian Fletcher or Tommy Stack**

29 Terry Molloy, Michael Wisher, Julian Bleach and David Gooderson have played which TV baddie?

**Davros**

30 Doraphobia is an irrational fear of what?

**Fur**

**First written round THERE IS A THEME**

31 There are two Welsh lighthouses open to the public as Trinity House Visitor Centres. One is Nash Point, west of Cardiff; which is the other?

### **South Stack, Anglesey**

- 32 Which song was a Top 40 hit in 1961 for Harry Belafonte and Odetta?

***Hole in the Bucket***

- 33 In Australia it's a thong, in New Zealand a jandal; what do we call it here?

**Flip-Flop**

- 34 Which golf shot is played from close to the green, the ball lifts into the air briefly, then hits the ground and rolls forward?

**The chip**

- 35 Which F. Scott Fitzgerald short story was made into a film in 2008, starring Brad Pitt?

***The Curious Case of Benjamin Button***

- 36 What was the name of Elizabeth Barratt Browning's dog?

**Flush**

- 37 What is the alternative title of Keats's narrative poem *Isabella*?

**The Pot of Basil**

- 38 Complete the proverb: "A nod is as good as a wink to..."

**A blind horse**

- 39 Which was the first Beatles song to get to number 1 in the US?

***I Want to Hold Your Hand***

- 40 What is the current name of the fashion chain that started out as 'Lewis Separates', later to become 'Chelsea Girl' and 'Concept Man'?

**River Island**

**Theme is all the answers contain words used in the game of poker: stack, hold, flop, chip, button, flush, pot, blind, hold, hand, river**

### **Second Verbal Round**

- 41 Which garden bird has the Latin name *Prunella modularis*?

**Dunnoek** (accept Hedge Sparrow) [see note 2](#)

- 42 Who is the author of 'Mr Stink', 'Billionaire Boy', 'The Boy in the Dress' and 'Gangsta Granny'?

**David Walliams**

- 43 In what year was George Orwell's *1984* first published in England?

**1949**

- 44 Which country has the International Vehicle Index ROU?

**Uruguay**

- 45 Name the killer shark that featured in a cartoon strip in 'Action', the controversial 1970s comic?

**Hook Jaw**

- 46 How did Alan Graham make the news in October 2011?

**He was the farmer who objected to Rihanna stripping off in his field**

47 Who is the new Prime Minister of Denmark?

**Helle Thorning-Schmidt**

48 Which actress and singer is married to James Brolin?

**Barbra Streisand**

49 In Bingo calling, what number is referred to as 'the Brighton line'?

**Fifty nine**

50 The historic town of Inveraray lies on the shores of which loch?

**Loch Fyne**

51 Which UK city is approached by the M275 Motorway?

**Portsmouth**

52 *Umbrellas*, painted in the 1880s, is a picture by whom?

**Pierre-Auguste Renoir**

53 Name the chief port and former capital of the Cote D'Ivoire.

**Abidjan**

54 What was the name of Alexander the Great's mother?

**Olympias**

55 Which King of Scotland was killed at the Battle of Flodden?

**James IV**

56 What is the highest prime number that is less than 500?

**499**

57 Which global organisation was founded in 1961 by Peter Benenson?

**Amnesty International**

58 Who won the 2011 US Women's Singles Open Tennis Championship?

**Samantha Stosur**

59 Who preceded Gorbachov as Head of State of the USSR, from 1985-1988?

**Andrey Gromyko** [see note 3](#)

60 Which band's record sleeves featured photographs of 1960s British personalities such as Viv Nicholson, Pat Phoenix and Yootha Joyce?

**The Smiths**

61 Which element is indicated by the letter V?

**Vanadium**

62 Who is the Hindu goddess of wealth and prosperity?

**Lakshmi** [see note 4](#)

63 What is the name of REM's last studio album?

### ***Collapse Into Now***

- 64 On the adjectival grading system used in Britain for traditional climbing, what lies between 'Easy' and 'Difficult'?

#### **Moderate**

- 65 In 1982 which politician famously walked out of an TV interview after Robin Day said he was a 'here today, gone tomorrow politician'?

#### **John Nott**

- 66 The BASE in BASE Jumping is an acronym for the categories of structures from which the jump can occur. Span and Earth are the S and E, what do the B and A stand for?

#### **Building and Antenna**

- 67 What sort of machine is a zamboni?

#### **A device for clearing and smoothing the surface of ice rinks**

- 68 Give any year in the reign of Henry V.

#### **1413-1422**

- 69 In which imaginary town was the TV series *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* set?

#### **Sunnydale**

- 70 How did Hayley Turner make the news in July this year?

#### **First woman jockey to win a Group 1 race**

### **Second written round**

- 71 What commodity was exchanged in the Manchester building that now houses the Royal Exchange Theatre?

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

- 72 What is the title of Dawn French's best-selling novel, first published in 2010?

#### ***A Tiny Bit Marvellous***

- 73 In which country was the actor Keanu Reeves born?

#### **Lebanon**

- 74 In which city is the Lion's Gate Bridge?

#### **Vancouver**

- 75 In which year was the My Lai massacre?

#### **1968**

- 76 "We move like cagey tigers, Oh, we couldn't get closer than this" are the opening lines to which song?

#### ***Lovecats*** (The Cure)

- 77 Who said "If you can't stand the heat in the dressing room, get out of the kitchen"?

#### **Terry Venables**

- 78 At which stadium does the Spanish football club Villarreal play?

## **El Madrigal**

79 How long a time period is a lustrum?

**Five years**

80 In what year was MTV first broadcast?

**1981**

## **Spares**

1 'Lanark: A life in four books' was written by which Scottish novelist?

**Alasdair Gray**

2 Who was the first golfer to win successive US Masters titles?

**Jack Nicklaus** (in 1965 & 1966)

3 Which novelist created the PI Jackson Brodie, played on TV recently by Jason Isaacs?

**Kate Atkinson**

4 Which knight of the stage played his last role as a pub landlord in Paul McCartney's film *Give My Regards to Broad Street*?

**Sir Ralph Richardson**

5 What UK Airport is recognised by the three letter code HUY?

**Humberside International Airport**

6 Who had a hit with *Who Let the Dogs Out?* in 2000?

**Baha Men**

7 Which actor played the part of Norman Tripper in the 1984 sitcom, *Trippler's Day*?

**Leonard Rossiter**

8 Penzance & Newlyn Rugby Union Club are now known by what title?

**Cornish Pirates**

9 Name the US actor who played The Joker in the '60s TV show *Batman*.

**Cesar Romero**

10 Which US state has borders with South Dakota, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado and Wyoming?

**Nebraska**

11 Sigourney Weaver took her forename from a character in which 20th century novel?

**The Great Gatsby**

12 Who was BBC TV's first woman weather presenter?

**Barbara Edwards**

13 What was the former name of Alderley Edge village?

**Chorley** (it changed in the late 19th century)

14 Which '60s pop star played Stanley, Len Fairclough's son, in *Coronation Street*?

**Peter Noone**

15 Which is the most westerly city on the African mainland?

**Dakar**

16 Who wrote the novels *Rosemary's Baby* and *The Stepford Wives*?

**Ira Levin**

### Notes and corrections

- 1 The book is more commonly referred to as *Adi Granth*.
- 2 'Hedge warbler' is an equally acceptable answer.
- 3 It is generally accepted that the Soviet Head of State was the General Secretary of the Communist Party. This position was occupied by Mikhail Gorbachev from March 1985 following the death of his predecessor, Konstantin Chernenko.  
  
Andrei Gromyko held the office of Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet from 1985 to 1988, but was not the Head of State.
- 4 'Lakumi' is an equally acceptable answer.
- 5 The building was used to trade many different commodities, principally textiles, of which cotton was the most prominent.

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