

# LEAGUE MATCHES 12 JANUARY 2012

## QUESTIONS BY TAME VALLEY

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### First Verbal Round

- 1 What was Captain Webb's time (in hours and minutes) for the first Channel swim? ( allow 1 hour either way)

**21 hours 45 mins** ( allow 20h 45m to 22h 45m)

- 2 After Ben Nevis, what is Scotland's second highest peak?

**Ben Macdui** (4295 feet)

- 3 From which folk song does the line "*I once loved a maid, a spot welder by trade*" come?

**The Manchester Rambler** (Ewan McColl)

- 4 The Balanescu quartet plays the theme tune to which TV quiz programme?

**University Challenge**

- 5 C. Reginald Dalby was the first illustrator of which series of books?

**The Railway Series** (Rev Audrey) (Accept 'Thomas the Tank Engine' or similar) [see note 1](#)

- 6 In what decade was the first official Grand National steeplechase run?

**1830s** (1839)

- 7 The Wolverine Tanning company, based in Rockford, USA, patented which footwear brand name in 1958?

**Hush Puppies**

- 8 Which South African novelist is one of only two people to have won the Man Booker Prize twice, in 1983 and 1999?

**J.M. Coetzee**

- 9 Sharing his surname with a type of building, who scored the deciding goal in the 1966 FA Cup final?

**Derek Temple** (Sheffield Wednesday 2 Everton 3)

- 10 On a building site, which craftsman would use a 'hawk'?

**A plasterer** [see note 2](#)

- 11 In *Wacky Races* which car was driven by The Ant Hill Mob?

**The Bulletproof Bomb**

- 12 In the title of a 1996 film, who was Count Ladislaus de Almasy?

**The English Patient** [see note 3](#)

- 13 Which school was the setting for the book and film *Goodbye Mr. Chips*?

**Brookfield**

- 14 Andrew Davies writes about which rebellious girl?

**Marmalade Atkins**

15 What's the next line of these George Formby lyrics: "See me dressed like all the sports; in my blazer and a pair of shorts..."?

**"With my little stick of Blackpool rock"**

16 What was Louis Bleriot's time for his first heavier-than-air crossing of the Channel? (Allow 2 minutes either way)

**37 minutes** (allow 35 to 39 minutes)

17 Of the 283 Munro designated mountains in Scotland (i.e. above 3000 feet), where is the only one not on the mainland or on Skye?

**Isle of Mull** (Ben More, 3169 feet)

18 From which folk song does the line "By a lonely prison wall, I heard a young girl calling" come?

**The Fields of Athenry**

19 Neil Richardson, who died in 2010, wrote the theme music to which TV quiz programme?

**Mastermind**

20 Alfred E. Bestall illustrated (and wrote) stories about which character from 1935 to 1973?

**Rupert Bear**

21 In what decade was the Epsom Derby first run?

**1780s** (1780)

22 Brothers Charles and Robert formed which watch-making company in New York in 1882?

**Ingersoll**

23 Which Australian is one of only two people to have won the Man Booker Prize twice, in 1988 and 2001?

**Peter Carey**

24 Sharing his surname with a Biblical character, who scored the winning goal in the 1967 FA Cup final?

**Frank Saul** (Spurs 2 Chelsea 1)

25 On a building site, which craftsman would use a 'tong'?

**A bricklayer**

26 In *Wacky Races*, which car was driven by The Red Max?

**The Crimson Haybailer.**

27 In the title of a 1981 film who is Sarah Woodruff?

**The French Lieutenant's Woman**

28 Which school was the setting for the book and film *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie*?

**Marcia Blaine School**

29 Francesca Simon writes about which rebellious boy?

**Horrid Henry**

30 What's the next line of this George Formby song: "The bridegroom he is doing fine; I'd rather have his job than mine..."?

**"When I'm cleaning windows"**

### First written round **THERE IS A THEME**

31 Which officer of the Parliamentary army married Oliver Cromwell's second daughter in 1646?

**John Claypole**

32 Which Yorkshire slow left arm spin bowler took 102 wickets in a Test career from 1948–1957?

**Johnny Wardle**

33 What was the World War 2 slang term for technicians or research scientists?

**Boffins**

34 Which English singer/songwriter was born in Dartford, Kent on 26 July 1943?

**Mick Jagger**

35 Which seasonal tune's last verse begins: "Now the ground is white, Go it while you may"?

**Jingle Bells** [see note 4](#)

36 *Sepia officinalis* is a cephalopod commonly known as what?

**Cuttlefish**

37 Which 1998 Carol Ann Duffy poem begins: "*Beloved sweetheart bastard. Not a day since then. I haven't wished him dead*"?

**Havisham**

38 Admiralty, Alpha and Cartridge are all types of which alloy?

**Brass**

39 Which Brighton company is one of the few remaining independent English perfume houses?

**Pecksniff's**

40 What was the name of the dog in the H.M.V. logo?

**Nipper**

#### **The theme is Dickens character names:**

Noah Claypole (*Oliver Twist*), Wardle family (*Pickwick Papers*), Nicodemus Boffin (*Our Mutual Friend*), Jagers (*Great Expectations*), Alfred Jingle (*Pickwick Papers*), Captain Cuttle (*Dombey and Son*), Miss Havisham (*Great Expectations*); Sampson and Sally Brass (*The Old Curiosity Shop*), Seth Pecksniff (*Martin Chuzzlewit*); Susan Nipper (*Dombey and Son*).

### **Second Verbal Round**

41 In Greek mythology, what was the name of Odysseus's faithful dog?

**Argus** (or Argos)

42 Marina Bay is the venue for which country's F1 Grand Prix?

**Singapore**

43 Who won the men's sprint double (100 and 200 metres) at the 1972 Munich Olympics?

**Valeriy Borzov**

44 James May, as part of his TV series *James May's Toy Stories*, exhibited a garden at Chelsea Flower Show made from what?

**Plasticine**

45 What would a brass instrument player understand by the instruction *con sordino*?

**Play with a mute**

46 Which is the only London borough that lies both north and south of the Thames?

**Richmond** (on Thames)

47 In which city did Enoch Powell make his 1968 'Rivers of Blood' speech?

**Birmingham**

48 Vancouver Island is part of which Canadian province?

**British Columbia**

49 Which order of chivalry has the motto *Tria iuncta in uno* ('Three joined in one')?

(The Most Honourable) **Order of the Bath**

50 Thomas Hardy's poem *The Convergence of the Twain* was inspired by which event?

**The sinking of the Titanic**

51 Which piece of horse riding tack goes under the horse's tail and stops the saddle from sliding forwards?

**The Crupper**

52 Which Tennyson poem inspired an 1888 painting by John William Waterhouse?

***The Lady of Shalott***

53 Which French writer used the anagrammatical pseudonym Alcofribas Dasier? [see note 5](#)

**Francois Rabelais**

54 Which grape is used predominantly for red wines from the Burgundy region?

**Pinot Noir**

55 *Pyramus and Thisbe* is a play within which Shakespeare play?

***A Midsummer Night's Dream***

56 What was the name of the dog that guarded the Philosopher's Stone in the *Harry Potter* story of that name?

**Fluffy**

57 Albert Park is the venue for which country's F1 Grand Prix?

**Australia**

58 Who won the women's sprint double (100 and 200 metres) at the 1960 Rome Olympics?

**Wilma Rudolph**

59 As part of his *James May's Toy Stories* TV series, James May constructed a bridge over the Leeds-Liverpool canal made of what?

**Meccano**

60 What would a string instrument player understand by the instruction *col legno*?

**Use the wood of the bow**

61 Which London borough contains the grounds of three Premiership football teams?

**Hammersmith and Fulham** (Fulham, Chelsea and QPR)

62 In which city did Harold Macmillan make his 1960 'Wind of Change' speech?

**Cape Town**

63 Nantucket Island is a part of which US state?

**Massachusetts**

64 Which order of chivalry has the motto *Nemo me impune lacessit* ('No-one provokes me with impunity')?

(The Most Ancient and Most Noble) **Order of the Thistle**

65 Walt Whitman's poem *Oh Captain, My Captain!* was inspired by which event?

**The assassination of Abraham Lincoln**

66 Which piece of horse riding tack restricts the height to which the horse can raise its head?

**A Martingale**

67 Which John Keats poem inspired a John William Waterhouse painting of 1893

***La Belle Dame Sans Merci***

68 Which Russian born writer used the anagrammatical character name 'Vivian Darkbloom' in several of his novels?

**Vladimir Nabokov**

69 Which grape is used predominantly for white wines from the Burgundy region?

**Chardonnay** [see note 6](#)

70 *The Mousetrap* is a play within which Shakespeare play?

***Hamlet***

## **Second written round**

71 Which bird's call is said to sound like the phrase "little bit of bread and no cheese"?

**Yellowhammer**

72 Who designed the locks for the unsuccessful 1887 attempt to build a canal across the Panama isthmus?

**Gustav Eiffel**

73 Complete the trio: Charles Hamilton, Frank Kennedy and...?

**Rhett Butler** (Husbands of Scarlett O'Hara)

74 The oldest bridge across the Seine in Paris belies its name. What is its name in French?

**Pont Neuf** (New Bridge)

75 What must a snooker player do, that the Hayes code insisted that every film actor must do in love scenes?

**Keep one foot on the floor**

76 A 2003 poll by German television channel ZDF, voted which politician as the 'Greatest German of All Time'?

**Conrad Adenauer**

77 Which British army regiment wears a black beret?

**Royal Tank Regiment**

78 Which 'Egghead' won the 2011 World Quizzing Championship?

**Pat Gibson**

79 In which year was ITV launched in England?

**1955**

80 When Paul the psychic octopus died, the Daily Telegraph ran an article on him with a four-word appropriate headline that was the same as the title of which book, first published 1929?

**A Farewell to Arms**

## Spares

1 What is Rene's call sign on the radio in 'Allo 'Allo?

**Nighthawk**

2 Who (in translation) wrote: *Sooner will a camel pass through a needle's eye, than a great man be 'discovered' by an election?*

**Adolf Hitler**

3 Who scored five goals in Middlesbrough's 9-0 victory over Brighton in 1958?

**Brian Clough**

4 In Norse mythology the bridge Bifrost, between Midgard and Asgard, took what form?

**A rainbow**

5 Which beverage is named after the UK Prime Minister of 1830–1834?

**Earl Grey Tea**

6 When reflecting on the cost of his film *Raise the Titanic*, Lew Grade commented that "*It would have been cheaper to...*" what?

**Lower the Atlantic**

## Notes and corrections

1 Dalby was the third, not first, illustrator of the series. He was preceded by William Middleton and Reginald Payne.

2 A hawk (used by a plasterer to 'hold' plaster whilst it is applied using a trowel) may also be used by a bricklayer (to hold mortar).

3 The correct name of the character is László de Almásy.

4 The correct lyric is: "*Now the ground is white, Go it while you're young*"

5 Anagrams are easier to solve in 30 seconds when they contain the correct letters. The pseudonym used was Alcofribas **N**asier, not Alcofribas Dasier.

6 'Obvious' pairing of questions should be avoided.

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