

KNOCKOUT QUALIFYING MATCHES (WEEK 2)

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First Verbal Round

- 1 Despite the best efforts of Swampy and friends, in which year did Manchester Airport open its second runway?

2001

- 2 This American comedian was shot dead by his wife in 1998. He was a regular on *Saturday Night Live* and his film appearances include *Three Amigos*, *Coneheads* and *Jingle All the Way*, but he is probably best known in this country for providing the voices of incompetent lawyer Lionel Hutz and has-been actor Troy McClure in *The Simpsons*. Who was he?

Phil Hartman

- 3 On which 1997 album, the band's second, would you find the songs *Lucky Man*, *Bitter Sweet Symphony* and *The Drugs Don't Work*?

Urban Hymns (The Verve)

- 4 Which city, formerly the capital of East Prussia, gives its name to the Russian *oblast* that is geographically isolated from the rest of Russia, has a Baltic coastline and land borders with Poland and Lithuania?

Kaliningrad

- 5 Michael Bloomberg is the mayor of which city?

New York City

- 6 What is the name of the band formed by the remaining members of Oasis following the departure of Noel Gallagher?

Beady Eye

- 7 Who is England's all-time leading wicket taker in Test cricket?

Ian Botham (383 wickets)

- 8 Which British newspaper features regular contributions from Matthew D'Ancona, Henry Winter, Terry Wogan and Boris Johnson?

Daily (or Sunday) Telegraph

- 9 Which BBC TV drama series that originally ran from 1985 to 1990 featured characters called Charles Frere, Polly Urquhart and Ken Masters?

Howard's Way

- 10 As at 1 October 2012 which is the world's largest publicly-traded company (in terms of market capitalisation, i.e. total value of all shares)?

Apple

- 11 Jeff Bezos is the founder, Chairman, President and CEO of which internet giant?
Amazon.com
- 12 Due to open by Christmas as part of the Phase 3 expansion of Manchester Metrolink, what is the official name of the new tram stop at Manchester City's stadium?
Etihad Campus
- 13 Which film that featured Jack Nicholson, Jerry Hall, Kim Basinger and Jack Palance was the first to receive the new *12* rating from the British Board of Film Classification in 1989?
Batman
- 14 How many cervical vertebrae are there in the human body?
Seven
- 15 What is the twelfth astrological sign of the zodiac?
Pisces
- 16 The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge both studied at which British University?
St. Andrews
- 17 South Africa Road, London is the postal address of which English Premier League football ground?
Loftus Road (accept 'QPR')
- 18 At which battle on 3 September 1651 was Charles II defeated by parliamentary forces? This ended the series of conflicts commonly known as the 'English Civil War' and famously saw Charles avoid capture by hiding in an oak tree.
Battle of Worcester
- 19 Who presents the weekday breakfast show on BBC Radio Manchester?
Allan Beswick
- 20 Who is the only Italian footballer to have won an English Premier League winner's medal?
Mario Balotelli
(Carlo Cudicini did not play sufficient games to qualify for a medal whilst at Chelsea)
- 21 Which classic Disney animated film of 1967 features the songs *Trust in Me* and *The Bare Necessities*?
The Jungle Book
- 22 *Discography*, *Alternative*, *PopArt* and *Ultimate* are four of the greatest hits compilation albums from the repertoire of which British pop act?
Pet Shop Boys
- 23 Which film's soundtrack was the best-selling UK album of 1965, 1966 and 1968?
The Sound of Music
- 24 In which town or city did the Conservative Party hold its recent annual conference?
Birmingham

- 25 Which Salford-born composer wrote the operas *Resurrection*, *The Lighthouse* and *Taverner* and is the current Master of the Queen's Music?

Peter Maxwell-Davies

- 26 Followers of which religion might live in a monastery called a *vihara*?

Buddhism

- 27 Which root vegetable has the scientific name *Pastinaca sativa*?

Parsnip

- 28 Morton's Neuroma is a painful condition that affects which part of the body?

The foot

- 29 Currently the world's eighth largest stock exchange, the BM&F Bovespa is based in which country?

Brazil

- 30 Which significant name in British history can also be a current in the Pacific Ocean, the London hospital where George Best spent his final days in 2005 and a British tank that saw service during World War II?

Cromwell

First Written Round

- 31 Which best-selling British writer was born in Torquay in 1890 and died in Oxfordshire in 1976?

Agatha Christie

- 32 What links an iconic 'Bond girl', a former *Mastermind* and current World Quizzing champion, a 1968 album by the late Andy Williams and a commonly-used foodstuff?

Honey

(Honey Rider played by Ursula Andress in *Dr. No*; Jesse Honey is world quizzing champion)

- 33 The 1865 Walt Whitman poem *O Captain! My Captain!* refers metaphorically to whose death?

Abraham Lincoln

- 34 Who painted the altarpieces *The Elevation of the Cross* and *The Descent from the Cross* which can be seen in Antwerp's Cathedral of Our Lady?

Peter Paul Rubens

- 35 Who played Calpurnia in *Carry On Cleo*, Cora Flange in *Carry On Abroad* and Lady Ruff-Diamond in *Carry On Up The Khyber*?

Joan Sims

- 36 The complex in Houston, Texas that is home to training, research and flight control for all American space missions is named after which former US President?

Lyndon B. Johnson

- 37 Although it is increasingly being superseded by synthetic alternatives, traditional glazing putty is made from two principal ingredients: linseed oil and which other?

Chalk (also known as 'whiting')

- 38 The Grand National fence known as the Canal Turn is named after which canal?

Leeds-Liverpool Canal

- 39 Home to the Royal Academy, Royal Society of Chemistry and the Royal Astronomical Society, Burlington House is on the opposite side of Piccadilly to which famous department store?

Fortnum and Mason

- 40 Which river that flows east from the Alps to the Adriatic Sea near Venice is the longest river in Italy?

River Po

Second Verbal Round

- 41 The lead character in which cult BBC TV sci-fi series that originally ran from 1978 to 1981 had the first name Roj?

Blake's 7

- 42 Who was the lead singer with The Colourfield, Fun Boy Three and The Specials?

Terry Hall

- 43 Taking its name from the Greek for 'mental science', which pseudoscience was developed in the late eighteenth century by German physician Franz Gall? Adherents claim the process can be used to psychologically assess a patient by measuring the shape of the skull.

Phrenology

- 44 In the Channel 4 game show *Deal or No Deal*, what is the highest value blue box?

£750

- 45 From 1978 until its 'split' into two organisations in 1993 the World Professional Darts Championship had only two non-English winners. One was Jocky Wilson, who was the other?

Leighton Rees

- 46 Which arm of the Baltic Sea lies between Sweden and Finland?

The Gulf of Bothnia

- 47 Which Derbyshire village is home to the church of St John the Baptist, commonly referred to as the *Cathedral of the Peak*?

Tideswell

- 48 What first name and surname are shared by a former Ireland Rugby Union international, one of the members of the British group Supergrass and a former football player who can now be heard on the radio station talkSPORT?

Mick Quinn

- 49 It is well known that in the 1966 Football World Cup Final one of the linesmen was 'Russian' (even though he was actually from Azerbaijan). Give the nationality of **either** the other linesman or the referee.

Czechoslovakian (linesman) or **Swiss** (referee) (no need to say which was which)

- 50 Which stop-motion animator's TV work included *The Herbs*, *Paddington*, *The Wombles* and *The Magic Roundabout*?

Ivor Wood

- 51 Which British retail group opened its first store in Preston in 1985, its 200th in Croydon in 2006 and has headquarters in Skelmersdale?

Matalan

- 52 Completed in 1836, 25 years after his death, what is the best-known design of the French architect Jean Chalgrin?

The Arc de Triomphe

- 53 Published in 1964, *A Moveable Feast* is a set of memoirs describing which American's experiences as a young writer in Europe?

Ernest Hemingway

- 54 In Dante's *Divine Comedy*, which poet guides the author through Hell and Purgatory?

Virgil (or Publius Vergilius Maro, to be more precise)

- 55 The Channel seaside resort of Le Crotoy is situated on the estuary of which French river?

River Somme

- 56 The sister of which actress was the subject of the Beatles' *White Album* track *Dear Prudence*?

Mia Farrow

- 57 In April 1996 which Welsh administrative county was replaced by its three constituent parts: Cardiganshire (or Ceredigion), Carmarthenshire and Pembrokeshire?

Dyfed

- 58 In which country could you visit Lake Ladoga, the largest lake in Europe?

Russia

- 59 What is the title of the spoof autobiography released in late 2011 that is subtitled *We Need to Talk About Alan*?

I, Partridge

- 60 Which Liverpool pop act released the 1982 debut album *Difficult Shapes & Passive Rhythms, Some People Think It's Fun to Entertain*?

China Crisis

- 61 Who is the only person to serve four terms as Chancellor of the Exchequer and four terms as British Prime Minister?

William Gladstone

- 62 Which city lies on the western shore of Guanabara Bay?

Rio de Janeiro

- 63 Which British singer's most recent UK top ten hit was *Thank You for a Lifetime* in 2008, some 50 years after his first?

Sir Cliff Richard

- 64 Following the success of *Three Men in a Boat* Jerome K. Jerome wrote a follow-up novel set around a cycling tour of Germany's Black Forest. The US edition of this novel was called *Three Men on Wheels*, but what was it known as here?

Three Men on the Bummel

- 65 Of which département in the French region of Aquitaine is Bordeaux the largest city?

Gironde

- 66 Who is the director of the new Bond film, *Skyfall*?

Sam Mendes

- 67 Regular targets in his *Bad Science* column in *The Guardian* include complementary medicine, tabloid health scares, psychics, the pharmaceutical industry and Gillian McKeith. Who is this British doctor and campaigner, the son of 1970s Australian pop singer Noosha Fox?

Ben Goldacre

- 68 Containing biographies of eight Americans notable for acts of bravery and/or integrity during their political career, the 1957 Pulitzer Prize-winning book *Profiles in Courage* was written by whom?

John F. Kennedy

- 69 Who were the original sponsors of the cricket competition which has variously been known as the NatWest Trophy, the C&G Trophy and the Friends Provident Trophy?

Gillette

- 70 The Prime Minister of which country has an official residence at 24 Sussex Drive?

Canada

Second Written Round

- 71 Name any three of the five most populous cities in Argentina.

Three from: **Buenos Aires, Córdoba, Rosario, Mendoza and La Plata**

- 72 The best-known work of twentieth century French sculptor Abel Lafleur was originally inspired by the second century B.C. Greek sculpture *Nike of Samothrace*. In 1946 this iconic design was officially re-named in honour of whom?

Jules Rimet

73 Who is the current President of Puerto Rico?

Barack Obama

74 Which British author's works include *Love Among the Chickens*, *The Man with Two Left Feet*, *Barmy in Wonderland* and *Pearls, Girls and Monty Bodkin*?

P. G. Wodehouse

75 A tree of which genus appears on the national flag of Lebanon?

Cedar (*Cedrus*)

76 Which was the last stadium other than Wembley to host the Rugby League Challenge Cup final, doing so in 2006?

Twickenham

77 The 1980 album *Snap, Crackle & Bop* which featured the tracks *Gaberdine Angus*, *Beasley Street* and *Evidently Chickentown* was released by which British poet?

John Cooper Clarke

78 In the 1980s TV sitcom *The Young Ones*, what was the surname of Adrian Edmondson's character, Vyvyan?

Basterd

79 Who wrote *Toad of Toad Hall*?

A. A. Milne

80 Prominent in 1960s and '70s Manchester this group was (at least in part) the inspiration for the Thin Lizzy song *The Boys Are Back in Town*. By what 'sweet sounding' name were these alleged criminals collectively known?

The Quality Street Gang

Spares

1 In the 1973 Disney animated film *Robin Hood*, Nutsy and Trigger are what sort of animal?

Vultures

2 What was the surname of the title characters in the BBC TV sitcom *Terry and June*?

Medford

3 *Actinidia deliciosa*, better known as the kiwifruit, originated In which country?

China

4 Diamond Club is the frequent flyer programme of which British airline?

BMI

5 Name either of the teams that scored against Manchester City during their victorious FA Cup campaign of 2011.

Leicester City or Notts County

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