

LEAGUE MATCHES 24 JANUARY 2013

QUESTIONS BY SMART ALEX

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First Verbal Round

- 1 Which of Shakespeare's characters sings the song '*Where the bee sucks, there suck I*'?

Ariel

- 2 So-called because of its numerous different colour patterns, what is the usual English name of the invasive ladybird beetle, originating in eastern Asia but now causing concern as it is replacing native ladybird species?

Harlequin ladybird

- 3 Which English town of approximately 28,000 inhabitants has three railway stations called Monkhill, Baghill and Tanshelf?

Pontefract

- 4 In poetic metre what name is given to a foot that consists of two long syllables, for example *sandwich*?

Spondee

- 5 In which TV series did Bradley James and Colin Morgan play the lead roles?

Merlin

- 6 Which mathematical disability involves difficulty understanding numbers and manipulating them?

Dyscalculia [see note 1](#)

- 7 Which word or title used in the Christian religion means 'God is with us'?

Emmanuel (or Immanuel)

- 8 Which Latin writer wrote the *Amores* and the *Metamorphoses* collections of poetry?

Ovid

- 9 What is the better-known name of Agnes Gonxha?

Mother Teresa (of Calcutta) [see note 2](#)

- 10 Who owned a collection of jewellery which included the Krupp diamond, La Peregrina pearl and the Taj Mahal diamond?

Elizabeth Taylor

- 11 Who is the voice of Reverend Lovejoy, Mr Burns and Smithers in *The Simpsons*?

Harry Shearer

- 12 Who wrote the play (not the novel) *Dangerous Liaisons* (on which the film was based)?

Christopher Hampton

- 13 What is the name of the spicy gingerbread biscuits eaten at Christmas in Germany?
Lebkuchen [see note 3](#)
- 14 Dylan Thomas was born in Swansea but in which city did he die?
New York (Greenwich Village)
- 15 If *fauna* refers to the animal kingdom and *flora* to the plant world, what word is used to refer to fungi, i.e. mushrooms and toadstools?
Mycota
- 16 Which writer, most famous for *Where the Wild Things Are*, died in 2012?
Maurice Sendak
- 17 In poetic metre, what name is given to a foot which is a long syllable followed by two short ones, for example *strawberry*?
Dactyl
- 18 Which of Shakespeare's characters speaks the lines: '*All the world's a stage and all the men and women merely players.*'?
Jaques
- 19 Which medical disorder is described as 'being characterized by difficulty in planning smooth movements, leading to clumsiness and a lack of co-ordination'?
Dyspraxia
- 20 What is the name of the main railway station in Carlisle?
Citadel
- 21 The opening line of which epic poem translates into English as: '*I sing of arms and the man.*'?
The Aeneid
- 22 Which actor played the role of Aragorn in the *Lord of the Rings* film trilogy?
Viggo Mortensen
- 23 What is the name of Kate Winslet's third husband, whom she married in December 2012?
Ned Rocknroll
- 24 Which word used in the Muslim faith can be translated as 'the way' or 'straight path'?
Sharia
- 25 Who wrote the novel *Death in Venice* (on which the film was based)?
Thomas Mann
- 26 What is the real name of Pope Benedict the Sixteenth?
Josef Ratzinger
- 27 James Joyce was born in Dublin but in which city did he die?
Zurich
- 28 What is the maiden name of Marge in *The Simpsons*?

Bouvier

- 29 Which actor's last words were reportedly 'I should never have switched from Scotch to Martinis'?

Humphrey Bogart

- 30 Which Greek/Turkish sweetmeat is made from honey-flavoured filo pastry filled with nuts, usually walnuts and almonds?

Baklava

First written round

- 31 Which place is known in its own language as *Ellan Vannin*?

Isle of Man

- 32 What is the common name for the flag-carrier airline of Spain?

Iberia

- 33 Which Shakespearean character is the niece of Sir Toby Belch?

Olivia

- 34 What is the name of the Irish singer, instrumentalist and songwriter, who was briefly a member of Clannad? Her first album in 1988 is *Watermark*.

Enya

- 35 Which film of 1985, partly based on Shakespeare's *King Lear* was written and directed by Akira Kurosawa? It was the most expensive Japanese film ever produced up to that time.

Ran

- 36 Which co-writer of the TV series *The League of Gentlemen* plays the character Papa Lazarou?

Reece Shearsmith

- 37 What was the stage name of the comedy magician who died in 2009? He was President of the Magic Circle at the time of his death. He was magical adviser to the TV series *Jonathan Creek*.

Ali Bongo

- 38 For which film of 1998 did Kevin Kline receive the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor and Michael Palin win a BAFTA for Best Supporting Role?

A Fish Called Wanda [see note 4](#)

- 39 What sweet roll consists of a cuboid-shaped piece of yeast-leavened, laminated dough, similar in texture to puff pastry, with one or two pieces of chocolate in the centre?

Pain au chocolat

- 40 Which surreal mystery film of 2006 starring Laura Dern and Jeremy Irons was directed by David Lynch? One of its recurring themes is a family of rabbits who speak in cryptic statements and questions.

Inland Empire

Second Verbal Round

- 41 In its uncombined state, which chemical element is known to occur in at least five differently coloured forms: white, red, scarlet, violet, and black?

Phosphorus

- 42 "Madness...madness!" are the final words of which film?

Bridge on the River Kwai

- 43 In 2012 Alison Williamson represented Great Britain in her sixth consecutive Olympic games. In which sport?

Archery

- 44 Which boy's name is derived from the Greek word for 'lover of horses'?

Philip

- 45 Which game features the three suits (characters, bamboos and dots), three colours of dragons and four winds?

Mah jong

- 46 In which French abbey are Henry II, Eleanor of Aquitaine and Richard the Lionheart all buried?

Fontevraud

- 47 Name the R & B group formed in 1979 by ex-Manfred Mann singer Paul Jones and originally featuring Tom McGuinness and Hughie Flint, with Dave Kelly on slide guitar. They have recorded and toured periodically ever since formation and are scheduled to appear at the Waterside Arts Centre in Sale in February 2013.

The Blues Band

- 48 To which witness to the inquiry did Lord Leveson say "I do not need to be told about the importance of freedom of speech, I really don't."?

Michael Gove

- 49 Which late Renaissance composer, especially remembered for sacred music and madrigals, was a member of the Italian nobility who stabbed his wife and her lover to death on catching them *in flagrante*.

Carlo Gesualdo

- 50 Which Detective Chief Inspector of the Metropolitan police was found guilty in January 2013 of offering to sell information to the *News of the World*?

April Casburn

- 51 As indicated in the names of local hockey, cricket and soccer clubs, what is the correct term for a person from Wolverhampton?

Wulfrunian

52 Which perfumier produces the fragrance *Je Reviens*?

(House of) Worth

53 American Civil War General William Sherman's middle name was also the name of a Native American leader killed in battle with government forces in 1813. What was that name?

Tecumseh

54 Charles Edwin Hatcher is the real name of which musician, signed to the Motown label in 1968?

Edwin Starr

55 In which film are the two main protagonists called Chris and Calvera?

The Magnificent Seven

56 From which club did Manchester City sign Edin Džeko in 2011?

VfL Wolfsburg

57 Which girl's name is derived from the Greek word for 'honey bee'?

Melissa

58 Spirits of hartshorn is an old term for a solution primarily of which gaseous compound?

Ammonia

59 Richard the Lionheart was fatally wounded by an arrow as he attacked which French castle?

Châlus

60 Who was the first British woman to win an Olympic gold medal in athletics?

Mary Rand (also accept Mary Bignal)

61 What was the name of the lead counsel to the Leveson inquiry?

Robert Jay QC

62 Who was the first British-born player to gain the title of Grandmaster for chess (not correspondence chess)?

Tony Miles

63 Who said in October 2012 "I'm in the jungle for one reason: a golden opportunity to communicate with sixteen million people."

Nadine Dorries

64 *Trout Mask Replica* from 1969 and *Bat Chain Puller*, finally released in 2012, are distinctive titles of albums recorded by which American musician, artist and poet who died in 2010?

Captain Beefheart (also accept Don Vliet, his real name)

65 Which perfumier produces the fragrance *Very Irresistible*?

Givenchy

66 In 2013 the National Gallery recognised an unidentified Titian amongst its paintings. It depicted a renaissance physician who coined the term syphilis. Who was this physician?

Fracastorius (also accept Fracastoro)

- 67 Stevland Hardaway Judkins is the real name of which musician, signed to the Motown label since 1963?

Stevie Wonder

- 68 The national capital is Damascus, but what is Syria's largest city?

Aleppo

- 69 From which club did Manchester United sign Patrice Evra in 2006?

Monaco

- 70 As suggested by the meaning of its name, the street in York called *The Shambles* was originally associated with which trade?

Butchery

Second written round

- 71 Which US President was the first to be born a United States citizen and is the only President not to have spoken English as his first language?

Martin van Buren (he was born after Independence and he grew up speaking Dutch)

- 72 The name of which triangular bone takes its name from the belief that the soul resides in it?

Sacrum (formed from fused vertebrae in the lower back; from the Greek for 'sacred bone')

- 73 Who presents *Loose Ends* on Radio 4 on Saturdays?

Clive Anderson [see note 5](#)

- 74 Which chemical element is named after the Latin name for Paris?

Lutetium

- 75 Which country's international vehicle registration code is ZA?

South Africa (from Afrikaans, *Zuid Afrika*)

- 76 Which cheese takes its name from the Italian for *re-cooked* or *cooked twice*?

Ricotta

- 77 Which opera is based on a story by Herman Melville and has a libretto co-written by E.M. Forster?

Billy Budd

- 78 In cycling, what term is French for 'small ball'?

Peloton

- 79 Which King of England's claim to the throne was that he was the great-great-great-grandson of Edward III?

Henry VII

80 What mathematical term comes from the Arabic for 'the mending of broken parts'?

Algebra

Spares

- 1 Two sister Corbett mountains in Sutherland, Scotland have given their names to winners of famous horse races. Name either.

Arkle or Foinavon

- 2 The Boeing 787 aircraft, recently newsworthy as it is subject to mechanical failure, officially bears which name?

Dreamliner

- 3 In December 2012, which 22-year-old Norwegian chess player attained a personal rating within the game of 2861, exceeding the former, supposedly unbeatable, record rating held by Gary Kasparov?

Magnus Carlsen

- 4 The Sublime Porte is a gateway in which city?

Istanbul

- 5 Which society was formed in 1946 by Roland Berrill, an Australian barrister and Dr Lancelot Ware, a British scientist?

Mensa

Notes and corrections

- 1 *Numlexia* seems to be a less elegant but equally acceptable answer
- 2 Mother Teresa's full name was Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu.
- 3 *Pfefferkuchen* is an equally acceptable answer.
- 4 *A Fish Called Wanda* was released in 1988, not 1998.
- 5 Since Ned Sherrin left the show in 2006 *Loose Ends* has two main presenters: Anderson and Peter Curran.

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