

LEAGUE MATCHES
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QUESTIONS BY THE ALEXANDRA HOTEL

First Verbal Round

1. Roland Gift was the lead singer of which British band from 1985 to 1992?
Fine Young Cannibals
2. Leporello is the servant to the arrogant and promiscuous title character in which Mozart opera?
Don Giovanni
3. Name this football club:
It was founded in 1881 and last appeared in Scotland's 'top flight' in 1963–64. Based in Falkirk, home games were played at Firs Park until it closed in 2008 and the club now shares the ground of local rivals Stenhousemuir. It is where Sir Alex Ferguson began his managerial career in 1974.
East Stirlingshire
4. In the Koran this prophet is known as Musa. By what name is he known in the Bible?
Moses
5. Martin Samuel is a sports journalist for which national daily newspaper?
Daily Mail
6. The Treaty of Frankfurt ended which war that was fought between July 1870 and May 1871?
Franco-Prussian War
7. Len McCluskey is the General Secretary of which trade union? Established in 2007 following the merger of Amicus and the TGWU it superseded UNISON as Britain's largest union.
Unite
8. Which actor and former binman, born in Ancoats in 1951, has had television roles that include PC Roy Bramwell in *The Cops*, John Prescott in *Confessions of a Diary Secretary*, Wilf Bradshaw in *Born and Bred* and Ken Dixon, the landlord in *Early Doors*?
John Henshaw
9. Which American writer was awarded the 1938 Nobel Literature Prize, with the citation that it was "*for her rich and truly epic descriptions of peasant life in China and for her biographical masterpieces*"?
Pearl S. Buck
10. The Latitude Festival is an annual music and arts event held in July. In which Suffolk seaside resort, better known for its Victorian-style pier and as the home of Adnams brewery, does it take place?
Southwold
11. The federal holiday celebrated in the USA on the third Monday of January is named in honour of whom?
Martin Luther King
12. Which is the only region of France that has both an Atlantic coastline and a border with Spain? It comprises five départements, including Landes, Dordogne and Gironde, and its capital is Bordeaux.
Aquitaine
13. Which Charles Dickens novel is subtitled *A Tale of the Riots of Eighty*?
Barnaby Rudge

14. In the classic TV sitcom *Dad's Army*, what was the first name of Private Godfrey?

Charles

15. Which English poet wrote *Annus Mirabilis*, commemorating the momentous events of 1666, such as the Plague and the Great Fire of London? He was appointed Poet Laureate in 1668 but, having refused to swear allegiance to William III, was replaced by Thomas Shadwell in 1689, making him the only Poet Laureate ever to have been removed from office.

John Dryden

16. Who is the longest-serving Poet Laureate in British literary history? He was appointed on the death of William Wordsworth in 1850 and held the post until 1892.

Alfred, Lord Tennyson

17. Sometimes referred to as 'Jock', what was the real first name of Private Frazer in *Dad's Army*?

James

18. Which Charles Dickens novel is subtitled *The Parish Boy's Progress*?

Oliver Twist

19. Which is the only region of France that has both a Mediterranean coastline and a border with Spain? It comprises five départements, including Aude, Gard and Hérault, and its capital is Montpellier.

Languedoc-Roussillon (accept 'Languedoc')

20. Coming of Age Day, Greenery Day, Children's Day, Marine Day and Respect for the Aged Day are all national holidays in which country?

Japan

21. Which annual music festival was originally held in Strathclyde Country Park near Motherwell and now takes place at the disused Balado Airfield near Kinross? Headline acts at the 2013 event included Rihanna, Mumford & Sons and The Killers.

T in the Park

22. Which Irishman was awarded the 1923 Nobel Literature Prize, with the citation that it was "*for his always inspired poetry, which in a highly artistic form gives expression to the spirit of a whole nation*"?

W. B. Yeats

23. He has appeared on television in *Drop Dead Gorgeous*, *Dalziel and Pascoe* and the Stockport-based comedy *Great Night Out*. Arguably best known for playing *Coronation Street* villain Jez Quigley in the late 1990s, who is this local actor and former pupil of Reddish Vale Technology College?

Lee Boardman

24. Paul Kenny is the General Secretary of Britain's third largest trade union. By what three-letter name is this union usually known?

GMB

25. The Treaty of Portsmouth ended which war that was fought from February 1904 to September 1905?

Russo-Japanese War

26. Henry Winter is a football correspondent for which national daily newspaper?

Daily Telegraph

27. In the Koran this prophet is known as Isa. By what name is he known in the Bible?

Jesus

28. Name this football club:
It is the oldest in Scotland and although they haven't lifted the Scottish FA Cup since 1893, they are the third-most successful team in the competition's history, with ten wins. It is where a 16-year-old Alex Ferguson began his playing career in 1957.

Queen's Park

29. In a Mozart comic opera of 1786, subtitled *The Day of Madness*, what is the name of the title character who is the personal valet to Count Almaviva?

Figaro (in *The Marriage of Figaro*)

30. Ben Volpeliere-Pierrot was the lead singer of which British band from 1985 to 1992?

Curiosity Killed the Cat

First Written Round

31. Of all the naturally-occurring chemical elements, how many exist as a gas at standard temperature and pressure?

Eleven

(argon, chlorine, fluorine, helium, hydrogen, krypton, neon, nitrogen, oxygen, radon, xenon)

32. Inducted in 2009, who is the only non-European in the Manchester City Hall of Fame?

Shaun Goater

33. Three sheaves of wheat and which other item appear on the flag of Cheshire?

A sword

34. '*Isn't it enough to see that a garden is beautiful without having to believe that there are fairies at the bottom of it too?*'. This dedication of *The God Delusion* by Richard Dawkins was taken from the best-known work of which British humorist, author, atheist and environmental activist, who died in 2001 and whose life is celebrated by fans every May with 'Towel Day'?

Douglas Adams (quotation taken from *The Hitchhiker's Guide...*)

35. The Cotswold village of Bibury, described by William Morris as '*the most beautiful village in England*', is in which county?

Gloucestershire

36. His first play is generally regarded to be *The Salt Land* in 1951. His other works include *Five Finger Exercise* and *The Royal Hunt of the Sun* and in both 1977 and 1984 he was Oscar-nominated for screenplay adaptations of his own work. Who is this Liverpool-born playwright?

Peter Shaffer

37. Name the year that saw the following weddings:

Lee Majors and Farrah Fawcett
Kris Kristofferson and Rita Coolidge
Michael and Shakira Caine
Steve McQueen and Ali MacGraw
Princess Anne and Captain Mark Phillips

1973

38. Which stage musical that premiered in 2005 includes the songs *I Am Not Dead Yet*, *Run Away*, *The Song That Goes Like This* and *You Won't Succeed On Broadway*?

Spamalot

39. Which notorious plant has the scientific name *Fallopia japonica*?

Japanese knotweed

40. Which Blondie album of 1978 features the songs *Hanging on the Telephone*, *Picture This*, *Sunday Girl* and *Heart of Glass*?

Parallel Lines

Second Verbal Round

41. Which cricketer, who retired in 2002, became the first man to appear in ten domestic, one-day finals when he helped Lancashire to a nine-wicket victory over Derbyshire in the 1998 C&G Trophy final? He made his highest first class score in 1990, when he scored 366 against Surrey at The Oval.

Neil Fairbrother

42. The Golden Boot is awarded annually to the leading goal scorer in the Premier League. In its first nine years it was won exclusively by Englishmen, including Alan Shearer, Andrew Cole and Michael Owen. Who, in the 1998–99 season, became the first non-English winner?

Dwight Yorke

43. The town of Uttoxeter is close to Staffordshire's border with which other English county?

Derbyshire

44. In Greek mythology which daughter of King Priam and Queen Hecuba of Troy had the gift of prophecy, but was cursed by Apollo so that her predictions would never be believed?

Cassandra

45. Which record label released the iconic 1989 album *The Stone Roses*? There followed a lengthy legal battle, which ended in 1991 when the band signed for Geffen Records.

Silvertone

46. Catherine of Braganza, wife of Charles II, was born and raised in which modern-day European country?

Portugal

47. Which historical event is central to the plot of Roy Ward Baker's 1958 film *A Night to Remember*?

The sinking of the Titanic

48. Give the year in which Billie-Jean King won either the first or the last of her six Wimbledon Ladies' Singles titles. (only one answer required)

1966 or 1975

49. Who sang lead vocals on Stealers Wheel's 1973 UK top ten hit *Stuck in the Middle With You*?

Gerry Rafferty

50. Named after a wading bird of the genus *Recurvirostra*, which scenic railway line runs from Exeter to Exmouth, along the eastern bank of the River Exe?

Avocet line

51. Having since gone on to much greater things, which act came third in Series 7 of ITV's *The X Factor* in 2010?

One Direction

52. At which soccer stadium does Aviva Premiership Rugby Union team London Irish currently play its home games?

Madejski Stadium (also accept 'Reading')

53. Which popular ITV series began with *Gunfight at the OK Laundrette* in 1979 and finished with an episode called *The Long Good Thursday* in 1994? A new series, with an all-new cast, was shown on Channel 5 in 2009, but lasted for only six episodes.

Minder

54. In which Canadian Province or Territory is the westernmost point in Canada?

Yukon

55. In 2007 which British band released their 28th studio album, the self-deprecatingly-titled *In Search of the Fourth Chord*?

Status Quo

56. Featuring tracks such as *Dr Livingstone I Presume*, *Voices in the Sky* and *Ride My See-Saw*, the 1968 concept album *In Search of the Lost Chord* was released by which Birmingham-based rock band?

Moody Blues

57. In which county is the westernmost point of mainland Ireland?

Kerry

58. Which long-running ITV drama series began in March 1997 with an episode called *The Killings at Badger's Drift*?

Midsomer Murders

59. In which English city does the Rugby Union team London Welsh play home games?

Oxford

60. Give the **full** name of any member of One Direction, other than Harry Styles.

One from: **Niall Horan, Zayn Malik, Liam Payne, Louis Tomlinson**

61. Named after a wading bird of the genus *Botaurus*, which scenic railway line runs from Norwich through the Norfolk Broads to Cromer and on to Sheringham?

Bittern line

62. Before Stealers Wheel Gerry Rafferty was a part of a folk group called The Humblebums. Which other member of this band went on to worldwide fame, though in a different field of entertainment?

Billy Connolly

63. Give the year in which Martina Navratilova won either the first or the last of her nine Wimbledon Ladies' Singles titles.

1978 or 1990 (only one answer required)

64. Which historical event is central to the plot of the 2013 film *Parkland*?

The assassination of John F. Kennedy

65. Henry VIII's fourth wife, Anne of Cleves, was born and raised in which modern-day European country?

Germany

66. The cover of the album *The Stone Roses* features Jackson Pollock-inspired artwork by band member John Squire. Which fruit does it include?

Lemons

67. In Greek mythology who was condemned to stand in a pool of water beneath a tree? The fruit of the tree was always just out of reach when he tried to eat it and the water level dropped each time he bent down to take a drink.

Tantalus

68. The town of Reading is close to Berkshire's border with which other English county?

Oxfordshire

69. The Golden Boot is awarded each season to the leading goal scorer in the Premier League. Who is the most recent English winner, a feat he achieved in the 1999–2000 season?

Kevin Phillips

70. Which cricketer played for Lancashire from 1973 to 1988 and captained the county in 1984 and 1985? He famously won the man-of-the-match award in the 1984 Benson and Hedges Cup Final, even though he didn't bowl and was out for a three-ball duck when he batted.

John Abrahams

Second Written Round

71. Cristal, Sagres, Coral and Super Bock are beers that originate from which European country?

Portugal

72. Name any one of the counties in the name of the local radio service, BBC Three Counties Radio.

One from: **Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Hertfordshire**

73. Which of the Spice Girls duetted with Bryan Adams on the 1998 top ten hit *When You're Gone*?

Melanie Chisholm (also accept 'Mel C' or 'Sporty Spice')

74. The mountain range known as *The Mountains of the Moon* is to be found in which East African country?

Uganda

75. Which silent film of 1923 features the iconic scene in which Harold Lloyd hangs from the hands of a clock on the outside of a New York City office block?

Safety Last!

76. Appearing from December 1965 until June 1978, who is the longest-serving presenter in the history of the BBC TV programme *Blue Peter*?

John Noakes

77. Born in Brighton in 1894, how was music hall and film comedian Thomas Henry Sargent better known?

Max Miller

78. The innovative 1980s TV music show *The Tube* was broadcast live on Friday evenings from which English city?

Newcastle-upon-Tyne

79. Which British Prime Minister oversaw the introduction of the Factories Act of 1844 and the repeal of the Corn Laws in 1846?

Robert Peel

80. What is the default (i.e. standard) rate of VAT in the United Kingdom?

20%

Spares

1. As at 6 March 2014, who is the MP for Bury South and Shadow Secretary of State for Northern Ireland?

Ivan Lewis

2. Which edible product is obtained from trees of the genus *Juglans*?

Walnuts

3. Adam Faith's first two single releases topped the UK charts; name either.

What Do You Want?* or *Poor Me

4. What is the most common surname in France?

Martin

5. Construction of the M50 motorway began in 1987 and it was opened in 2005. Which city's orbital motorway is it?

Dublin

6. What is the principal focus of the theological discipline *eschatology*?

The end of the world

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