

KNOCKOUT QUALIFYING MATCHES
THURSDAY 3 APRIL 2014
QUESTIONS BY THE BULLS HEAD

First Verbal Round

1. Which herb, one of the four standard *finest herbes* in French cookery (along with tarragon, chives and parsley), is traditionally eaten on Maundy Thursday for its blood-cleansing and restorative properties?
Chervil
2. Who was the target of *Operation Vengeance*, carried out by planes of the US Army Air Force on 18 April 1943?
Admiral Yamamoto
3. Which Greek philosopher is credited with stating that "*No man ever steps in the same river twice*"?
Heraclitus
4. In which Charles Dickens novel does the character Mr Tulkinghorn appear?
Bleak House
5. Which company produces the leather handbag now known as the 'Kelly Bag', having been popularised by Grace Kelly in the 1950s?
Hermès
6. Name either of the teams that contested the men's ice hockey final at the 2014 Winter Olympics.
Canada or Sweden
7. In terms of area, what is the largest landlocked country in Africa?
Chad
8. In Terry Pratchett's *Discworld* novels, Horace Worblehat, the Librarian of the Unseen University, is transformed into what type of animal?
An orang-utan
9. How is the Hawaiian Goose more commonly known, a name derived from its call?
The nene
10. With regards to highway law and public rights of way, what does the acronym BOAT stand for?
Byway Open to All Traffic
11. The Scottish economist and financier John Law was a central figure in which speculative mania that took place between 1719 and 1720?
The Mississippi Scheme (or Mississippi Company Bubble)
12. As at 21 March 2014, Portia Simpson-Miller holds which political office?
Prime Minister of Jamaica
13. The albums *Hearsay* by Alexander O'Neill, *Riptide* by Robert Palmer and *Control* by Janet Jackson were all produced by which song-writing and record producing duo?
'Jimmy Jam' and Terry Lewis see note 1
14. Which freshwater fish has the Latin name *Tinca tinca*?
The tench

15. Which 20-year-old sporting world record was broken by Renaud Lavillenie in Donetsk in February 2014?
The men's pole vault record
16. Which Chief of Staff to Dick Cheney was convicted of the obstruction of justice, making false statements and two counts of perjury over the exposure of Valerie Plame's operations as a CIA agent?
Lewis 'Scooter' Libby
17. Which chess opening, known in America as the 'Russian Game', is more commonly referred to by the name of its most frequent, 19th Century Russian exponent?
The Petrov Defence
18. Which science-fiction film anti-hero had the surname Rockatansky?
Mad Max
19. What does the 'B' stand for in the name of the British multi-national company JCB?
Bamford
20. Which city is served by Guarulhos airport for international flights and Congonhas airport for domestic services?
São Paulo
21. In cosmology, what is the name of the now obsolete alternate theory to the Big Bang, proposed by (amongst others) Fred Hoyle in 1948?
The Steady State theory ('Infinite Universe' or 'Continuous Creation' are also acceptable answers)
22. Who hosted the 2014 Academy Awards?
Ellen DeGeneres
23. Tawaret, the ancient Egyptian goddess of fertility and childbirth, who is also associated with the annual flooding of the Nile, is usually depicted as what animal?
A hippopotamus
24. Give a year in the life of the writer John Bunyan.
1628 to 1688
25. Which medical technique derives its name from the Greek term for 'dismembering' or 'breaking up'?
Dialysis
26. Who appeared as Teen Angel in the 1978 film version of *Grease*, singing the song *Beauty School Dropout*?
Frankie Avalon
27. Which river rises on Winter Hill, flows through Wigan and joins the Ribble near Preston?
River Douglas
28. Who currently presents the daytime TV show *Bargain Hunt* and is also the narrator of *Antiques Roadtrip*?
Tim Wonnacott
29. The author and screenwriter Max Brooks is associated with a series of books and graphic novels on which particular subject?
Zombies
30. Which composer served as an attaché to the French Ambassador to Brazil between 1917 and 1919, bringing a Latin influence to his subsequent compositions such as *Le Boeuf sur le Toit* and *Saudades do Brasil*?
Darius Milhaud

First Written Round – THERE IS A THEME

31. What objects in the coat of arms of the Rothschild family symbolise the five brothers who were despatched across Europe to set up branches of the family business in the late 18th century?

Arrows

32. Usually dressed in a top hat and tuxedo, who is the spirit of the dead in Haitian voodoo folklore, a character portrayed by the actor Geoffrey Holder in the film *Live And Let Die*?

Baron Samedi

33. Morocco Mole was the sidekick of which cartoon character?

Secret Squirrel

34. Which horse, ridden by John Burke, won the 1976 Grand National?

Rag Trade

35. Which novel by Aldous Huxley, first published in 1952, is based on a real case of alleged demonic possession in 17th century France?

The Devils of Loudun

36. Who was the double-act partner of Stewart Lee on the TV comedy programmes *Fist of Fun* and *This Morning With Richard Not Judy*?

Richard Herring

37. What word can be found in the title of UK top 20 singles by Kate Bush (1980), Bjork (1995) and The White Stripes (2003)?

Army (*Army Dreamers, Army of Me* and *7 Nation Army*)

38. Which London railway station was designed by Lewis Cubitt and opened in 1852 on the site of a former smallpox and fever hospital?

King's Cross

39. What was the name of the character played by Tom Baker in the *Blackadder II* episode *Potato*?

Captain Rum

40. What name has been shared by all the vessels that operate official boat tours of Niagara Falls?

Maid of the Mist

Theme is all answers contain words that can be prefixed with the word 'red' to make a well-known name or term

Second Verbal Round

41. What is the name of the heavy knife for cutting vegetation, similar to a machete, which originates from Malaysia and Indonesia?

A parang

42. *The Robbers, Passion and Politics* and *Mary Stuart* are all works by which playwright?

Johann Christoph Friedrich von Schiller

43. What two colours is the poisonous (and highly endangered) Southern Corroboree frog, native to Australia?

Yellow and black

44. According to the *Book of Exodus*, what was the sixth of the ten plagues inflicted by God on the Egyptians?
A plague of boils
45. In a knitting pattern, what do the letters PSSO mean?
Pass slip(ped) stitch over
46. How many (British Imperial) gallons does a hogshead hold?
54 see note 2
47. According to a report by the Economic Intelligence Unit, what is the most expensive city in the world to live in, in 2014?
Singapore
48. Which vessel sank in 2000, was raised later that same year and has been berthed in Douglas harbour since that time?
Solway Harvester
49. Which Greater Manchester football club has the motto *vincit omnia industria* ('Hard work conquers everything')?
Bury FC
50. Which artist, who died in New York in 1988, painted works including *Bird On Money*, *Boy and Dog in a Johnnypump* and *History of the Black People*?
Jean-Michel Basquiat
51. What is the formula for calculating the volume of a cylinder?
 $\pi r^2 h$ (Pi x radius squared x height)
52. Who was Bob Crow's immediate predecessor as leader of the RMT?
Jimmy Knapp
53. What is the only non-metallic element that is liquid at room temperature?
Bromine
54. The National Trust property Alfriston Clergy House is in which English county?
East Sussex
55. Standing at 2077 feet (633 metres), this is the highest point on the Pennine Way between the Woodhead/Longdendale Valley and the A57 Snake Pass road. What is its name?
Bleaklow Head (accept 'Bleaklow')
56. What do the Belgian beers Westmalle, Rochefort and Westvleteren all have in common?
They are all brewed at Trappist monasteries
(also accept either 'monastery-brewed beers' or 'Trappist beers')
57. The term 'fifth column' originated during which conflict?
The Spanish Civil War
58. A fourteenth wedding anniversary is designated by which material?
Ivory
59. What accompanies the pasta in spaghetti alle vongole?
Clams

60. Who was Head Coach of the Irish Rugby Union Squad during their Six Nations Championship Grand Slam campaign in 2009?

Declan Kidney

61. In which Massachusetts town was the poet Emily Dickinson born?

Amherst

62. Which is the only planet of the solar system to have a retrograde (reverse) orbit?

Venus [see note 3](#)

63. When the prog-rock band Aphrodite's Child split up in 1972, two of its members went on to enjoy internationally successful solo careers, one as a 'middle of the road' pop singer and the other as a keyboard instrumentalist and composer of film soundtracks. Name either of them.

Demis Roussos or Vangelis (Papathanassiou)

64. Who won Miss World USA in 1972, before going on to a career as an actress? She remains almost entirely associated with one TV role from 1975 to 1979.

Lynda Carter [see note 4](#)

65. In 1877, the US Electoral College allocated 20 disputed electoral votes to which candidate, making him the 19th US President?

Rutherford B. Hayes

66. Which popular messaging application did Facebook agree to buy for \$19 billion in February this year?

Whatsapp

67. Which stringed instrument from Bolivia is traditionally made using the shell from the back of an armadillo?

A charango

68. Who sang the lead vocal *on Diddy Diddy Sound*, the recent UK top 10 single by DJ Fresh and Jay Fay?

Ms Dynamite

69. In thermodynamics, what term, usually symbolised by the letter 'S', is defined as the quantifiable measure of disorder in a system?

Entropy

70. Why has Barry Roux been in the news recently?

He is Oscar Pistorius's defence lawyer

Second Written Round

71. Completed in 1973 and quickly becoming the busiest road in France, what is the name of the 35km long dual carriageway ring-road that is regarded as marking the boundary between the city of Paris and its suburbs?

Boulevard Périphérique (accept 'Périphérique')

72. Which jazz musician married Nellie Smith in 1947?

Thelonious Monk

73. "*Horner had got himself established as far as possible from the centre of the room...*" are the opening words of a version of Little Jack Horner, written by Alan Alexander in a parody of the style of which English novelist?

Anthony Powell

74. The Royal Mail has recently issued a set of stamps entitled 'Remarkable Lives', to commemorate 10 people who were all born in 1914. Three of them are women – a theatre director and writer, an SOE agent who served in France during WW2 and an economist and broadcaster. Name any one of them.

Joan Littlewood, Noorunissa Inayat Khan or Barbara Ward

75. In March 2010, the BBC announced plans to close two of its digital radio stations, although both won reprieves and are still broadcasting today. Name both stations.

6Music and Asian Network

76. The Romanian-born American entrepreneur Ely Culbertson played a leading role in the popularisation of which game during the 1920s and 1930s?

Contract bridge

77. Name either the coach of the Greek team that won the UEFA European Championships in 2004, or the player who scored the winning goal in the final.

Otto Rehhagel or Angelos Charisteas

78. In what year did the following three events all occur: the Rye House Plot was discovered; a besieging Ottoman army was defeated at the Battle of Vienna; The 'Great Frost' commenced in England, leaving the River Thames frozen over for two months?

1683

79. Which river in Iraq, roughly 200km in length, is created by the confluence of the Euphrates and Tigris rivers?

The Shatt al-Arab

80. Which breed of dog won *Best in Show* at Crufts 2014?

A standard poodle

Extra Time Written Round

1. How is Vaughan Williams' *Symphony Number 1* also known?

A Sea Symphony

2. In the 2010 film *Shrek Forever After*, which fairytale character takes over the kingdom of Far Far Away after he tricks Shrek into signing away the day of his birth?

Rumpelstiltskin

3. Covering 26,000 square metres, topped with a 24,000 ton dome and 104 metres tall at its highest point, this law court is reputed to be the largest building constructed in the 19th century. In which European city would you find it?

Brussels (The Palais de Justice)

4. Martin Karplus, Michael Levitt and Arieh Warshel are the most recent recipients of which award?

The Nobel Prize for Chemistry (jointly awarded in 2013)

5. In the financial profession, what does the designatory title FCII stand for?

Fellow of the Chartered Insurance Institute

6. According to Mormon belief, in which present-day US state was the Garden of Eden situated?

Missouri [see note 5](#)

7. Dzongkha (sometimes also called Ngalopkha) is the official language of which Asian country?

Bhutan

8. George the Bear featured in a series of TV commercials for which (now discontinued) lager during the 1980s?

Hofmeister

9. Which guitarist has been the only constant member of the band King Crimson throughout its numerous line-up changes from 1968 to the present date?

Robert Fripp

10. According to Albert Camus in *The Myth Of Sisyphus*, 'There is but one serious philosophical problem...'. What is that problem?

Suicide

Tie-breaker

1. Having competed in all 22 Games up to and including Sochi 2014, Norway remains the most successful country in Winter Olympic history. How many medals in total has it won?

329 (118 gold, 111 silver and 100 bronze)

Spares

1. The Italian wine Barolo is produced from which variety of grape?

Nebbiolo

2. Which now annual meeting was convened for the first time at the Manchester Mechanics Institute in June 1868?

The Trades Union Congress

3. Which country formally became the first new sovereign state of the 21st century, on 20th May 2002?

East Timor

4. Give a year in the life of Izaak Walton, author of *The Compleat Angler*.

1593 – 1683 [see note 6](#)

Notes and corrections

1. *Riptide* was produced by Bernard Edwards.

2. A hogshead holds 54 gallons of beer/ale. When used for wine, its volume is 52.5 gallons.

3. None of the eight planets has a retrograde *orbit*, i.e. they all go around the sun in the same direction. In terms of *rotation*, most planets spin on their own axis anti-clockwise when viewed from above, but **two** display retrograde (clockwise) rotation: Venus and Uranus, although there is some debate as to the direction of rotation of Uranus (please add your own punchline here).

4. This is not a mis-print. 'Miss World USA' is the title given to the USA's representative in the Miss World competition and is used to differentiate her from 'Miss USA', who enters the final of Miss Universe.

5. Missouri is home to a site called Adam-ondi-Ahman. According to Mormon belief, this is where Adam and Eve lived following their expulsion from the (biblical) Garden of Eden.

6. There is considerable uncertainty as to Walton's date of birth, which may have been in either 1593 or 1594.

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