

**KNOCKOUT QUALIFYING MATCHES
THURSDAY 23 JANUARY 2014
QUESTIONS BY HMCC**

First Verbal Round

1. Podgorica is the capital city of Montenegro. What was the city called between 1946 and 1992?
Titograd
2. Which cartoonist is famous for *The Far Side* series?
Gary Larson
3. In which Scottish city would you find the Wallace Monument?
Stirling
4. In Postman Pat's village of Greendale, who ran the post office?
Mrs Goggins
5. Which river has its confluence with the Rhine in the German city of Koblenz?
Moselle
6. Give the next letter in this sequence: iota, kappa, lambda and...
Mu
7. Give a year in the life of the painter Hans Holbein the Younger?
1497 - 1543
8. What was the title of Graham Greene's first published novel?
The Man Within
9. Who directed the film *Nowhere Boy*, based on the life of John Lennon?
Sam Taylor-Wood
10. Name the skier who won a clean sweep of gold medals in the alpine skiing events at the 1968 Grenoble Winter Olympics?
Jean-Claude Killy
11. Mary of Teck was married to which British king?
George V
12. In Norse mythology, which goddess wore the Brisingamen necklace?
Freyja
13. What is the sum of the interior angles of a nonagon?
1260 degrees
14. Who was the only Manchester City player in the 2012/13 PFA Premiership team of the season?
Pablo Zabaleta
15. In which Melbourne suburb did Dame Edna Everage claim to live before becoming an 'international superstar'?
Moonee Ponds
16. In which book of the Bible would you find the story of The Good Samaritan?
Luke

17. What date is United Nations Day?

October 24

18. The Jurassic Way long-distance footpath connects Stamford in Lincolnshire with which town in the south midlands?

Banbury

19. The Presidency of the European Union passed to which country on January 1, 2014?

Greece

20. In anatomy what are the *nates*?

Buttocks

21. Which country's flag has the words *Ordem e Progresso* ('order and progress') at its centre?

Brazil

22. If you were sailing in the sea area Dogger and moved your position due north, what would be the next sea area you entered?

Forties

23. What name is given to a female ferret?

Jill

24. The villages of Billy Row, Pity Me and Burnopfield are in which English county?

Durham

25. Name the SI unit of luminous intensity.

Candela

26. Which sculptor produced: *St Michael's Victory over the Devil*, which is a feature of Coventry Cathedral?

Jacob Epstein

27. Who was First Lady of the United States from 1953 to 1961? (Both names required)

Mamie Eisenhower

28. What kind of creature is a *boomslang*?

Snake

29. In which city would you find the HQ of the Harley-Davidson motorcycle manufacturing company?

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

30. What is the Cube Root of 729?

Nine

First Written Round – THERE IS A THEME

31. Who, as of 16 January 2014, is the Prime Minister of Australia?

Tony Abbott

32. What was the nationality of the self-proclaimed prophet Nostradamus?

French

33. What was Mickey Mouse's original name? Walt Disney's wife persuaded him to change it because it sounded too pompous.

Mortimer

34. The Maoris call it Aoraki. What is its name in English?
Mount Cook
35. Who designed the costumes for Stanley Kubrick's 1968 film *2001: A Space Odyssey*?
Hardy Amies
36. Charlotte Bellamy won the Best Soap Actress award in 2008 for her performances in *Emmerdale*. What character does she portray?
Laurel Thomas
37. Born Archibald Lee Wright in December 1916, he held the Light Heavyweight boxing world title from December 1952 to April 1962. Considered one of the greatest fighters of all time, what was his 'ring name'?
Archie Moore
38. What is the third of Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*, told by Oswald, who Chaucer describes as skinny and bad tempered?
The Reeve's Tale
39. Which lawyer replaced Kier Starmer as Director of Public Prosecutions in October 2013?
Alison Saunders
40. Alan Bleasdale's 1985 film *No Surrender* featured an inept magician named Rosco de Ville. Who played the role?
Elvis Costello

Theme is comedy double acts

Second Verbal Round

41. *Before The Year Dot* is whose autobiography?
June Brown
42. The Lek is the currency of which European country?
Albania
43. Which 1930s political figure was the sixth Baronet of Ancoats?
Oswald Mosley
44. Which plant was used by Gregor Mendel to formulate his theory of genetics?
Pea
45. *Myosotis* is the botanical name for which common flower?
Forget-Me-Not
46. In which year (± 10 years) was the Battle of Actium fought?
31 BC
47. In the TV series *Please Sir!* which actor played Dennis Dunstable?
Peter Denyer
48. In which French city would you find the Place Bellecour?
Lyon
49. In *The Guardian's* list of the top 100 bestselling books for 2013, Sir Alex Ferguson's autobiography was number one. A novel entitled *Inferno* was number two. Who was the author?

Dan Brown

50. The HQ of Wyre Council is situated in which town?

Poulton-le-Fylde

51. In the Periodic Table Neon, Argon and Radon belong to which group of elements?

Inert or noble gases

52. In which town was the Mallard steam locomotive built?

Doncaster

53. Chepstow Castle stands on the banks of which river?

Wye

54. How long did Mary Poppins say she would stay with the Banks's children?

'Until the wind changes'

55. Which Scottish League football team plays at Stark's Park?

Raith Rovers

56. Who said '*I started out with nothing and I've still got most of it left?*'

Groucho Marx

57. Which planet has moons named after characters from the works of Alexander Pope and William Shakespeare?

Uranus

58. If Thomas is Number 1, Edward Number 2, who is Number 5?

James

59. In which state of the USA was the Battle of the Little Bighorn fought in 1876?

Montana

60. How many sharps are there in the musical key of E major?

Four

61. What was the name of the legendary New York City club which introduced bands such as Blondie, The Ramones, Talking Heads and the incomparable Gorilla Biscuits?

CBGB (Country, Bluegrass and Blues)

62. Who wrote the music for the opera *Elektra*?

Richard Strauss

63. What features does an isobath connect on a map?

Points of equal depth (of water)

64. In which UK city would you find Everards Brewery?

Leicester

65. In which city is the Kingsmead Test cricket ground?

Durban

66. What is the term for the point in the moon's orbit when it is furthest from the earth?

Apogee

67. The temple of Angkor Wat, is a UNESCO site of great historic significance. In which Asian country would you find it?

Cambodia

68. In Shakespeare's play *The Merchant of Venice*, who was Portia's lover?

Bassanio

69. Who produced the design for the original VW Beetle?

Ferdinand Porsche

70. Where, specifically, in the human body is the soleus muscle?

Calf

Second Written Round

71. Which range of mountains is the setting for Washington Irving's story of *Rip Van Winkle*?

The Catskill mountains

72. A cruciverbalist may understand why a singer could emanate from disturbed Presbyterians. What singer?

Britney Spears (anagram of 'presbyterians'; a cruciverbalist is a crossword solver)

73. The DAX share index is used to show current values in which city's stock market?

Frankfurt (am Main)

74. In *The Young Ones' Bambi* episode, shown in 1984, the lads took part in *University Challenge* for Scumbag College against Footlights College, Oxbridge. Name the four actors who made up the Footlights team.

Hugh Laurie, Steven Fry, Ben Elton And Emma Thompson

75. Which three South American countries does the equator pass through?

Ecuador, Brazil and Colombia

76. According to the nursery rhyme, who saw Cock Robin die?

The fly

77. The Pink Floyd album *The Piper at the Gates of Dawn* takes its name from chapter seven of which classic children's book?

The Wind in the Willows

78. What is the only chemical element to be named after a state of the USA?

Californium

79. In Arthur Miller's play *The Death of a Salesman*, what was the name of the salesman?

William (Willy) Loman

80. On a standard Roulette wheel the numbers are coloured red and black but what colour is the zero?

Green

Spares

1. Where in the body would you find the ilium bone?

The pelvis

2. Eve Whitfield was the assistant of which 1960's TV detective?

Ironside

3. George Burns was married to whom, between 1926 and 1964?

Gracie Allen

4. What is the capital of Oman?

Muscat

5. Oval, Balham and Morden are stations on which London underground line?

Northern

6. Henry VIII is buried alongside which of his wives?

Jane Seymour

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