

**LEAGUE MATCHES**  
**THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER 2013**  
**QUESTIONS BY SMART ALEX**

**First Verbal Round**

1. Although not the final novel of his to be published, which was the last of Thomas Hardy's novels to be written?

*Jude the Obscure*

2. Who presents his own show on BBC Radio 2 on Tuesday evenings from 7pm?

**Jamie Cullum**

3. Which Football League Team play their home games at the Lamex Stadium?

**Stevenage**

4. In which of Shakespeare's plays will you hear the song *Who is Sylvia?*

*Two Gentlemen of Verona*

5. Conakry is the capital city of which country?

**Guinea**

6. Which cosmetics company released its first fragrance, *Electrique*, in 1955?

**Max Factor**

7. Which grape is the main ingredient of Chianti?

**Sangiovese**

8. In which 1980s television drama series would you find the characters Marion, Beatrice, Blanche and Dorothy?

*Tenko*

9. Which perfumier launched the fragrance *Apple Blossom* in 1938?

**Helena Rubinstein**

10. Which Football League Team play their home games at The Broadfield Stadium?

**Crawley Town** [see note 1](#)

11. In a 1990s American comedy series, Maris, a character who never actually appears, is the wife of which character (full name required)?

**Niles Crane** (in *Frasier*)

12. Banjul is the capital city of which country?

**The Gambia**

13. Of which Oxford College was David Cameron a member?

**Brasenose**

14. In the USA, slavery was abolished by which amendment to the constitution?

**13th**

15. Who was first elected to parliament as MP for the constituency of Bexley in 1950?

**Edward Heath**

16. Who is the actress wife of *Spooks* star Rupert Penry-Jones?

**Dervla Kirwan**

17. Mary Todd became wife to which US President?

**Abraham Lincoln**

18. Who was first elected to parliament as MP for the constituency of Cardiff South in 1945?

**James Callaghan**

19. Victor Vasarely was one of two prominent American artists in which movement of the 1960s?

**Op Art** [see note 2](#)

20. Of which Oxford College was Ed Miliband a member?

**Corpus Christi**

21. The chess defence in which black meets white's opening move of e4 (otherwise written as 'pawn to king 4') with Nf6 (otherwise written as 'knight to king's bishop 3') is named after which Russian world champion?

**Alexander Alekhine**

22. Which grape is the main ingredient of Rioja Tinto?

**Tempranillo**

23. Which opera, which premiered at La Scala Milan in 1926, features the characters Ping, Pang and Pong?

***Turandot***

24. One of the twentieth century's best-selling prints was originally entitled *Chinese Girl*, but is popularly known as *The Green Lady*. Who painted it?

**Vladimir Tretchikoff**

25. Who presents his own show on BBC Radio 2 on Saturday afternoons from 3 to 6 pm?

**Dermot O'Leary**

26. During the 'show' stage of a game of cribbage (the stage when each player's hand is scored), what is the lowest total arithmetically impossible to score in a single hand? This score is sometimes jokingly given to a hand that actually contains no points.

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27. What is the name of the palace in Munich where high-quality porcelain has been manufactured since the mid-eighteenth century?

**Nymphenburg**

28. Which opera, which premiered at La Scala, Milan in 1842, features the characters Fenena and Zaccaria?

***Nabucco***

29. Who is the actress mother of *Sherlock* star Benedict Cumberbatch?

**Wanda Ventham**

30. What is the name of the French carpet and tapestry manufacturer granted the status of Royal Manufactory by Louis XIV in 1665? It later produced hangings depicting scenes from the *Fables of La Fontaine*.

**Aubusson**

## First Written Round – There is a theme

31. What is the title of the non-fiction book by Ernest Hemingway about the ceremony and traditions of Spanish bullfighting? It also contains his thoughts on the nature of fear and courage.

***Death in the Afternoon***

32. Which 1971 film tells the story of New York Police Department narcotics detectives Eddie Egan and Sonny Grosso, who also appear in the film as characters other than themselves? It was the first R-rated movie to win the Academy Award for Best Picture.

***French Connection***

33. What is the title of the song by Alannah Myles, released in December 1989 and a Top 10 hit in the UK, that is a commemorative story about Elvis Presley?

***Black Velvet***

34. Which English rock band was formed in 1962 and was led by Rod Argent and Colin Blunstone? The group scored British and American hits in 1964 with *She's Not There*.

**The Zombies**

35. In the musical *Grease*, what is the name of the clique of girls that include Frenchy and Rizzo?

**The Pink Ladies**

36. What is the name of the herbicide and defoliant used by the US during the Vietnam War?

**Agent Orange** [see note 3](#)

37. Which band, whose name comes from the title of a 1925 novel by John Dos Passos, made music history in 1981 by becoming the first group to win Grammy awards for both popular and jazz categories in the same year? Among their hits were *Boy from New York City* and *Birdland*.

**Manhattan Transfer** [see note 4](#)

38. Which natural phenomena are categorized according to Flinn-Engdahl (or F-E) regions?

**Earthquakes**

39. What one name is borne by all the various incarnations of the family cat in the television series *The Simpsons*?

**Snowball** [see note 5](#)

40. Who is the narrator of the eighteenth century, humorous novel in nine volumes, written by Laurence Sterne?

**Tristram Shandy**

**The theme is alcoholic cocktails.**

## Second Verbal Round

41. Name the founder of the Zulu empire, who was king from 1816–1828 and introduced new military tactics, including the 'bull horn' battle formation.

**Shaka**

42. Name the house, situated in the Borough of Bromley, which was the home of naturalist Charles Darwin from 1842 and where he developed his theory of evolution by natural selection.

**Down House**

43. Which English legal term indicates the right to cut peat or turf from common land, a right formerly available to Commoners of the New Forest?

### **Turbary**

44. Name the boxer who died following a 1962 title bout with Emile Griffith. Allegedly, the latter was infuriated at having been called homosexual by his opponent.

### **Benny Paret**

45. In the world of politics what is the term 'SPADS' short for?

### **Special Advisor(s)**

46. Due to the original difficulty in extracting it, which metal used to be extremely expensive? For this reason, in 1884, the US government capped the Washington Monument with it.

### **Aluminium**

47. In 1987 Dianne Abbott was part of the first intake of black MPs into the Westminster parliament. Name either of the other two.

### **Bernie Grant or Paul Boateng**

48. Managed by English Heritage, which neolithic scheduled monument, covering 96 acres near Brandon in Suffolk, consists of over 400 shafts dug into the chalk to mine flint?

### **Grime's Graves**

49. English King William II spent much of his youth in the house of which Archbishop of Canterbury, who crowned him in 1087?

### **Lanfranc**

50. In the name of the French luxury goods conglomerate LVMH, the LV stands for Louis Vuitton. What does the MH stand for?

### **Moet Hennessy**

51. What was the name of the astrologer and alchemist who was advisor and occasional tutor to Queen Elizabeth I of England?

### **John Dee**

52. Subject of a recent television documentary, this unique mechanism is named after the ancient shipwreck from which it was recovered in 1900–1901. Analysis suggests it was the earliest-known analogue computer and dates from 100BC. What is the mechanism called?

### **Antikythera mechanism**

53. Recently the subject of legal action between restaurants over trademarks, the noodle-and-meat broth called Pho, originates from which country?

### **Vietnam**

54. Which Roman historian wrote *Ab urbe condita*, an account of the founding of Rome?

### **Livy [see note 6](#)**

55. In the novel *The Railway Children* by E. Nesbit, what is the family name of the children?

### **Waterbury [see note 7](#)**

56. What is the English name for the island known to its native inhabitants as Rapa Nui?

### **Easter Island**

57. As of October 2013, only two players in the history of lawn tennis have achieved the Grand Slam of all four major men's singles titles in the same calendar year. One was Rod Laver. Who, in 1938, was the other?

### **Donald Budge**

58. Which Greek mathematician was the first to calculate the circumference of the earth and introduced an efficient method of identifying prime numbers, called a 'sieve', which bears his name?

**Eratosthenes**

59. The alkaline earth group of the periodic table of the elements notably includes magnesium and calcium. Name any one of the other four elements placed in the group.

**Beryllium, strontium, radium or barium**

60. The 1984 Olympic women's 3000 metres final in Los Angeles is famous for the collision between Zola Budd and Mary Decker, but which British athlete went on to win the silver medal in that race?

**Wendy Sly** (accept 'Smith-Sly')

61. Which luxury fashion house, founded in 1856, is most famous for its trench coat? It became the outfitters for Amundsen, Shackleton and British officers in World War One.

**Burberry**

62. In 1960, the UK and six other European countries founded an economic organisation, which is still in existence today, intended as an alternative to the European Economic Community. By what four-letter acronym is the organisation known?

**EFTA** (European Free Trade Association)

63. Nicknamed 'The Railway King', name the Yorkshire financier who lived from 1800–1871, ultimately planning and controlling over 1000 miles of railway and becoming an MP until ruined by the disclosure of fraud and bribery.

**George Hudson**

64. At which castle did King Henry II (Henry Plantagenet) die in 1189?

**Chinon**

65. When Jason chose the crew for his voyage with the Argonauts he included only one female. What was her name?

**Atalanta**

66. In geology, what name is given to a rounded rock fragment between 64 and 256 mm in diameter, thus being between a boulder and a pebble in size?

**Cobble**

67. Name the ground-breaking Scottish snooker referee who in 2009 became the first woman to officiate in the World Championship final.

**Michaela Tabb**

68. Earlier this year it was revealed by the *Observer* newspaper, that Dominic Cummings and Henry de Zoete were tweeting comments designed to undermine opponents of which member of the government?

**Michael Gove**

69. Derived from the Greek word for 'burning', what is the medical term for heartburn?

**Pyrosis**

70. Originated by Dominique Ansel's bakery in New York, and now sold by Greggs as a 'Greggsnut', what is a 'Cronut'?

**A cake which is intermediate in style between a croissant and a doughnut. (accept any answer containing 'croissant' and 'doughnut')**

## Second Written Round

71. In the Barclays logo, which two letters of the name are joined together?

**L and A**

72. Deriving its name from the Italian for 'boat', which type of song is traditionally sung by Venetian gondoliers?

**Barcarole**

73. In the US, what name is given to the boundary between Maryland and Pennsylvania, taken as the northern limit of the slave-owning states before the abolition of slavery?

**Mason–Dixon Line**

74. What type of coffee and leather is named after a port in Yemen from where they were first shipped?

**Mocha**

75. Which heavenly body is also known as Hesperus?

**Venus**

76. Which tree was named by a group of Mormon settlers who crossed the Mojave Desert? The tree's unique shape reminded them of the story of a Biblical character who reached his hands up to the sky in prayer?

**Joshua Tree**

77. Which seafood dish that was referenced in *Monty Python's* Spam sketch is named after the eleventh month of the French Republican calendar?

**Lobster Thermidor** [see pedantic note 8](#)

78. Who was the first woman elected to the House of Commons?

**(Countess) Constance Markievicz**

(1918 for Sinn Fein. She didn't take her seat. Nancy Astor was the first woman to **sit** as an MP)

79. Which artist was a friend of Henry Fielding and was a founding governor of the Foundling Hospital? His house in Chiswick is near one of London's best-known road junctions, which is named after him.

**William Hogarth** (the Hogarth Roundabout is named after him)

80. Which French composer reacted so badly to the news that his fiancée had called off their engagement that he planned to kill her, her mother and her lover. He created an elaborate plan, in which he was to disguise himself as a woman, stole a pair of double-barrelled pistols and purchased strychnine and laudanum to use as poisons in the event of a pistol jamming.

**Hector Berlioz**

## Spares

1. In which film did Elvis Presley star as Chadwick Gates, alongside Angela Lansbury as his mother?

***Blue Hawaii***

2. Which artist painted *The Execution of Maximilian*?

**Edouard Manet**

3. Dame Maggie Smith, Billy Connolly, Pauline Collins and which other actor make up the *Quartet* from the 2012 film of that title?

**Tom Courtenay**

4. Singer Myleene Klass fronts the TV advertising campaign for which company?

## Littlewoods

5. Name the Australian stand-up comedian, with a prosthetic foot, who has appeared on programmes such as *Mock the Week* and *The Last Leg*.

## Adam Hills

### Notes and corrections

1. As part of a sponsorship deal the ground is currently known as the Checkatrade.com Stadium.
2. Vasarely was born in Hungary and later moved to France. His nationality is usually given as Franco-Hungarian.
3. Agent Orange was one of many defoliant/herbicides used by US forces in Vietnam, but is the only one that fits the cocktail theme.
4. Although they were US hits, neither *Boy from New York City* nor *Birdland* reached the UK charts for Manhattan Transfer (although *Boy From...* was a No.2 hit for Darts in 1978).
5. In one episode (Series 15 Episode 9, seeing as you ask), following the deaths of Snowball II and III Lisa briefly owns a cat called Coltrane, until it too dies.
6. Livy was also known as Titus Livius or Titus Livius Patavinus.
7. The family's surname is never mentioned in the novel, but was Waterbury in the 1970 film version.
8. The dish was named after Victorien Sardou's play *Thermidor*; the play was named after the month.

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