

**KNOCKOUT QUALIFYING MATCHES**  
**THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER 2013**  
**QUESTIONS BY THE SMART ALEX** see note 1

**First Verbal Round**

1. 2000 Olympic champion decathlete Erki Nool and Premier League goalkeeper Mart Poom represented which European country?

**Estonia**

2. In which town is the administrative HQ of Calderdale Council?

**Halifax**

3. In October, MacDonald's announced their intention to remove Heinz Ketchup from their outlets following the August announcement of Bernardo Hees as the Heinz Chief Executive. Bernardo Hees was previously the head of which food business?

**Burger King**

4. What surname links a member of the Cabinet to the children's TV show *Rugrats*?

**Pickles**

5. Which French composer's only opera was *Pelléas et Mélisande*, written in 1902?

**Debussy**

6. Which play made its debut at the National Theatre in 2011 with James Corden in the lead role?

***One Man, Two Guvnors***

7. Ryan Giggs made his Manchester United debut as a 17-year-old on 2 March 1991 in a 2-0 defeat to Everton at Old Trafford. He was a substitution for which player?

**Denis Irwin**

8. In the same match at Old Trafford, what was the name of the Everton keeper who kept the clean sheet?

**Neville Southall** see note 2

9. In which Surrey town was the first purpose-built mosque in Britain opened?

**Woking**

10. What is the capital of St. Kitts and Nevis?

**Basseterre**

11. In which book does the phrase 'vanity fair' first appear?

***Pilgrim's Progress***

12. Durham University has two main campuses. One is in Durham, where is the other?

**Stockton-on-Tees**

13. Which brewery produces the Reverend James beer?

**Brains**

14. Give a year in the life of Tomás de Torquemada, the first Grand Inquisitor.

**1420-1498**

15. What is the colour red called in heraldry

## Gules

16. In which Surrey town is Charterhouse School situated?

## Godalming

17. Philip Roth's novel *The Human Stain* was in part inspired by which political scandal?

## Lewinski scandal

18. Which novel by E. M. Forster was only published after his death because of its homosexual theme?

## Maurice

19. Give a year in the life of Offa of Mercia.

## 757 - 796 [see note 3](#)

20. What is the heraldic term for an animal leaping with both hind legs together on the ground and both forelegs together in the air?

## Salient

21. Anglia Ruskin University has two main campuses. One is in Cambridge; where is the other?

## Chelmsford

22. Which brewery is based in Swindon?

## Arkells

23. What is the capital of St. Lucia?

## Castries

24. Which writer created the detective, Sergeant Cuff?

## Wilkie Collins (in *The Moonstone*)

25. Whose farewell tour *Eat, Pray, Laugh!* is currently running at the London Palladium?

## Barry Humphries

26. Which French composer wrote the notable ballets *Coppélia* and *Sylvia*?

## Delibes

27. What surname is shared by a member of the Cabinet and the late drummer from the band The Stereophonics?

## Cable

28. KONE, Schindler and ThyssenKrupp are most closely associated with the manufacture of what in the UK?

## Elevators [see note 4](#)

29. In which town is the administrative HQ of Pendle Council?

## Nelson

30. Former world number one female tennis player Caroline Wozniacki and Kenyan-born world champion 800-metre runner Wilson Kipketer represented which European country?

## Denmark

## First Written Round - There is a theme

31. What is the name of Oliver Twist's half-brother?

## Monks (Edward 'Monks' Leeford)

32. Which TV and radio presenter served as Rector of the University of St Andrews from 1988 to 1991 and at one point held the Guinness world-record for the longest after-dinner speech?

**Nicholas Parsons**

33. Which notorious killer committed suicide on the eve of his 58th birthday, reportedly so that his widow could receive an NHS pension, to which she would not have been entitled had he died after the age of 60?

**Harold Shipman**

34. In 1994 Imogen Stubbs became the third wife of which theatre, film and television director?

**Trevor Nunn**

35. Which Shakespeare play contains the phrase "*All that glisters is not gold*"?

***The Merchant of Venice***

36. What is the more common name for Compound Benzoin Tincture, a pungent solution of benzoin resin, aloes and storax in alcohol, which can be used as a treatment for damaged skin?

**Friar's Balsam**

37. Which 1990 American gangster film by the Coen brothers starred Gabriel Byrne and Albert Finney?

***Miller's Crossing***

38. Which heavy metal band that was formed in Birmingham in 1969 were, in 1989, named as defendants in an unsuccessful lawsuit alleging that subliminal messages on their albums had caused the suicide attempts of two young men?

**Judas Priest**

39. Which Canadian actor was born in Beirut in 1964 and is the son of an English-born mother and a Hawaiian-born father?

**Keanu Reeves**

40. Which TV series of the 1980s was about a high-tech, modern crime fighter assisted by an advanced, artificially-intelligent and nearly indestructible car, which was a customised Pontiac?

***Knight Rider***

**Theme: storytellers in *The Canterbury Tales***

### Second Verbal Round

41. In Christian iconography what symbol represents St. Luke?

(Winged) **ox or bull**

42. Which architect designed the Glasgow School of Art?

**Charles Rennie Mackintosh**

43. Which English poet, who died in 1985, was also a noted jazz critic?

**Philip Larkin**

44. If you are *gambrinous* what are you full of?

**Beer**

45. In electronics, what name is given to a device that converts alternating current to direct current?

**Rectifier**

46. When Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall visits Scotland which title does she use?

## **Duchess of Rothesay**

47. In geometry, what name is given to a circle drawn inside a polygon so that each side of the polygon forms a tangent to the circle i.e. each side touches the circle at only one point?

**Inscribed circle** (or incircle)

48. According to the Crufts website, in which group are the Old English Sheepdog and the German Shepherd classed?

**Pastoral**

49. The year, defined as 'the time in which it takes the Earth to revolve around the Sun from one fixed point (usually a star) back to the same point' is called what sort of year?

**Sidereal** (year)

50. One of the world's largest tropical wetlands is situated on the borders of Brazil, Bolivia and Paraguay and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Name it.

**Pantanal**

51. Which perfumier produces the fragrances *Cinnabar* and *Knowing*?

**Estée Lauder**

52. Name either of the metals that are the principal components of the alloy electrum.

**Gold or silver**

53. *Manzanilla* and *picholine* are varieties of which foodstuff?

**Olives**

54. The whole number part of a common logarithm is called the characteristic. As found in old-fashioned log tables, what is the decimal part called?

**Mantissa**

55. Give the English name of the primitive American fish family, the largest species of which has an alligator-like appearance, may exceed 10 feet in length and was the subject of a 1930s extermination campaign, partly through suspicion of attacks on humans.

**Gars** (also accept 'garfish' or 'garpike')

56. Name the rock-like mounds formed in shallow sea water by algal mats trapping mud and thus increasing gradually in height up to about one metre. Fossil forms constitute some of the earliest evidence for life.

**Stromatolites**

57. According to the Crufts website, in which group are the Bulldog and the Poodle classed?

**Utility**

58. In the mid-19th century, what name was given by Le Verrier to the hypothetical planet, never observed, which he suggested would account for deviations in the orbit of Mercury?

**Vulcan**

59. Name the tartan designed personally by Prince Albert in 1853 and approved for wear only by several members of the Royal Family and the Queen's personal piper.

**Balmoral**

60. Featuring in the title of a short story by H. G. Wells, what is the biological term for the cap of a mushroom?

**Pileus** (in *The Purple Pileus*)

61. Now of archaeological importance, the medieval part of which Welsh village near the Glamorgan shore was slowly engulfed by encroaching sand between the mid-14th and mid-15th centuries and abandoned

along with the castle bearing its name?

**Kenfig**

62. Which perfumier produces the fragrances *Intimate* and *Charlie*?

**Revlon**

63. Which item of laboratory equipment consists of a graduated glass tube of uniform bore with a tap at one end and is used to deliver accurately measured volumes of liquids in procedures such as titration?

**Burette**

64. What name is given to a grilled ham and cheese sandwich with béchamel sauce, often sold in French cafes and bars?

**Croque monsieur**

65. Name the German meteorologist who in 1915 proposed the theory of continental drift.

**Alfred Wegener**

66. In 1923, which scientist received the Nobel Prize in Physics, particularly for his experimental determination of the charge on the electron, although there have since been suggestions that he selected favourable results?

**Robert Millikan**

67. What would you do with a samisen?

**You'd play it** (it's an instrument rather like a banjo)

68. Which American poet wrote the lines: "*I was much further out than you thought And not waving but drowning*"?

**Stevie Smith** [see note 5](#)

69. Which architect designed the Martyrs' Memorial in Oxford?

**Sir George Gilbert Scott**

70. What is the fifth commandment (Authorised Version)?

**Honour thy father and thy mother**

## Second Written Round

71. Which novelist, poet, academic, literary critic, essayist, and lay theologian died on the same day as JFK and will be honoured with a memorial in Poets' Corner this year on the 50th anniversary of his death?

**C. S. Lewis**

72. Which artist who was born with the surname McCoy, but took the surname of his adoptive parents, was nicknamed 'Jack the Dripper' by *Time* magazine?

**Jackson Pollock** [see note 6](#)

73. Handel wrote four anthems for the coronation of George II. Which one of these, based on the biblical account of the anointing of Solomon, has been used at every coronation since, traditionally being performed during the sovereign's anointing?

**Zadok the Priest**

74. Which place in Sweden gives its name to four chemical elements?

**Ytterby** (yttrium, terbium, erbium and ytterbium)

75. Which fish (genus *Hippoglossus*) derives its name because it was often eaten on holy days?

**Halibut**

76. Which country has the international vehicle registration code HKJ?  
**Jordan** (Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan)
77. In heraldry, what term is used for an animal represented as walking towards the dexter side with the right front foot raised?  
**Passant**
78. What type of sausage derives its name from the Italian for 'onion'?  
**Chipolata**
79. Frank Gehry co-designed a distinctive building in the Czech Republic that was completed in 1996. By what name is it commonly known?  
**The Dancing House** (also accept 'Fred and Ginger')
80. The character Macheath in John Gay's *The Beggar's Opera* is said to be based on which Prime Minister? The nursery rhyme *Who Killed Cock Robin?* is said to be an allusion to the fall of his government.  
**Robert Walpole**

### Spares

1. Mount Harmer is the highest point on which island, part of the South Islands?  
**Cook Island** [see note 7](#)
2. Which British cathedral was largely destroyed by an earthquake in 1185?  
**Lincoln**
3. Andy Fletcher, Dave Gahan, Martin Gore and Vince Clarke was the original line-up of which band of the 1980s?  
**Depeche Mode**
4. Which actress has the most nominations for an Academy Award?  
**Meryl Streep** (14 nominations) [see note 8](#)
5. Who is the only male author to have won the Booker Prize twice?  
**Peter Carey** [see note 9](#)

### Notes and corrections

- This is not the first time and probably won't be the last that all question setters are reminded that **in knockout matches questions should NOT be paired.**
- This question only 'works' if it is asked immediately after the preceding question (no. 7) and when teams are picking questions at random there is very little chance of this happening. This sort of sequential questioning should not be used in knockout matches.
- The years given in the answer are for Offa's reign. He lived from c.730 to 796.
- As well as elevators/lifts all three companies manufacture escalators, which would appear to be an equally acceptable answer.
- Stevie Smith was British, not American.
- Pollock was born with the surname Pollock. It was Pollock's **father** who changed his name from McCoy to that of his adoptive parents.

7. Cook Island is part of the South **Sandwich** Islands
8. Streep has been nominated for an Oscar seventeen times, winning on three of these occasions.
9. J. M. Coetzee won the Booker Prize in 1983 and 1999. Carey's win in 2001 made him the second male author to win the award twice.

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