

KNOCKOUT QUALIFYING MATCHES
THURSDAY 9 JANUARY 2014
QUESTIONS BY THE STAR

First Verbal Round

1. As of 1 January 2014, who is the Mayor of New York City?
Bill de Blasio
2. In which year was Laika launched into space?
1957
3. Which political journalist and broadcaster died in November 2013, aged 85?
John Cole
4. Which current *Coronation Street* actress played the role of Nadia Popov in the TV series *Rentaghost*?
Sue Nicholls
5. If it's minus 5 degrees Celsius, what is the temperature in Fahrenheit?
23
6. Who will partner McLaren's Jenson Button in the 2014 F1 Championship?
Kevin Magnussen
7. Which group had a top 10 hit single in 1970 with *That Same Old Feeling*?
Pickettywitch
8. Which European city is served by Kloten airport?
Zurich
9. Neneh Cherry, Max von Sydow and Maud Adams were all born in which country?
Sweden
10. Which bird, found in Scotland mainly amongst pines, conifers and woodland, has the Latin name *Lophophanes cristatus*?
Crested Tit
11. The statue of which historical figure is in Wythenshawe Park, close to Wythenshawe Hall?
Oliver Cromwell
12. In the US animated TV series *Family Guy*, which actress currently provides the voice of Meg Griffin?
Mila Kunis
13. In the Beatrix Potter story *The Tale of Mr Tod*, what sort of animal was Mr Tod?
A fox
14. In the Irish Premiership (Northern Ireland), which town has a football team named Swifts?
Dungannon [see note 1](#)
15. Which character of the Wild West has been played in film by James Garner, James Stewart, Burt Lancaster and Henry Fonda?
Wyatt Earp
16. Which Dickens novel features the characters Bradley Headstone and Roger 'Rogue' Riderhood?

Our Mutual Friend

17. *Horse Guards, Whitehall* was the theme music for which BBC Radio programme?
Down Your Way
18. Which King of England reigned from 1016 to 1035?
Canute
19. The space explorer Cassini, launched in 1997, is still exploring which planet and its moons?
Saturn
20. In the current RSC production of *Richard II*, who takes the title role?
David Tennant
21. The archaeological site of *Leptis Magna* lies in which country?
Libya
22. What was the title of Blondie's most recent number one hit, in 1999?
Maria
23. In an Indian menu, what is *muttar*?
Peas
24. Who is the editor of *The Independent* newspaper?
Amol Rajan
25. According to Greek myth, who were the parents of the sisters Antigone and Ismene?
Oedipus and Jocasta
26. Which country has the birr as its unit of currency?
Ethiopia
27. Give a year in the life of the astronomer Copernicus.
1473–1543
28. Who made the first recorded circumnavigation of New Zealand?
Captain James Cook
29. Which of the 'Big 6' energy companies is owned by the German firm RWE?
Npower
30. The World War II Operation Husky was the codename for the Allied invasion of which island, in 1943?
Sicily

First Written Round

31. The Appalachian Mountain range runs through four Canadian provinces. New Brunswick and Newfoundland & Labrador are two; name the other two.
Novia Scotia and Quebec
32. In the Periodic Table, which element, number 16, lies between Phosphorus and Chlorine?
Sulphur
33. Which British boxer won gold at the London 2012 Olympics in the super heavyweight category?
Anthony Joshua

34. Jazz bandleader Art Blakey played which instrument?
Drums
35. Who won the Best Director Oscar in 2013?
Ang Lee [see note 2](#)
36. Joan of Navarre was the wife of which English King?
Henry IV
37. In the Harry Potter films, which actor voices the Sorting Hat?
Leslie Phillips
38. Who was the Astronomer Royal from 1720 until his death in 1742?
Edmond Halley
39. Which American TV series of the '70s starred David Janssen as a private investigator?
Harry O
40. Where in Britain would you find an aquarium called The Deep?
Hull

Second Verbal Round

41. What do you add to a Béchamel, to make soubise sauce?
Onion (usually puréed)
42. The 1930 stage play by Lynn Riggs, *Green Grow the Lilacs*, was the basis for which famous musical?
Oklahoma!
43. Which 77-year old US actor was born Alphonso Joseph D'Abruzzo?
Alan Alda
44. If you visited Samariá Gorge, which island would you be on?
Crete
45. What is the capital of Chechnya?
Grozny
46. What are the three colours on the flag of the Ivory Coast?
Orange, white, green
47. Kelmscott Manor in Oxfordshire is particularly associated with two important artistic figures of the 19th century. Name either.
William Morris or Dante Gabriel Rossetti
48. Who wrote the poem which begins '*Death, be not proud*' and ends '*Death, thou shalt die*'?
John Donne
49. Which year saw the foundation of Oxfam, the first performance of Shostakovich's *Leningrad Symphony*, and the birth of Nobby Stiles?
1942
50. Who, in 1834, succeeded the Duke of Wellington as Prime Minister?
Sir Robert Peel

51. Which English writer won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1983?
William Golding
52. Brains Brewery is based in which city?
Cardiff
53. Who wrote detective fiction featuring Detective Inspector Napoleon Bonaparte of the Queensland Police?
Arthur Upfield
54. What is the current 12-month tax rate for a motorcycle over 600cc?
£78
55. Marsala is a fortified wine produced on which Mediterranean island?
Sicily
56. Disability Living Allowance (DLA) is being replaced by PIP; what does PIP stand for?
Personal Independence Payment
57. Who, in the 1770s, constructed the iron bridge over the Severn near Coalbrookdale, now a UNESCO World Heritage site?
Abraham Darby
58. Who won the 2013 Turner Prize?
Laure Prouvost
59. In which Scandinavian TV drama is the lead character Saga Norén?
The Bridge
60. Who is the owner of *OK!* magazine?
Richard Desmond
61. Who is the author of the novel sequence, the *Cazalet Chronicle*?
Elizabeth Jane Howard
62. In this summer's football World Cup, who will England play their first match against?
Italy
63. Which paper advertised using the slogan 'a newspaper not a snoozepaper'?
The Mail on Sunday
64. In children's TV, who was married to Nooka of the Nooks?
Noggin the Nog
65. Which Old Testament character was the wife of Boaz, the daughter-in-law of Naomi, and the mother of Obed?
Ruth
66. The Governor of the Bank of England, Mark Carney, has indicated that interest rates will not rise until unemployment is at or below which percentage figure?
7.00%
67. In semaphore, what letter is indicated when both arms are held horizontally outward?
R
68. In a pendulum clock, what is the 'bob'?
The weight at the end of the pendulum

69. Why did Paul Flowers hit the headlines in 2013?

The 'crystal methodist' who resigned as chairman of the Co-op Bank, then faced allegations of drug taking

70. In which year did the Russian chemist Dimitri Mendeleev publish the first periodic table arranged by atomic mass? (5 years leeway)

1869 (accept 1864 to 1874)

Second Written Round

71. Which female artist had number one albums in 2002 called *Let Go* and in 2004 called *Under My Skin*?

Avril Lavigne

72. What number is given to Vaughan Williams' *Pastoral Symphony*?

Third

73. What is the capital of the island nation of Dominica?

Roseau

74. At the start of the 2011 season, which country's Grand Prix was cancelled due to political unrest?

Bahrain

75. The song *I Could Write a Book* features in which musical?

Pal Joey

76. Which writer is responsible for the quotation 'Married in haste, we may repent at leisure'?

William Congreve

77. Now obsolete, the US 5,000 dollar banknote depicted which US President?

James Madison

78. Who did Evonne Goolagong defeat in the final when she won her first Wimbledon title in 1971?

Margaret Court

79. How many opening moves are possible in a game of chess?

20

80. *She's a Woman* was the B-side of which Beatles hit?

I Feel Fine

Spares

1. What were the forenames of the author C. S. Forester?

Cecil Scott

2. *Venta Belgarum* was the Roman name for which English city?

Winchester

3. Which two gases form the majority of the atmosphere of the planet Jupiter?

Hydrogen and Helium

4. Which is the highest mountain, at 4,634m, in Switzerland?

Monte Rosa; or, Mont Rose.

5. In the context of food preparation, what is *brunoise*?

Finely diced vegetables

6. What is meant by the musical term *aubade*?

Morning music, or morning song

Notes and corrections

1. The league's official name is the NIFL Premiership.
2. Although he received it in February 2013, Lee won the Best Director Academy Award for 2012.

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