

First Verbal Round

1. What does a *melittologist* study?
Bees
2. Name the capital city of Tajikistan.
Dushanbe
3. What number base is used for the vigesimal system?
20
4. 'Dickie' Bird was a famous cricket umpire, who stood in 66 Test matches. What was his real, given first name?
Harold
5. According to the Bible what city was home to Goliath?
Gath
6. Cheshire East is an administrative area created by the 2009 Local Government Act. Which town contains its administrative HQ?
Sandbach
7. Name the author who wrote the famous Rabbit series of novels that chronicle the life of Harry 'Rabbit' Angstrom.
John Updike
8. Give a year in the reign of Edward II.
1307–1327
9. The legendary 'Dear Bill' letters in *Private Eye*, written between 1979 and 1990, were supposed to have been penned by Denis Thatcher. Who was their assumed recipient, who actually entitled his autobiography *Dear Bill*?
William (Bill) Deedes
10. Which poet wrote the poem *Blue Remembered Hills*, which inspired a Denis Potter play of the same name?
A. E. Housman see note 1
11. Which British Prime Minister appears on the sleeve of the 1967 Beatles *Sergeant Pepper* album?
Sir Robert Peel
12. Give the square root of 5,476.
74
13. Of which metallic element is stibnite the ore?
Antimony
14. The National Trust property of Woolsthorpe Manor is the birth place of Isaac Newton. In which English county would you find it?
Lincolnshire
15. Who was conductor of the Halle Orchestra between 1972 and 1983?
James Loughran

16. Who was the winner of the 2015 *Mastermind* trophy?
Marianne Fairthorne
17. *The Treachery of Images* is a painting by surrealist artist Rene Magritte. What does it depict?
A pipe
18. The Majlis is the national assembly or parliament of which country?
Iran **see note 2**
19. Who is the composer of the oratorio *The St Matthew Passion*?
J. S. Bach **see note 3**
20. Which element, discovered in 1940, has the atomic number 93 and is named after a planet of the solar system?
Neptunium
21. Which English character actor played Mr. Henry Salt in the 1971 film *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory*?
Roy Kinnear
22. Who won the 2015 FA Trophy at Wembley on Sunday 29 March, beating Wrexham in a penalty shoot-out?
North Ferriby Utd
23. The detective Dangerous Davies, played on TV by Peter Davison, was created by which writer?
Leslie Thomas
24. How many representatives are there in the USA House of Representatives?
435
25. In which European city is the Shakespeare play *Measure For Measure* set?
Vienna
26. The song *Stranger in Paradise* comes from which musical?
Kismet
27. 0045 is the international telephone dialling code, from the UK, for which European country?
Denmark
28. In which city would you find The Temple of the Emerald Buddha (Wat Phra Kaew)?
Bangkok
29. The Hillary Shield is presented to the winner of which international contest?
England v New Zealand in rugby union
30. What is the name given to a chapter of the Qur'an?
Surah

First Written Round **THERE IS A THEME**

31. In 1982 the Eltham Little Theatre, in the London Borough of Greenwich, was renamed after one of its former residents. What is its current name?
The Bob Hope Theatre
32. Two paintings on the same theme, produced in Milan in the 1480s, *The Virgin of the Rocks* or *Madonna of the Rocks*, can be seen in the Louvre and in London's National Gallery. Who is the artist?
Leonardo Da Vinci

33. Name the missile system that was instigated in 1955 to replace the V- Bomber fleet as Britain's nuclear deterrent. It was replaced by the Skybolt system in 1960 because of its burgeoning cost?

Blue Streak

34. This actor died in 2007 and is probably best known for playing Florence Johnson in the 1970s sitcom *Citizen Smith* and Nana Moon in *EastEnders*. What was her name?

Hilda Braid

35. What is the nickname given to the state of Utah? The name derives from the symbol on the state flag.

Beehive state

36. Goatfish are often found in tropical waters; they are usually referred to by which more common name?

Red Mullet (accept 'Mullet')

37. Peter Cook and Dudley Moore first appeared together as a double act at the Edinburgh Festival in 1960, in which celebrated revue?

Beyond The Fringe

38. What was 10CC's third and final no.1 hit in the UK, spending a single week at number one in September 1978?

Dreadlock Holiday

39. This Russian city, on the banks of the Kama river, was called Molotov between 1940 and 1957. What is it known as today?

Perm

40. Which National Hunt trainer won the Grand National with Highland Wedding in 1969 and repeated the feat with Little Polveir in 1989? He died in September 2014.

Toby Balding

Theme is hairstyles, haircuts etc.

Second Verbal Round

41. Julie Christie and Joanna Lumley were both born in which country?

India

42. Which cartoon character continually hums the tune of *The Camptown Races*?

Foghorn J. Leghorn

43. The Professional Darts Corporation (PDC) renamed their Championship Trophy in 2013. What is it now called?

Sid Waddell Trophy

44. The 1970s TV series *Happy Days* was set in which city?

Milwaukee

45. The character Sarah Platt has recently reappeared in *Coronation Street*, after spending seven years living in which city?

Milan

46. Libya achieved independence in 1951 from which country?

Italy

47. Herman Melville's novel *Moby Dick* and *The Leaves of Grass* by Walt Whitman were published in which decade of the 19th century?

1850s

48. The King George VI Chase is held on which racecourse?

Kempton Park

49. Name either of the two Yorkshire cricketers to be included in *Wisden's* 2015 Five Cricketers of the Year?

Adam Lyth or Gary Ballance

50. *Capital In the Twenty-First Century* has become one of the most influential economic texts of the decade. Who is the author?

Thomas Piketty

51. The Volga is the longest river in Europe. What sea does it discharge into?

Caspian Sea

52. Monash University is situated in which Australian city?

Melbourne

53. By what name is London's Leadenhall Building informally known?

The Cheesegrater

54. A white cross on a black field or background is the flag of which English county?

Cornwall

55. Mount Rainier is the highest point of which north American range of mountains?

The Cascades

56. What is the sixth book of the New Testament?

Romans

57. Purple Haze, Early Market and Flyaway are varieties of which vegetable?

Carrot

58. *Glevum* is the Roman name for which English city?

Gloucester

59. The Organ of Corti is found in which part of the human body?

Ear

60. During the 2014–15 season (up until April 10) Stockport County have had just one manager. What is his name?

Alan Lord

61. The city of Amiens is the capital of which French département?

Somme

62. The Italian liqueur Frangelico is made from which nut?

Hazelnut

63. The dot above the *i* or *j* in lower case script is known by what name?

Tittle **see note 4**

64. Who was Ferdinand Joseph LaMothe better known as?

Jellyroll Morton **see note 5**

65. *The Bayamo Song* is the national anthem of which country?

Cuba

66. *Lutra lutra* is the Latin or scientific name for which British mammal?

Otter

67. Which Greek god was the son of Zeus and Leto and twin brother of Artemis?

Apollo

68. Which member of the coalition cabinet will defend the seat of Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey in the General Election on 7 May?

Danny Alexander

69. On a weather map what does an isohyet indicate?

Line of equal rainfall or precipitation

70. In astrophysics which term describes a gravitational boundary that encloses a black hole?

Event horizon

Second Written Round

71. In which north west town would you find the Bank Top brewery?

Bolton

72. Name the six states that comprise the USA region of New England.

Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont

73. White Hart Lane, the home of Tottenham Hotspur, is in which London borough?

Haringey

74. In which year did the following events occur: The Maastricht Treaty is signed, Stefi Graff wins Wimbledon for the fourth time and the Pound leaves the European Exchange Rate Mechanism on 'Black Wednesday'?

1992

75. What type of creature is a *shubunkin*?

Goldfish (accept 'fish')

76. Which motor company was named after one of the founders of Detroit?

Cadillac

77. Who won the Best Actor Oscar in 1966 for their role in the film *Cat Ballou*?

Lee Marvin [see note 6](#)

78. Mount Batten overlooks the harbour of which UK port?

Plymouth

79. Who composed the *Concerto for the Left Hand in D Major*?

Maurice Ravel

80. Which country's royal dynasty is known as the House of Bernadotte?

Sweden

'Extra Time' Written Round

1. Manchester Thunder are participants in which sport?

Netball

2. What is the SI base unit of thermodynamic temperature?

Kelvin

3. Give a year in the life of philosopher Desiderius Erasmus?
1466–1536
4. Seth Pecksniff is a character from which Dickens novel?
Martin Chuzzlewit
5. Bamboo Harvester played a prominent role in which American comedy series of the 1960s?
Mr Ed
6. Who shared the 1973 Nobel Peace Prize with Henry Kissinger?
Le Duc Tho
7. What is the sum of the internal angles of a heptagon?
900 degrees
8. Which organisation has the motto 'Citius, Altius, Fortius'?
The International Olympic Organisation
9. Who was the first golfer to win the BBC Sports Personality of the Year?
Dai Rees (1957)
10. Which country within Central America has the largest population?
Guatemala

Tie-breaker

1. According to the CIA Fact Book estimation, (July 2014), what is the population of Guatemala?
16,647,083

Spares

1. Who wrote the novel *The History Man*?
Malcolm Bradbury
2. *In the Year 2525* was a top ten hit for which duo in 1969?
Zager and Evans
3. The Nicobar Islands belong to which country?
India
4. Who was the first serving President of the USA to visit China?
Richard Nixon
5. In what year was the French Fifth Republic established?
1958
6. Dot dot signifies what letter in Morse Code?
The letter i

Notes

1. The Houseman poem that contains the words 'Blue Remembered Hills' is actually entitled *Into My Heart an Air That Kills*. It can be found in the anthology *A Shropshire Lad*.

2. Although most-commonly used to refer to the Iranian parliament, Majlis is the name given to the national legislature in a number of other countries, including Azerbaijan, Kuwait, Oman, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.
3. An equally valid, if much less likely, answer is '[Hilarion Alfeyev](#)'.
4. A tittle may also be referred to as a 'superscript dot'.
5. In addition to LaMothe there are several other possible variants on Morton's real surname, including LaMenthe, LaMotte and Lemott.
6. Lee Marvin 'won' (i.e. received the statuette at the Oscars ceremony on 18 April) in 1966, but it was the 1965 Academy Award for Best Actor.

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