

**PLATE FINAL      THURSDAY 21 MAY 2015**  
**QUESTIONS BY HMRUFC AND THE ALEXANDRA**

**First Verbal Round**

1. Who wrote the books on which the TV detective series *Inspector Montalbano* is based?  
**Andrea Camilleri**
2. Which local MP was Chancellor of the Exchequer under Ted Heath, from July 1970 to March 1974?  
**Anthony Barber** (MP for Altrincham & Sale)
3. What surname links a Dutch-born, English sculptor and wood carver (1648–1721); an English composer (1583–1625); an English novelist and poet (1902–1989) and an English cataloguer (1840–1913)?  
**Gibbons** (Grinling, Orlando, Stella and Stanley)
4. Who created the *Mr Men* and *Little Miss* series of books?  
**Roger Hargreaves**
5. Pete Johnson, Meade Lux Lewis, Albert Ammons and Jimmy Yancey are all exponents of which instrument?  
**Piano** (in particular Boogie-Woogie piano)
6. Which veteran singer has a current album entitled *Making Life Rhyme*?  
**Lulu**
7. Which league of native Americans is particularly associated with Lacrosse and competes as a national team in the World Championships?  
**Iroquois** (also accept 'Haudenosaunee')
8. Who wrote the restoration comedy play *The Beaux' Stratagem*?  
**George Farquhar**
9. In the first test against the West Indies earlier this year, Jimmy Anderson overtook Ian Botham's record of 383 test wickets for England. Who lies third in the list, with 325 wickets?  
**Bob Willis**
10. Name both the actresses who play Bathsheba in *Far From the Madding Crowd*. One appears in the 1967 John Schlesinger film version and the other features in this year's version directed by Thomas Vinterberg.  
**Julie Christie and Carey Mulligan**
11. As at 18 May 2015, who is the leader of Plaid Cymru?  
**Leanne Wood**
12. The original five Cinque Ports were Hastings, Sandwich, Dover, New Romney and which other?  
**Hythe**
13. Who was the leader of the EOKA guerrillas in Cyprus in the second half of the 1950s?  
**Georgios Grivas** (also accept his nom-de-guerre, 'Digenis')
14. In the game of Solo Whist how many tricks are you undertaking to take if you bid 'abundance'?  
**Nine**
15. Which instrument do you associate with the classical musician Alison Balsom?  
**Trumpet**

16. This river rises in Tibet and flows 2703 miles through six countries before it reaches the South China Sea. What is its name in English?

**Mekong**

17. This Louisiana Creole dish of meat, vegetables and rice has a Hank Williams song named after it. What is the name of the dish?

**Jambalaya**

18. Which plant is commonly called 'The Butterfly Bush'?

**Buddleia**

19. What is the surname of John and Joan who appeared in a poem written by Henry Woodfall and first published in *The Gentleman's Magazine* in 1735?

**Darby** (Darby & Joan)

20. A sign bearing which four-letter acronym did Pontius Pilate order to be affixed to the cross of Jesus Christ?

**INRI** (Iesus Nazarenus, Rex Iudaeorum)

21. Guitarist John Renbourn died recently. With which jazz/folk group was he associated with in the late 1960s and early 1970s?

**Pentangle**

22. At 1834 feet which hill that straddles the border with Derbyshire is the highest point in Cheshire?

**Shining Tor**

23. What is the name of the Old Irish alphabet which originally consisted of 20 characters, each consisting of a pattern of lines?

**Ogham**

24. The Congregational Memorial Hall on Farringdon Street, London was the birthplace of the Labour Party in 1900. Which prison stood on the same site previously, until demolished in the 1840s?

**Fleet Prison**

25. In which county is Medmenham Abbey, the home of Sir Francis Dashwood's notorious Hellfire Club?

**Buckinghamshire**

26. What name has been given to the huge fissure in the rock on the north side of Glyder Fawr in Snowdonia, North Wales?

**Devil's Kitchen**

27. Who was the founder of The Samaritans?

**Chad Varah**

28. What was the name of the 1969 white paper on trade union reform issued by the then Secretary of State for Employment and Productivity, Barbara Castle?

**In Place of Strife**

29. Who won the 2015 series of *Masterchef*? (First name will do)

**Simon (Wood)**

30. In mathematics a quantity that has both magnitude and direction is called a vector. What name is given to a quantity that has magnitude only?

**Scalar**

## First Written Round

31. Hilton Valentine, John Steel and Chas Chandler were three of the original members of a 1960s British group with eight UK top ten singles. Name the other two members.

**Eric Burdon and Alan Price** (The Animals)

32. Why has the book *Go Set a Watchman* been much in the news, even though it won't be published until July 2015?

**The second novel to be published by Harper Lee** (it was actually written before *To Kill a Mocking Bird*)

33. What is the name of the southernmost of the world's active volcanoes?

**Mount Erebus**

34. What is the name of the Lancaster furniture manufacturers, founded in the 18th century and named after their founder (1704–1772), that were famed for simple Georgian and Regency-style furniture?

**Gillows**

35. What is the name of the dog whose statue stands on Candlemaker Row, Edinburgh?

**Greyfriars Bobby**

36. What is the name of the 'land of the giants' in Jonathan Swift's *Gulliver's Travels*?

**Brobdingnag**

37. What is the name of the writer who created *Happy Valley*, *Last Tango in Halifax* and *Scott and Bailey*?

**Sally Wainwright**

38. Who is standing down this year after 11 years as Artistic Director of the Old Vic?

**Kevin Spacey**

39. What was the name of the British Cotton Industry Research Association that was founded in 1920 and housed in the splendid building *The Towers* in Didsbury?

**The Shirley Institute**

40. Appropriate to a quiz, what is the title of John Gay's 1716 burlesque poem subtitled *The Art of Walking the Streets of London*, the name being taken from the goddess of the crossroads?

**Trivia**

## Second Verbal Round

41. Who will play Sergeant Wilson in the new film version of *Dad's Army* that will be released later this year?

**Bill Nighy**

42. Which German footballer has a name that translates into English as 'Matthew Bumblebees'?

**Mats Hummels**

43. On which Shakespeare play is the plot of Disney's *The Lion King* loosely based?

**Hamlet**

44. 'We want the finest wines available to humanity and we want them here and we want them now!' and 'We've gone on holiday by mistake' are lines from which cult British film of the 1980s?

**Withnail and I**

45. Which British comedian famous for his one-liners won an award for best joke at last year's Edinburgh Fringe with "I've decided to sell my Hoover...well, it was just collecting dust"?

**Tim Vine**

46. Ashdown Foresters, Dorset Drum, Pilgrims Choice and Waterloo are all types of what?

**Cheese**

47. Lonsdale, Rothschild, Pyramid and Torpedo are all sizes of what?

**Cigar**

48. In the logo of the chocolate manufacturer Toblerone, the graphical representation of the Matterhorn contains the outline of which animal?

**A bear**

49. The Somers Isles is an alternative name for which British overseas territory?

**Bermuda**

50. Which 1973 film was the first of the *Carry On* series to feature neither Kenneth Williams nor Charles Hawtrey? The plot revolves around a beauty contest being held in the seaside resort of Fircombe.

**Carry On Girls**

51. In the recent General Election, which was the last of the 650 constituencies to declare a result?

**St. Ives**

52. Addresses in Blackpool have postcodes beginning with which two letters?

**FY** (from Fylde)

53. Name this northern Italian city. The birthplace of composer Antonio Salieri, it is approximately 70 miles west of Venice, was a favourite holiday destination of Julius Caesar and is the setting for three of Shakespeare's plays.

**Verona**

54. Who is the current Governor of California? He succeeded Arnold Schwarzenegger when his second term expired in 2011 and he also held the post from 1975 to 1983, when he succeeded a certain Ronald Reagan.

**Jerry Brown**

55. Blarney Castle, home to the famous stone, is in which Irish county?

**County Cork**

56. Written under the pseudonym John Lange, which author's first novel was *Odds On* in 1966? His most recent work was *Micro*, which was unfinished at the time of his death and was published in 2011 after being completed by Richard Preston.

**Michael Crichton**

57. In Tolstoy's novel how does Anna Karenina commit suicide?

**She throws herself in front of a train** (accept any answer containing 'train')

58. What is the full name of the Manchester-born former financial journalist who founded the website *MoneySavingExpert.com*?

**Martin Lewis**

59. Who was on the British throne when Stockport's Stepping Hill Hospital opened?

**Edward VII** (1905)

60. *Monty Python's* Terry Jones, former TV presenter the late Paula Yates, ex-Everton manager Mike Walker and former *James Bond* star Timothy Dalton were all born in which Welsh seaside resort?

**Colwyn Bay**

61. Which three-letter word features in the name of many German and Austrian spa towns?

**Bad**

62. Which Rolling Stones album of 1971 features the songs *Wild Horses*, *Sister Morphine* and *Brown Sugar*?

**Sticky Fingers**

63. What was the nationality of Emanuel Lasker, world chess champion from 1894 to 1921?

**German**

64. In 2009 which horse became the first 100-1 winner of the Grand National since Foinavon in 1967?

**Mon Mome**

65. Probably best known for its collaboration with Germany and Italy during World War 2, the *Ustaše* was an ultranationalist, fascist organisation in which European country?

**Croatia**

66. Formed in Abingdon, Oxfordshire in 1985, to what did the band On A Friday change its name before going on to top the UK album charts five times in the 1990s and 2000s?

**Radiohead**

67. Which TV show that ran for seven series between 1956 and 1961 included the episodes *The Chef That Died of Shame*, *Lady Chatterley's Revenge*, *There's an Airfield at the Bottom of My Garden* and *Twelve Angry Men*?

**Hancock's Half Hour**

68. Vincent Crummles is the head of a theatre troupe in which novel by Charles Dickens?

**Nicholas Nickleby**

69. Which American actor was the first person to have more than one million followers on Twitter? He is arguably better known as being a former husband of actress Demi Moore.

**Ashton Kutcher**

70. Which bird of the tit family (*Paridae*) has the Latin name *Poecile montanus*?

**Willow tit**

## Second Written Round

71. What is the name of the house approximately two miles north of Ambleside that was home to the poet William Wordsworth from 1813 until his death in 1850?

**Rydal Mount** (he lived at Dove Cottage, Grasmere from 1799 to 1808)

72. On 20 March 1966 what was famously stolen whilst on display at an exhibition of postage stamps at Westminster City Hall?

**The Jules Rimet Trophy** (accept 'World Cup')

73. Which is the only city outside the USA to have a Major League Baseball team?

**Toronto** (home to the Blue Jays)

74. What is the most populous city in Morocco, with a population approximately twice that of the capital, Rabat?

**Casablanca**

75. As used in the classification of plants and animals, what is the plural of the word *genus*?

**Genera**

76. For which discovery was Austrian scientist Karl Landsteiner awarded the 1930 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine?

**The human ABO blood group system** (accept 'blood groups')

77. Although there have been several variations on the name, they are usually referred to collectively by the name of the third in the series, which was performed at Her Majesty's Theatre, London in June 1979. What is the name of the series of benefit concerts that began in 1976 in support of Amnesty International?

**The Secret Policeman's Ball**

78. Which twentieth century British Prime Minister was married to Sir Winston Churchill's niece?  
**Anthony Eden** (also accept 'Earl of Avon') (his second wife was Clarissa Spencer-Churchill)
79. What is U2 lead singer Bono's real name?  
**Paul Hewson** (both names required)
80. Which northern Italian town is famous as the home of Ferrari?  
**Maranello**

### 'Extra Time' Written Round

1. The nucleus of an atom of hydrogen usually consists of a single proton. Also known as hydrogen-3, what is the seven-letter name of the radioactive isotope of hydrogen whose nucleus contains two neutrons in addition to the proton?  
**Tritium**
2. In the Aintree Grand National what number fence is the Water Jump?  
**Sixteen**
3. In 1970s America what was the purpose of the rather appropriately named 'CREEP'?  
**Campaign to re-elect President (Nixon)**
4. Which sports ground is affectionately known as *Billy Williams' Cabbage Patch*?  
**Twickenham**
5. Which English word derives from the name given to Southern Indian, between-meal snacks such as dosas or idlis? It is also the name given to lunch boxes in Mumbai.  
**Tiffin**
6. What is the colour of the drink Singapore Sling?  
**Pink** (also accept 'red')
7. In real life and on film, how was Oberleutnant Franz Von Werra better known?  
**'The One That Got Away'**
8. Which is the most populous town or city in Apulia, the region that forms the so-called 'heel' of Italy?  
**Bari**
9. Who, in collaboration with the company FAT Architecture, has designed *A House for Essex* at Wrabness, Essex?  
**Grayson Perry**
10. How many stars are on the national flag of New Zealand?  
**Four**

### Tie-breaker

1. Titin, a component of muscle, is the longest protein chain ever discovered, comprising somewhere in the region of 30,000 amino acid units. Its full chemical name is also rather long and takes about three and a half hours to read out. How many letters are there in this name?  
**189, 819**
2. How many votes did the victorious BJP receive in last year's Indian General Election?  
**171,637,684**

## Spares

1. What is the female equivalent of a fraternity?

**Sorority**

2. Football's governing body FIFA is 111 years old today. In which city was it founded?

**Paris**

3. Which city will host the Eurovision Song Contest on Saturday?

**Vienna**

4. Talbot Rothwell was responsible for the scripts for all but one of which series of films?

**Carry On**

5. The classic Wedgewood pottery with a design in relief in white, usually on a pale blue background is known as what?

**Jasperware**

6. Who was the wife of Orpheus in Greek mythology? She is also the subject of the world's oldest (surviving) opera, by Jacopo Peri, and plays by Sarah Ruhl and Jean Anouilh?

**Eurydice**

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