

KNOCKOUT QUALIFYING MATCHES THURSDAY 2 OCTOBER 2014
QUESTIONS BY THE RAILWAY FLIERS

First Verbal Round

1. Who played Nessa Stein in the 2014 BBC mini-series *The Honourable Woman*?
Maggie Gyllenhaal
2. Ludlow, in Shropshire, stands upon which river?
River Teme see note 1
3. From 1940–1968 the headquarters of RAF Bomber Command were based in which town?
High Wycombe
4. Which group had a No 1 hit in the UK in 1964 with *Have I the Right?*?
The Honeycombs
5. Which poet, killed at the Battle of Arras in 1917, wrote the poem *Adelstrop*, about a railway station in the Cotswolds?
Edward Thomas
6. What is the name of the slow-cooked casserole originating in the south of France, containing meat (typically pork sausages, goose, duck), pork skin & white beans?
Cassoulet
7. Who was the last English King to lead an army into battle?
George II
8. What is the more common name of the *Myosotis* genus of flowering plants?
Forget-me-not
9. What is the state capital of Maine in the USA?
Augusta
10. Which piece of music by Ronald Binge is played before the late Shipping Forecast on BBC Radio 4?
Sailing By
11. Which is the only marsupial native to North America?
Opossum (not possum - they're Australian)
12. Who was the first English footballer to win 100 international caps?
Billy Wright
13. Who directed the films *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *Klute* and *Sophie's Choice*?
Alan Pakula see note 2
14. What is the more common name for ascorbic acid?
Vitamin C
15. The Olmec civilisation which lasted from c.1500–400BC was in which present-day country?
Mexico
16. In computing, what do the initials HTML stand for?
Hypertext Markup Language

17. Who coined the sixties counter-culture slogan '*Turn on, tune in and drop out*'?
Timothy Leary
18. Bryn Terfel and Emma Thompson are set to appear in the West End of London in March 2015 in which musical?
Sweeney Todd
19. Which architect designed the Thiepval memorial to the missing of the Somme?
Sir Edwin Lutyens
20. In the Old Testament and ancient Jewish folklore, what was a *shofar*?
A ram's horn
21. Which is the name of the first part of the small intestine that food enters after leaving the stomach?
Duodenum
22. The 1962 book *Silent Spring* by Rachel Carson helped lead to a ban on the use of which chemical?
DDT
23. Who founded the religious order The Society of Jesus or Jesuits?
St Ignatius de Loyola
24. Who, as at 20 September, is the Secretary of State for Education?
Nicola/Nicky Morgan
25. The minor road over the Hardknott Pass connects the Duddon Valley to which of the Lake District dales to its West?
Eskdale
26. Which spice is derived from the dried flower buds of the *Syzygium aromaticum*, a member of the myrtle family?
Clove
27. *The Life of Galileo* and *The Caucasian Chalk Circle* are plays by which dramatist?
Bertolt Brecht
28. Who wrote a collection of 13 books entitled *Elements of Geometry* that dominated mathematics for over 2000 years?
Euclid
29. Who, as at 20 September, is the Scots Makar (Poet Laureate)?
Liz Lochhead
30. Gatekeeper, Ringlet, Small Heath and Duke of Burgundy are types of what?
Butterfly

First Written Round – NO THEME

31. Emma Johnson (1984), David Pyatt (1988), Natalie Clein (1994) and Jennifer Pike (2002) have all won what award?
BBC Young Musician of the Year
32. From which football club did Manchester City sign Joe Hart?
Shrewsbury Town

33. What type of popular music was developed in Britain in the 1980s by immigrants from the Punjab region of India and Pakistan?

Bhangra

34. Which literary figure had siblings named James, George, Henry, Edward, Francis, Charles and Cassandra?

Jane Austen

35. George and James Loveless, Thomas and John Standfield, James Brine and James Hammett were known collectively as what?

The Tolpuddle Martyrs

36. Where, specifically, in the human body is the trapezium bone?

The wrist

37. What did the writer Thomas Carlyle call 'the dismal science'?

Economics

38. According to the nursery rhyme, who had a hat of good cream cheese, a coat made of good roast beef and lived in the moon?

Aiken Drum

39. Which English king married Elizabeth Woodville in 1464?

Edward IV

40. Which British bird, in the family *Sittidae*, has a long, sturdy, pointed bill, blue-grey back, a long black eye stripe and white underparts, which are variably tinted with buff, orange, red or lilac?

Nuthatch

Second Verbal Round

41. What is the capital city of Mali?

Bamako

42. Who played Augustus in the 1976 BBC series *I, Claudius*?

Brian Blessed

43. Which philosopher wrote the work *The Critique of Pure Reason*?

Immanuel Kant

44. The Elan Valley Reservoirs in mid-Wales were constructed to provide a water supply for which city?

Birmingham

45. In cycling, who won the 2014 Giro d'Italia?

Nairo Quintana

46. In which year: Premium Bonds were introduced, Grace Kelly married Prince Rainier and Rocky Marciano retired undefeated?

1956

47. Whose albums include *Kind of Blue* (1959), *Sketches of Spain* (1960) and *Bitches Brew* (1970)?

Miles Davis

48. Who succeeded John Adams in 1801 to become the third President of the USA?

Thomas Jefferson

49. The Albigensian Crusade (1209–1229) was directed against which religious sect?

The Cathars

50. In the New Testament, who was the son of Elizabeth and Zacharias?

John the Baptist

51. In Japanese cooking, what name is given to the technique of frying food, particularly seafood and vegetables, in batter?

Tempura

52. What instrument is used for measuring electrical potential difference between two points in an electric circuit?

Voltmeter

53. What is the name given to of the armed forces of the Kurdistan regional government in the semi-autonomous Iraqi Kurdistan?

Peshmerga

54. Which Greek hero of the Trojan War was the son of Peleus and Thetis?

Achilles

55. In which country is the famous temple complex of Angkor Wat?

Cambodia

56. Who plays the part of Enoch 'Nucky' Thompson in the TV series *Boardwalk Empire*?

Steve Buscemi

57. What medical condition is caused by elevated levels of uric acid in the blood which crystallizes in the joints, tendons and surrounding tissues?

Gout

58. Which group's first three singles in 1963 were *(Ain't That) Just Like Me*, *Searchin'* and *Stay*?

The Hollies

59. Which brewery produces the beers Big Tree Bitter, Obelisk and Stamford Bitter?

Dunham Massey brewery

60. What is the name of the farmer who established the Glastonbury music festival in 1970?

Michael Eavis

61. Who, in 1723, was appointed Cantor of the Thomasschule at the Thomaskirche (St. Thomas Church) in Leipzig?

Johann Sebastian Bach

62. Which sea lies to the west of Italy and is bounded to the west by Corsica and Sardinia and to the south by Sicily?

Tyrrhenian Sea

63. Who is the voice of the BBC TV programme *University Challenge*?

Roger Tilling

64. US naval officer Grace Hopper is often credited as the creator of which computer programming language?

COBOL

65. Alan of Walsingham's Octagon Tower is a noted feature of which English cathedral?

Ely

66. What is the common nickname used for an auto pilot system on aircraft?

George

67. Who, as at 20 September, is the Taoiseach of the Republic of Ireland?

Enda Kenny

68. What is the name of the unit that is used to measure the spice heat of chilli peppers?

Scoville

69. Who wrote the operetta *The Merry Widow*?

Franz Lehár

70. To which actor has Sinéad Cusack been married since 1978?

Jeremy Irons

Second Written Round

71. What were the titles of the first and last completed novels by Charles Dickens?

Pickwick Papers* and *Our Mutual Friend

72. Which political activist hid in a cupboard on the night of the 1911 Census so they could legitimately give their place of residence that night as 'The House of Commons'?

Emily Davison

73. *One pill makes you larger and one pill makes you small and the ones that mother gives you don't do anything at all* are lyrics from which song?

White Rabbit (by Jefferson Airplane)

74. In particle physics and astrophysics, what are *WIMPs*?

Weakly interacting massive particles

75. What do the initials L.S. stand for in L.S. Lowry?

Laurence Stephen

76. Who composed the musical works *Spiegel im Spiegel*, *Fratres* and *Festina Lente*?

Arvo Pärt

77. What cocktail, according to the International Bartenders Association, is made from 5 cl Cognac, 2 cl Triple Sec and 2 cl lemon juice?

Sidecar

78. Who, in a military context, would carry a kukri?

Gurkhas

79. Which composer and lyricist, born in Sale in 1924, wrote the musicals *Salad Days* and *Valmouth*?

Sandy Wilson **see note 3**

80. Who was the Conservative MP for Wolverhampton South West from 1950–1974 and Ulster Unionist MP for South Down from 1974–1987?

Enoch Powell

Spares

1. Thom Yorke is the lead singer with which band?

Radiohead

2. In music, a crotchet is half the length of which other note?

Minim

3. What was the full name of Pip in Charles Dickens' *Great Expectations*?

Philip Pirrip

4. Chemical elements 92 and 93 are named after adjacent planets in our solar system. What are they?

Uranium and Neptunium

5. Who was King of Troy when the Greeks took the city?

Priam

6. The River Wensum flows through which UK city?

Norwich

Notes

1. The smaller River Corve, which joins the Teme at Ludlow, is an equally-acceptable answer.
2. Pakula was the producer, not director, of *To Kill a Mockingbird*; it was directed by Robert Mulligan.
3. Wilson did not write *Salad Days*; it was written by Julian Slade (with lyricist Dorothy Reynolds).

[Return to homepage](#)