

KNOCKOUT QUALIFYING MATCHES THURSDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2015

QUESTIONS BY SMART ALEX

First Verbal Round

- In which Shakespeare play does Duke Vincentio, the Duke of Vienna, disguise himself as a friar?
Measure for Measure
- In which city are the Petronas Towers to be found?
Kuala Lumpur
- On which river does Leicester stand?
Soar
- Which cathedral was founded in 1220 by Richard Poore and is dedicated to The Blessed Virgin Mary?
Salisbury
- The England football team's first loss to a foreign side occurred in 1929. Who were the opponents?
Spain **see note 1**
- Richard II pawned the crown jewels to pay for what?
His wedding
- Holden Caulfield is the protagonist in which famous novel?
The Catcher in the Rye
- Autumn King, Early Giant and St. Valery are varieties of which vegetable?
Carrot
- In which conflict did the Battle of Malvern Hill take place?
American Civil War
- Chester Arthur (1881–1885) became American President on the death of whom?
James Garfield
- Who composed the opera *Lucia di Lammermoor*?
Gaetano Donizetti
- Which birds in the Bible appeared in order to provide food for the Israelites during their flight from Egypt?
Quail
- What was innovative about the David Hockney painting *Winter Timber*?
It was 'painted' using an iPad
- Which female singer had an album in 2014 called *A Perfect Contradiction*?
Paloma Faith
- Which actor played Stephen Hawking in the 2015 film *The Theory of Everything*?
Eddie Redmayne
- Which chocolate product did Forrest Mars and Bruce Murrie invent in 1941?
M&M's (the M's are taken from their surnames)
- Which '80s sitcom featured Gwen Taylor and Keith Barron in a Spanish hotel?
Duty Free

18. What is the name given to traditional Japanese drumming? (The name itself is a direct translation of the word 'drum' in Japanese)
- Taiko**
19. Who is the current host of *Celebrity Big Brother* and *Big Brother's Bit on the Side*?
- Emma Willis**
20. Which type of coffee drink is named after the Italian for 'marked' or 'stained'?
- Macchiato**
21. Which musical features the songs: *It's Harry I'm Planning to Marry* and *A Hive Full of Honey*?
- Calamity Jane**
22. What is the name of Claude Debussy's only opera?
- Pelleas et Melisande** see note 2
23. Which singer won the BBC's Sound of 2014 award and the BRIT Critics' Choice award for 2014?
- Sam Smith**
24. What is the name of the car wash owned by Walter and Skyler White in the *Breaking Bad* series?
- A1A Car Wash**
25. Referred to in the Bible as a doctor, which of the Apostles is the patron saint of physicians and surgeons?
- Saint Luke**
26. Which animal is being described here? It is an edible eel-like fish having no scales, bones, paired fins or jaw. They attach themselves by their mouths to fish whose blood they suck. There are three British varieties.
- The Lamprey**
27. Which portmanteau word was invented to describe the economic malaise suffered by most countries of the Western world in the 1970s that, according to the Keynesian theories of the time, was impossible? The malaise was marked by the occurrence of three economic ills, two of them being high unemployment and falling industrial output.
- Stagflation**
28. From which poem do the words '*a thing of beauty is a joy forever*' come?
- Endymion**
29. What is the name of the large muscle of a horse's hind leg, just above the hock, equivalent to the calf of a human?
- The Gaskin**
30. Nick Clegg is Deputy Prime Minister but which of the five great offices of state does he hold, one that is normally held by the leader of the House of Commons or Lords?
- Lord President of the Council** see note 3

First Written Round **THERE IS A THEME**

31. In the musical *Grease*, what's the name of the car driven by the T-Birds?
- Greased Lightning**
32. What is the title of Bill Bryson's 2006 memoir?
- (The Life and Times of) The Thunderbolt Kid**

33. The name of which 1960s group was apparently inspired by the name that the Hells Angels gave to their female associates?

The Mamas and the Papas

34. In physics, what term is used for the speed at which the sum of an object's kinetic energy and its gravitational potential energy is equal to zero?

Escape velocity (or speed)

35. Which film star was originally called Golden Cloud and often appeared alongside Buttermilk?

Trigger

36. Which is the oldest national newspaper in France?

Le Figaro

37. What was the name of the NASA unmanned spacecraft sent to study Jupiter which was terminated in 2003 by crashing into the planet?

Galileo

38. Which line precedes this from *A Whiter Shade of Pale*: 'Turned cartwheels 'cross the floor'?

'We skipped the light fandango'

39. Which 2006 film stars Anne Hathaway, who is hired to work as an assistant to the ruthless executive of *Runway* fashion magazine, played by Meryl Streep?

The Devil Wears Prada

40. What is the general term for a class of trick puppets involving extending necks, named after a lesser-used character in a *Punch and Judy* show, whose head is knocked off by Punch?

(Mr) Scaramouche

Theme is: the answers contain a significant word from the lyrics to *Bohemian Rhapsody*.

Second Verbal Round

41. Which Rogers and Hammerstein musical, first appearing in 1958 and set in San Francisco, contains the song *Chop Suey*?

Flower Drum Song

42. If the tangent of an angle is $\frac{3}{4}$ (0.75), what is its secant?

$\frac{5}{4}$ (or 1.25)

43. In which year did the following events happen? Prince Charles named as the Prince of Wales; Gatwick airport opens; there are riots in Notting Hill.

1958 see note 4

44. Which is the only completely English order of monks?

The Gilbertines see note 5

45. Which was the first non-French team to win rugby union's Heineken Cup?

Bath

46. Which group was founded in 1865 in Pulaski, Tennessee, by six veterans of the Confederate Army?

Ku Klux Klan

47. Which classical writer wrote the narrative poem *The Metamorphoses*?

Ovid see note 6

48. Which ruler of England sometimes styled himself 'Fitzempress'?

Henry II

49. What was the name of the priest who interrupted the ordination in York Minster of Libby Lane as Bishop of Stockport?

Paul Williamson

50. Roa Island, Piel Island and Sheep Island are all to be found off which town in North-West England?

Barrow-in-Furness

51. Keira Knightly, Nicole Kidman and Vanessa Paradis have all been the face of which fashion and perfume house?

Chanel

52. The flautist James Galway played from 1969 -1975 with which prestigious orchestra?

Berlin Philharmonic

53. Hannibal, the Carthaginian commander, inflicted three defeats on the Romans during the second Punic war. Name two of them.

Two from: **Trebia, (Lake) Trasimene and Cannae**

54. Before his installation as Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby was Bishop of which diocese?

Durham

55. Name the MP who was forced to resign her position as Shadow Attorney General after posting a picture of a house draped in flags of St George.

Emily Thornberry

56. Who described himself as '*a drinker with a writing problem*'?

Brendan Behan

57. Roger Federer recently won his one thousandth ATP Tour match. Only two other players have achieved this. Name one of them.

Jimmy Connors or Ivan Lendl

58. In the book by George Orwell, what was the name of the farm before it was taken over by the animals?

Manor Farm

59. In music, what does the term *da capo* mean?

Go back to the beginning or 'from the top'

60. Algeria is the largest country in Africa in terms of land mass. What is the second largest?

Democratic Republic of the Congo

61. Give the year in which Anne Boleyn was beheaded.

1536

62. Name the producer who was also the principal script writer of *The Avengers*, who died in January 2015.

Brian Clemens

63. *The Dead of Jericho* was the first Inspector Morse novel to be adapted for television, but which was the first to be published?

Last Bus to Woodstock

64. Who was President of France throughout the First World War?

Raymond Poincaré

65. In astronomy, what name is given to the point in the sky from which meteors in a meteor shower appear to originate when viewed by an Earth-bound observer?

Radiant or Apparent Radiant

66. The prestigious journal *Science* is published by the world's largest general-science society, known by the abbreviation AAAS. What does this abbreviation stand for?

American Association for the Advancement of Science

67. The first human disease to be eradicated world-wide was smallpox but, following a lengthy campaign headed by former US President Jimmy Carter, a second is now on the verge of eradication. It is a tropical disease caused by a parasitic worm. What is the common name of this worm?

Guinea Worm (also accept 'Medina Worm' or 'Dragon Worm')

68. The functioning of a four-stroke, spark-ignition engine is described by a thermodynamic cycle named after which German engineer, the first person to build a working version of such an engine?

Nikolaus Otto

69. Discovered in Germany in 1938, name the nerve agent released in the Tokyo subway system by the Aum Shinrikyo sect in 1995, resulting in the deaths of 13 people.

Sarin (also accept 'GB')

70. Named after the industrial research leader who first published it, which law states that the number of transistors that can be placed in an integrated circuit doubles every two years, thus enhancing the performance of electronic devices?

Moore's Law

Second Written Round

71. Which device, patented by Carlton Magee, was first put into operation on the streets of Oklahoma in 1935?

Parking meter

72. Which character was created by David Low as a satire on the reactionary opinions of the British establishment of the 1930s and 1940s?

Colonel Blimp

73. Which actor was numbered among *The Magnificent Seven* and *The Dirty Dozen*?

Charles Bronson

74. Which member of the Government's official residence is 12 Downing Street (although it's currently No. 9)?

The Chief Whip

75. If you were described as 'crapulent', what would be wrong with you?

You would be drunk

76. In 2011, a newly discovered species of what life form was named *Spongiforma squarepantsii*, after a cartoon's title character?

Mushroom (also accept 'fungus')

77. In the song, on which track does the *Chattanooga Choo Choo* leave Pennsylvania Station?

Twenty nine

78. In which literary work does the protagonist fall into the 'Slough of Despond'?

Pilgrim's Progress

79. In the Bond film, what is Goldfinger's number plate?

AU 1

80. Which fashion label is named after the French tennis player who founded it? Its emblem is based on the player's nickname.

Lacoste (his nickname was 'the Crocodile')

Spares

1. Who wrote the *Rienzi Overture*?

Richard Wagner

2. Displayed on Arriva train service information, the Welsh town Caergybi is known in English by what name?

Holyhead

3. Possessing a distinctive accent and sometimes known as 'the Bard of Barnsley', name the poet who presents Radio 3's weekly programme *The Verb*.

Ian McMillan

4. Demolished in 1825, which opulent mansion was King George IV's London residence while Prince Regent?

Carlton House

5. During 1969 and 1970 a stock-market bubble developed and burst, in which the prices of Australian nickel-mining shares dramatically rose then collapsed, resulting in spectacular financial gains and losses for ordinary investors. Name the company whose mineral-deposit discovery instigated the bubble.

Poseidon

6. Which organisation has its HQ at St. James's Gate?

Guinness [see note 7](#)

Notes

1. This was England's first loss to a team from outside the British Isles; there had already been several defeats by Scotland, Wales and Ireland.
2. More accurately it is Debussy's only **completed** opera; he also wrote the unfinished *Rodrigue et Chimène*.
3. There are four 'Great Offices of State': Prime Minister, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Home Secretary and Foreign Secretary.

Lord President of the Council is one of the 'Great Officers of State': these are largely ceremonial titles such as Lord High Chancellor, Lord High Steward, Lord High Admiral etc.
4. 1958 saw the **re**-opening of Gatwick in (more-or-less) its present guise. An aerodrome had been operating on the site for most of the time since the 1920s.
5. The Gilbertine order ended with the dissolution of the monasteries in the sixteenth century, so the word 'is' may be confusing.
6. As is usually the case with ancient writers, the full name—Publius Ovidius Naso—is an equally acceptable (though much less likely) answer.
7. St. James's Gate is home to the Guinness brewery, but the company's headquarters have been in Britain since 1932. As part of the Diageo group they are currently in Park Royal, London.

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