

LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2014

QUESTIONS BY SMART ALEX

First Verbal Round

- Who in the 1980s had a one-hit wonder with *Maniac*?
Michael Sembello
- Which novel opens with the following lines: '*The truth is, if old Major Dover hadn't dropped dead at Taunton races, Jim would never have come to Thursgood's at all.*'
Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy
- Name the character played by Bette Davis in the 1950 Oscar-winning film *All About Eve*.
Margo Channing
- In musical theory B flat is the key signature of which key?
F Major
- From which play by Shakespeare do we get the expression '*more sinned against than sinning*'?
King Lear
- Which architect was responsible for the design of Manchester Town Hall and the original Manchester University building on Oxford Road?
Alfred Waterhouse
- Since the general election of 2010 the MP for Louth and Horncastle has been the Father of the House. Who is he?
Sir Peter Tapsell
- Who said "*You can never be too rich or too thin*"?
The Duchess of Windsor
(also accept 'Wallis Simpson', but don't accept 'Coco Chanel' - a frequent misattribution)
- With effect from 1 April 2014 who is the Chief Executive of NHS England? He issued a major report on the future of the National Health Service in October.
Simon Stevens
- Which American President, the only Democrat after Buchanan in the 19th century, paid \$150 for someone to substitute for him in the American Civil War and personally hanged two murderers when he was sheriff of Erie County, New York state. He later became the Governor of New York.
Grover Cleveland **see note 1**
- Saturday 7 September 2013 saw the first woman conductor direct the Last Night of the Proms. Who is she?
Marin Alsop
- Which player has the most caps playing for the Wales national football team?
Gary Speed **see note 2**
- Which US state lies directly west of Colorado?
Utah
- In *Pickwick Papers* what is the name of Mr. Pickwick's landlady who brings a case against him for 'breach of promise'?
Mrs (Tamora) Bardell

15. Who put the Regis in Bognor?

King George V

16. What is the next line of the song by Cole Porter *You're the Tops*, after the following:
*'You're the purple light of a summer night in Spain,
You're the National Gallery
You're Garbo's salary'?*

'You're cellophane'

17. Although it encompassed the first significant diversification of life on land, which geological period is frequently known as the 'Age of Fish', owing to the great range of fish fossils to be found in its rocks?

Devonian

18. Once worked by slave labour and now the site of a museum, the historical mines that still contain the world's largest deposits of the mercury ore, cinnabar, are to be found near a single town in which European country?

Spain (town is Almadén)

19. In physics, what term indicates the ability of a telescope or microscope to separate objects, closely positioned to each other in the field of view, as individual images?

Resolving power (also accept 'resolution')

20. Found in Indonesia and filmed there by David Attenborough as part of his *Zoo Quest* television series, name the world's largest living species of lizard.

Komodo dragon (accept: "Komodo monitor")

21. In geometry, what name is given to a straight line that connects two points on the circumference of a circle without passing through the circle's centre?

Chord **see note 3**

22. What is the name of the chilli, used primarily in Mexican cuisine, which is a smoke-dried jalapeno with a spicy, woody taste?

Chipotle (or chilpotle)

23. What term is used to denote, in English grammar, a verb form used as a noun, for example the word 'walking' in 'Walking is good exercise'?

Gerund (do not accept 'gerundive', as this is found particularly in Latin grammar).

24. The opening line of which literary epic, when translated, means '*I sing of arms and the man*'?

The Aeneid

25. When knitting a garment the pattern of knit-a-row, purl-a-row is called stocking stitch. What name is given to the pattern when every row is a knit row?

Garter stitch

26. Which Italian luxury goods firm, founded in 1884 and renowned mainly for its jewellery, has its trademark written in the classical Latin alphabet?

Bulgari (written 'BVLGARI')

27. In the ITV detective series *A Touch of Frost* what was 'Jack' Frost's real first name?

William (also accept 'Bill/Billy')

28. In the authorised version of the bible, what is the last book of the Old Testament?

Malachi

29. Who was the son-in-law of Violet Bonham Carter and the only Liberal MP to win a seat in the 1950 election?

Jo Grimond **see note 4**

30. Name the two battleships, launched in 1936, which marked the re-armament of the German navy after the Treaty of Versailles.

Scharnhorst and Gneisenau

First Written Round – THERE IS A THEME

31. Which British actress, a great-granddaughter of Herbert Asquith, and known for her unconventional fashion sense, launched her own clothing line, Pantaloonies in 2006?

Helena Bonham Carter

32. Which opera is about Prince Tamino's quest to rescue Pamina, the daughter of the Queen of the Night?

The Magic Flute

33. Which Greek hero was the son of either Aegeus, King of Athens, or of Poseidon? Among his many feats of bravery, he slew Procrustes who fitted his victims to his bed by hacking or racking them to the right length, and Cercyon who forced strangers to wrestle with him.

Theseus

34. The curse of the contestants in the *Great British Bake Off*, what term is used when the base of a pie or tart fails to cook properly, resulting in saturated or undercooked pastry?

Soggy bottom

35. Which fruit is known as 'apple of Cydonia'?

Quince

36. Which Indian-born British actress starred as Cathy in the 1939 film version of *Wuthering Heights*? Throughout her adult life, in order to conceal her Indian heritage, she maintained the fiction that she was born in Tasmania.

Merle Oberon

37. What is the title of Rudyard Kipling's fantasy book containing a series of short stories set in different periods of English history? It was followed by a second volume entitled *Rewards and Fairies*.

Puck of Pook's Hill

38. What is the title of Elgar's oratorio based on a poem by Cardinal Newman?

Dream of Gerontius

39. At 200 yards long, on the boundary between County Durham and Cumbria, which is reckoned to be the longest waterfall in England?

Cauldron Snout

40. Laurie Lee wrote a trilogy of autobiographies; the first was *Cider with Rosie*. What is the title of the second, written in 1969, a description of his trip to London to seek his fortune?

As I Walked Out One Midsummer Morning

THEME: Words and names associated with *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

Helena, Flute, Theseus, Bottom, Quince, Oberon, Puck, Dream, Snout, Midsummer

Second Verbal Round

41. Which Scottish football player captained Scotland a record 39 times although he never played club football in Scotland?

Billy Bremner see note 5

42. Which 1974 album by Jefferson Starship was named after an animal?

Dragon Fly

43. Within living cells synthesis of protein molecules occurs on which organelle?

Ribosome

44. In mathematics, by definition what type of number is it that can be expressed as a fraction consisting of one whole number divided by another, non-zero whole number?

Rational number (i.e. expressible as a ratio, e.g. $\frac{1}{2}$)

45. Which culinary term is defined as using a liquid, usually wine or stock, to remove cooked food particles from the roasting tin and using the mixture as the base for a sauce?

Deglaze(ing)

46. Of which grammatical term is this the definition: 'to change, or inflect, the parts of a verb to reflect person, number, tense, mood etc.'?

To conjugate/conjugation

47. Which author invented the notion of 'visiting Bunbury' in one of his most famous works? It means to use the name of a fictitious person as an excuse.

Oscar Wilde (in *The Importance of Being Earnest*)

48. What name is given to the pattern, formed in embroidery, when a series of detached chain-stitches are arranged in the shape of a flower?

Lazy daisy (stitch)

49. Which two words, beginning with the same letter, form the name of a luxury watch manufacturer, based in Geneva?

Patek Philippe

50. In the long-running detective series *Poirot*, what is Captain Hastings first name?

Arthur

51. What is the Christian symbol for St Luke?

(Winged) ox [see note 6](#)

52. Who composed the *Wasps Overture*?

Ralph Vaughan Williams

53. Which novel opens with the following lines: '*It was a queer, sultry summer, the summer they electrocuted the Rosenbergs, and I didn't know what I was doing in New York.*'

The Bell Jar (by Sylvia Plath)

54. Name the character played by Peter Lorre in the 1941 film *The Maltese Falcon*.

Joel Cairo

55. What would you do if you saw the instruction *da capo* on a musical score?

Go back to/start again at the beginning (also accept 'from the top')

56. From which Shakespeare play do we get the expression 'the dogs of war'?

Julius Caesar

57. The Liverpool Everyman Theatre recently won the 2014 Stirling Prize for architecture. The Manchester School of Art was also a contender. Name two of the other four buildings in the competition.

Two from: **The London Aquatics Centre; The Shard; Birmingham Library; The LSE Students' Centre**

58. As of 24 July 2014, the most recent date for which official figures is available, how many active members sit in the House of Lords (allow 10 either way)?

775 [see note 7](#)

59. Which author and playwright described himself as 'a drinker with a writing problem'?

Brendan Behan

60. The current chief of the Metropolitan Police was Chief Constable of the Merseyside Police at the time of the Hillsborough disaster. Who is he?

Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe **see note 8**

61. Which American president made a fortune from mining being a very talented mining engineer? Whilst in China he and his wife learnt Chinese and for a time he was trapped there during the Boxer uprising.

Herbert Hoover

62. Who is the only British Deputy Prime Minister to become Prime Minister?

Clement Attlee **see note 9**

63. Having been disabled by torpedoes dropped by Swordfish from the Ark Royal, the German battleship Bismarck was finally sunk on 27 May 1941 after attacks by which two British vessels?

HMS Rodney and HMS King George V (also accept 'HMS Dorsetshire', which arrived right at the death)

64. Which US state lies directly west of North Carolina?

Tennessee

65. In David Copperfield who does David marry after the death of his first wife, Dora?

Agnes Wickfield

66. Who made Tunbridge Wells 'royal'?

King Edward VII

67. In the song A Fine Romance by Jerome Kern and Dorothy Fields, what follows these lyrics? *'We should be like a couple of hot tomatoes, But you're as cold as yesterday's...'*

Mashed potatoes

68. A material popular since ancient times, what name is given to either of the minerals calcite or gypsum when used for the manufacture of decorative objects? The name is often used to symbolise whiteness.

Alabaster

69. In the so-called 'umbrella assassination', an injected pellet, containing a highly toxic protein produced by the castor oil plant, was used to kill the dissident Bulgarian writer Georgi Markov in London in 1978. What was the name of that protein?

Ricin

70. Occurring in objects such as stars and created in nuclear fusion devices, what is the term for the fourth state of matter in addition to the familiar three states of solid, liquid and gas?

Plasma

Second Written Round

71. Fredericton is the capital of which Canadian province?

New Brunswick

72. Who was the first National Hunt jockey to ride 1000 winners?

Stan Mellor

73. Which TV comedy series was set in a place which is the real name of comedian Roy 'Chubby' Brown?

The League of Gentlemen (set in Royston Vasey)

74. Which documentary film maker and writer directed the film *Bowling for Columbine* and wrote the book *Stupid White Men*?

Michael Moore

75. Which midfielder, born in Chadderton, was England football captain 19 times and scored 27 goals in 62 appearances?

David Platt

76. What dish is also known as *glace au four* and *Norwegian omelette*?

Baked Alaska

77. Which movie character, with a deep knowledge of ancient civilizations and languages, had the given names Henry Walton, but is better known by the nickname he took from the family dog?

Indiana Jones.

78. Which architect designed the Banqueting Hall, the only remaining component of the Palace of Whitehall?

Inigo Jones

79. Which is the main ore of zinc?

Sphalerite

80. Which American President's policies were characterized by his slogan, "Speak softly and carry a big stick"? While on honeymoon he led a group to the summit of Mont Blanc, an achievement that resulted in his induction into the British Royal Society.

Theodore Roosevelt

Spares

1. Which singer, who is probably more famous as playing the character Henry Ramsey in *Neighbours*, had a hit with *Mona* in 1990?

Craig McLachlan

2. In the 1987 television drama series *The Charmer*, starring Nigel Havers, who played Mrs. Joan Plumleigh-Bruce?

Rosemary Leach

3. In which city does the football team Chievo play its home games?

Verona

4. In November 2013 A.P. McCoy rode his 4,000th winner, Mountain Tunes, to victory at which race course?

Towcester

5. In what year were Premium Bonds introduced in Britain?

1956

Notes

1. Cleveland was one of two post-Buchanan Democrats to serve as President in the nineteenth century, the other being Andrew Johnson (1865–1869).

2. The most-capped Welsh footballer is Neville Southall, with 92 caps. Gary Speed earned 85 caps.

3. 'Secant line' is an alternative, acceptable answer.

4. The Liberal Party won nine seats in the General Election of 1950.

5. The record for captaining Scotland is 48 times, held by [George Young](#).

6. Saint Luke may also be represented by a calf.
7. According to the [House of Lords website](#) there are 787 'eligible' members.
8. At the time of the Hillsborough disaster (April 1989) the Chief Constable of Merseyside was Sir Kenneth Oxford and Hogan-Howe was an Inspector with the South Yorkshire constabulary. He didn't become Chief Constable of Merseyside until 2004.
9. 'Anthony Eden' (who was Deputy PM from 1951 to 1955) is an equally acceptable answer.

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