LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 4 DECEMBER 2014 QUESTIONS BY TAME VALLEY

First Verbal Round

1. In swimming, what's the order of strokes swum in the individual medley event?

Butterfly, Backstroke, Breaststroke, Freestyle/Front Crawl

2. Which playwright wrote the plays William Tell and Don Carlos that Verdi and Rossini based operas on?

Friedrich Schiller

3. Who was the first ever *Time* magazine Person of the Year (then Man of the Year) in 1927?

Charles Lindbergh

4. Who is the current Children's Laureate, taking over from Julia Donaldson?

Malorie Blackman

5. In British horse racing, what's the minimum distance for a flat race?

5 furlongs

6. In which novel of 1886 does the ship *The Covenant* feature?

Kidnapped

7. Which of Henry VIII's wives was youngest at her death?

Catherine Howard (21) see note 1

8. Who, with 57 goals, is the all-time leading United States-born English Football Premiership goal-scorer?

Clint Dempsey

9. In which fictional town was the children's programme *Fireman Sam* set?

Pontypandy

10. In Norse legend what type of creatures were Huginn and Muninn?

Ravens

11. Which British actress won the Best Actress Oscar in 1939?

Vivien Leigh (for Gone with the Wind)

12. In the *Harry Potter* stories, what was the name of the shop that sold owls?

Eeylops

13. In a Keirin cycle race, what is the name of the power-assisted pace bicycle?

Derny

14. In 1914, the last example of which creature died in Cincinnati Zoo?

Passenger Pigeon

15. Who was the first British Prime Minister elected by an electorate that included 18-year-olds?

Edward Heath (in 1970)

16. In swimming, what's the order of strokes in the medley relay race?

Backstroke ,Breaststroke, Butterfly, Freestyle/Front Crawl

17. Which playwright wrote the plays *The Barber of Seville* and *The Marriage of Figaro*, on which Rossini and Mozart based operas?

Pierre Beaumarchais

18. Who is the only person to be named *Time* magazine's Person of the Year three times (1932, 1934 and 1941)?

F.D. Roosevelt

19. Who is the current Master of the Queen's Music?

Judith Weir

20. In British horse racing what is the minimum distance for a steeplechase event?

2 miles

21. In which novel of 1897 does the ship *The Demeter* feature?

Dracula

22. Which of Henry VIII's wives was oldest at her death?

Catherine of Aragon (50)

23. Who, with 92 goals, is the all-time leading Australian-born English Football Premier League goal-scorer?

Mark Viduka

24. In which fictional village was the children's programme Postman Pat set?

Greendale

25. In Norse legend, what type of creatures were Tanngrisnir and Tanngnjóstr?

Goats (pulled Thor's chariot)

26. Which British actor won the Best Actor Oscar in 1939?

Robert Donat (for Goodbye Mr. Chips)

27. In the Harry Potter stories, what was the name of the shop that sold wands?

Ollivanders

28. What's the name of the machine that cleans the surface of an ice rink?

A zamboni

29. In 1883 the last example of which creature died in Amsterdam Zoo?

Quagga

30. Who was the first British Prime Minister to be elected by an electorate that included women?

David Lloyd-George (in 1918)

First Written Round THERE IS A THEME

31. Pueblo Libre and La Victoria are suburbs of which city?

Lima

32. Edith Hope and Mr. Neville are central characters in which novel?

Hotel du Lac

33. In Huxley's Brave New World, what's the name of the 2nd lower class?

Delta

34. In 1950 the first Formula One world champion drove what make of car?

Alfa Romeo

35. The Popes who died in 199 AD, 1057 AD and 1087 AD all had what name?

Victor (I, II and III)

36. What's the name of the recently-completed film, due for release 2015, about Hemmingway's time in Havana in the 1950s?

Papa

37. From which film is this quote: 'Whipped cream's not whipped cream unless it's been whipped with a whip; just like poached eggs aren't poached eggs unless they've been stolen in the middle of the night'?

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

38. Duke Ellington dubbed who The Maharajah of the Keyboard?

Oscar Peterson

39. The Four Pennies had a no.1 hit in May 1964 with which song?

Juliet

40. Mount Whitney (14,505feet) is the highest mountain in which US range?

Sierra Nevada

THEME: the (NATO) phonetic alphabet

Second Verbal Round

41. Not in common use today, how many years are there in the period known as a chiliad?

One thousand

42. What name is given to the practice of managing woodland by cutting back the upper branches of trees to maintain a pre-determined height?

Pollarding

43. Which company's cars won the Le Mans 24 hour race between 1960 and 1965 inclusive?

Ferrari

44. What is the current year in the Islamic calendar? (accept 5 years either way)

1434 (accept 1429 to 1439) see note 2

45. In professional wrestling, what name is given to the 'good guys', scripted to be cheered as the heroes of the bout?

Faces

46. In the 1963 film The Great Escape, which British actor played Squadron Leader Bartlett (or 'Big X')?

Richard Attenborough

47. On a standard London Monopoly board, which square lies between Whitechapel Road and King's Cross Station?

Income tax

48. In the title of an English novel of 1954, how is James Dixon described?

Lucky Jim

49. Which band had UK top 10 hits in 2001 and 200 5 with the titles Clint Eastwood and Dirty Harry?

Gorillaz

50. What's the name of Sainsbury's premium, own-brand food label?

Taste the Difference

51. Which playwright wrote the work *A Chorus of Disapproval*, which centres around an amateur production of *The Beggar's Opera*?

Alan Ayckbourn

52. In 1965 actor Lee Montague read Cap-o'-Rushes on which TV programme?

Jackanory (the first show)

53. Which poet's self-penned epitaph reads Here lies one whose name was writ in water?

John Keats

54. Members of which club wear a pink-and-green tie known as 'salmon and cucumber'?

The Garrick

55. To the nearest inch, what's the height of a men's volleyball net?

8 feet or 96 inches

56. To the nearest inch, what's the height in imperial measurement of a Badminton net at the centre?

5 feet or 60 inches

57. Members of which club wear a red-and-yellow tie known as 'bacon and egg'?

The M.C.C.

58. Which poet's self-penned epitaph begins Under bare Ben Bulben's head in Drumcliff churchyard?

W.B. Yeats see note 3

59. Who read The House at Pooh Corner in 1996, the last in the original run of Jackanory?

Alan Bennett

60. Which playwright wrote the 1982 work *Noises Off*, which revolves around the making of the farce *Nothing On?*

Michael Frayn

61. What's the name of Tesco's premium home-brand food label?

Finest

62. Which band had 1982 UK top 10 hits with Joan of Arc and Maid of Orleans?

Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark

63. In the title of an English novel of 1959, how is William Fisher described?

Billy Liar

64. On a standard London Monopoly board, which square comes between Coventry Street and Piccadilly?

Water works

65. In the 1963 film The Great Escape, which British actor played Flight Lieutenant Colin Blythe (the Forger)?

Donald Pleasence

66. Dating from Roman times, how many years are in the period known as a lustrum?

Five

67. What name is given to the practice of managing woodland by cutting trees down to their stump to promote new growth?

Coppicing

68. Which company's cars won the Le Mans 24-hour race between 1966 and 1969 inclusive?

Ford

69. What is the current year in the Jewish calendar? (accept 10 years either way)

5775 (accept 5765 to 5785)

70. In professional wrestling, what name is given to the 'bad guys', scripted to be booed as the villains of the bout?

Heels

Second Written Round

71. If Stowe is 'on the Wold' and Stoke is 'on Trent,' what is Harrow?

On the Hill

72. In Ravel's Bolero, after the snare drum introduction which instrument begins the melody?

Flute

73. Which fictitious character is known as Oui Oui in France?

Noddy

74. Which famous American painting of 1930 depicts a farmer standing outside his house with his spinster daughter?

American Gothic

75. British Association of Toymakers' Toy of the Year 1998 was which electronic robotic creature?

Furby

76. Which word completes this line from T.S. Eliot's poem *The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock*: 'In the room the women come and go, talking of...'?

Michelangelo

77. The Gran Torre building, the highest in South America, is in which capital city?

Santiago

78. The vendace, a freshwater whitefish, has its only remaining English habitat in which of the Lake District's lakes?

Derwentwater see note 4

79. Who is the oldest living winner of the Best Actor Oscar?

Sidney Poitier (b.20 Feb 1927)

80. Which designer of the iconic uniforms of Singapore Airlines is mentioned in the lyrics of the 1969 hit *Where Do You Go To (My Lovely)*?

Pierre Balmain

Spares

1. Which World heavyweight boxing champion was known as The Fighting Marine?

Gene Tunney

2. An ISBN book number consists of how many digits?

13

3. Which British author will appear on £10 notes from 2017?

Jane Austen

4. What did writer Thomas Carlyle call 'The dismal science'?

Economics

5. Give a year in the life of the Marquis de Sade

1740-1814

Notes

- 1. Catherine Howard's exact date-of-birth is unknown; she may have been as young as 19 at the time of her execution.
- 2. The current Islamic year (which began in October 2014) is 1436 AH.
- 3. The words in the question are the opening lines of the sixth verse of *Under Ben Bulben*, which is a poem by Yeats, rather than his epitaph. The epitaph, <u>as seen on his gravestone</u>, are the **final** words of the same verse: 'Cast a cold eye, On life, on death, Horseman, pass by!'.
- 4. 'Bassenthwaite' is an equally acceptable answer. Although declared absent from Bassenthwaite in the early 2000s (leaving Derwentwater as its only English habitat) its status in Bassenthwaite has <u>recently been upgraded</u> to 'not extinct'.

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