

CUP QUARTER FINALS THURSDAY 24 MARCH 2016

QUESTIONS BY HMCC AND THE ALEXANDRA

First Verbal Round (HMCC)

1. In the *Inspector Morse* stories by Colin Dexter, which fictitious Oxford college is Morse's *alma mater*?
Lonsdale
2. How many colours are incorporated in the national flag of South Africa?
Six (blue, white, green, yellow, black and red)
3. Name the sixth letter of the Greek alphabet?
Zeta
4. According to the book of *Genesis*, in which land was the Tower of Babel built?
Shinar
5. *Mirin* is an essential condiment used in which country's cuisine?
Japan
6. *The Moon's A Balloon*, published in 1972, is an autobiography featuring the early life of which actor?
David Niven
7. In which African country would you find the Aberdare Mountains?
Kenya
8. High Willhays, sometimes known as High Willes, is the highest point in which English National Park?
Dartmoor
9. Who is the drummer with the band Dr Teeth and the Electric Mayhem?
Animal (in *The Muppet Show*)
10. Aldebaran is the brightest star in which constellation?
Taurus
11. As of March 4 2016 Haider al-Abadi is Prime Minister of which country?
Iraq
12. Robin Cousins won the 1980 Olympic Figure Skating gold medal. In which ski resort were the Winter Olympics staged that year?
Lake Placid
13. Name the MP who appeared in the group photo on the cover of the Paul McCartney and Wings album *Band On The Run* that was released in 1973. He had won a by-election earlier that year.
Clement Freud
14. Leicester City footballer Riyad Mahrez was born in France, but which national team does he represent?
Algeria
15. Leonardo da Vinci's depiction of *The Last Supper* can be seen in the Santa Maria delle Gracie monastery in which city?
Milan

16. Which 15th century Inca city, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, was rediscovered by American archaeologist Hiram Bingham in 1911?
Machu Picchu
17. *Am* is the symbol for which chemical element?
Americium
18. In which current London Borough was Elizabeth I born?
Greenwich
19. What is the name of the landlady in *The Pickwick Papers* who starts a breach of promise action against Mr Pickwick?
Martha Bardell
20. At which English public school was the game of squash invented?
Harrow
21. Madagascar gained independence in 1960 from which colonial power?
France
22. Lancashire Day, inaugurated in 1996, is celebrated in which month?
November (27th)
23. Ian Botham played county cricket for Somerset, Worcestershire and Durham, but what is the county of his birth?
Cheshire
24. Whose law states: 'Work expands so as to fill the time available for its completion'?
Parkinson's
25. For what do the initials E. E. stand in the name of the American poet and author E. E. Cummings?
Edward Estlin
26. The *Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves* features in which opera?
Nabucco (by Verdi)
27. In Indian currency, one Rupee is made up of one hundred what?
Paise
28. Which scientist, often referred to as 'The Father of Nuclear Chemistry', was awarded the Nobel Prize for Chemistry in 1944 for the discovery and radiochemical proof of nuclear fission?
Otto Hahn
29. In the 1960s BBC TV sitcom *Hancock's Half Hour* which actor played Hancock's housekeeper, Mrs Cravatte?
Patricia Hayes
30. As of 7 March 2016 which MP for the Forest of Dean holds the position of Government Chief Whip?
Mark Harper

First Written Round – THERE IS A THEME

31. Which record company sold Elvis Presley's recording contract to RCA Victor for \$35,000 in 1955?
Sun Records

32. The unsuccessful Labour candidate for the Rossendale & Darwen constituency in the 2015 General Election was the son of which former cabinet minister?

Jack Straw (father of Will Straw)

33. *If I Fell, Tell Me Why* and *Don't Bother Me* are all songs from which 1960s film?

A Hard Day's Night

34. In some hostelrys in deepest Yorkshire you may see on the menu 'Growler with Mushy Peas and Mint Sauce'. What exactly is 'a growler'?

Pork Pie

35. Which aptly-named horse won the Grand National five days before the 1992 General Election?

Party Politics

36. Benny The Ball, Spook and Brain were members of which cartoon character's gang?

Top Cat

37. A quote from which Robbie Burns poem provides Ayr United FC with their nickname of 'The Honest Men'?

Tam O'Shanter

38. Cost Rica's shares its eastern border with which country?

Panama

39. What name was given in the late 19th century to the area of West 28th Street between 5th and 6th Avenue in Manhattan which was famous for its music publishers and song writers?

Tin Pan Alley

40. With a population of about 1.1 million what is Morocco's second most populous city?

Fez

Theme is hats

Second Verbal Round (Alexandra)

41. Which actress, the sister of Francis Ford Coppola, played Don Corleone's daughter Connie in *The Godfather* and Balboa's wife, Adrian, in *Rocky*?

Talia Shire

42. *Coronation Street* star Les Dennis's real surname was prominent in British politics and the Conservative Party in particular during the 1980s and 1990s. What surname is it?

Heseltine (his real name is Leslie Dennis Heseltine)

43. What was the name of Belgium's national airline that went into liquidation in November 2001?

Sabena

44. Which two-word expression is thought to have entered the English language as a result of the widespread pre-battle consumption of gin by English troops and their allies during the Thirty Years' War?

Dutch courage

(The English troops adopted their Dutch allies' custom of drinking Jenever, or Dutch, gin before fighting)

45. In British sign language, which letter of the alphabet is indicated by touching the tip of the little finger on the left hand with the index finger of the right hand?

U (the five fingers represent the five vowels)

46. Although he died before it was completed, which Paris landmark is the best-known work of French architect Jean Chalgrin?

The Arc de Triomphe

47. A two-part play will open in London's West End this summer. Set nineteen years after *The Deathly Hallows* it will feature the adult Harry Potter and his son Albus Severus. Which two words complete the play's title: *Harry Potter and the...*?

Cursed Child

48. Which supermarket chain sells clothing under the brand name *Esmara*?

Lidl

49. In a process known as the Chapman cycle, what is produced in the earth's atmosphere by the action of ultraviolet light on oxygen?

Ozone

50. What sort of animal was *My Friend Flicka*?

A horse

51. Which nickname is shared by Tchaikovsky's *Symphony No. 6 in B minor* and Beethoven's *Piano Sonata No. 8 in C minor*?

Pathétique

52. In which year did Adolf Hitler stage the unsuccessful 'Beer Hall Putsch' in Munich?

1923

53. Which American-bred racehorse won the 1972 Epsom Derby and also has the distinction of being the only horse ever to beat the renowned Brigadier Gerard?

Roberto

54. Llanellwly in North Wales is better known to English speakers as what?

St. Asaph

55. Cross-channel ferries sail regularly from Dover to Calais and which other French port?

Dunkirk

56. Who founded the Labour Party in Barbados, was the country's first Prime Minister and gave his name to the island's international airport?

Grantley Adams

57. Douala is the most populous city in which African country?

Cameroon

58. Which gas is the most reactive of the naturally-occurring chemical elements?

Fluorine

59. *Purim* is a holiday celebrated in which religion?

Judaism

60. According to the title of his 1997 autobiography, which biblical kingdom is Stephen Fry's 'washpot'?

Moab

61. Which classic children's novel of 1950, the first in a series of seven, features four young members of the Pevensie family?

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

62. Which British aircraft manufacturer's models included the Bee, Dolphin, Cuckoo, Tabloid and Dragon?

Sopwith

63. The battles of Banjo, Jabassi and Ukoko all took place in Africa during which conflict?

World War I

64. In the 'fire burn and cauldron bubble' scene in Act 4 of *Macbeth*, which animal 'that under cold stone, days and nights has thirty-one' is the first to be added to the witches' pot?

Toad

65. Which Roland Emmerich-directed film of 2000 is set in the late eighteenth century and stars Mel Gibson as Benjamin Martin, a widower with seven children, the eldest of which is played by the late Heath Ledger?

The Patriot

66. What is the date of the Queen's accession to the throne, i.e. the date on which she became Queen following the death of George VI?

6 February

67. The three townships of Norbury, Torkington and Bosden made up an area of Stockport that was known until 1835 as Bullock Smithy. By what name is the area known today?

Hazel Grove

68. Which fortnightly British music magazine began life in 1978 and ceased publication in 2006, although there have been a handful of one-off editions since, such as the commemoration of the death of Michael Jackson in 2009.

Smash Hits

69. Which famous speech begins with these words?

"Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation..."

The Gettysburg Address

70. The food source *Gallus gallus domesticus* is more commonly referred to by what name?

Chicken

Second Written Round

71. What is the much more commonly-used name for the creatures that are also known as *polliwogs*?

Tadpoles

72. Which eight-letter name connects Badminton, the weather, a body of water in the Arctic and a British World War II torpedo bomber?

Beaufort

(Badminton House is home to the Duke of Beaufort; Beaufort Scale; Beaufort Sea; Bristol Beaufort)

73. Who is the only Beatle without facial hair on the cover of the album *Let It Be*?

John Lennon

74. Thomas Aikenhead, a 20-year-old Edinburgh student who was hanged in January 1697, was the last person to be executed in Britain for which crime?

Blasphemy

75. The BBC Sports Personality of the Year Award has been won most often (seventeen times) by participants in which sport?

Athletics

76. Name any one of the four tram stations between Baguley and Barlow Moor Road on Manchester Metrolink's airport line.

One from: **Moor Road, Wythenshawe Park, Northern Moor, Sale Water Park**

77. Which metallic chemical element is always present in the minerals beryl, turquoise, topaz, ruby and sapphire?

Aluminium

78. Queensferry and North Queensferry are at either end of two bridges that span which British river?

River (or Firth of) Forth (Forth Road and Rail bridges)

79. What name is commonly given to the edible roots of the herbaceous plant *Glycyrrhiza glabra*?

Liquorice

80. Which star of the silent film era was known as *The Great Stone Face*?

Buster Keaton

Extra-time written round (if required)

1. In 1957 which area became the third national park to be established in Wales?

Brecon Beacons

2. Which country is antipodal to the Chinese capital, Beijing, i.e. it is diametrically opposite Beijing on the surface of the Earth?

Argentina

3. According to Winston Churchill, which drink '*saved more Englishmen's lives, and minds, than all the doctors in the Empire*'?

Gin and tonic

4. Which future US President married Claudia Alta Taylor on 17 November 1934?

Lyndon B. Johnson (Claudia was usually referred to by her nickname of 'Lady Bird')

5. Who was the second wife of Group Captain Leonard Cheshire? She worked for the Special Operations Executive during World War II and later became well known for her own charity work.

Sue Ryder

6. As depicted in a 1977 film, what was destroyed in the Battle of Yavin?

The Death Star

7. Which three regions of Canada are known as the Maritime Provinces?

New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

8. The nineteenth century US Presidents William Harrison, John Tyler, Zachary Taylor and Millard Fillmore all represented which political party?

Whig

9. As of 7 March 2016, who holds the title 'Duke of Lancaster'?

The Queen

10. Which liqueur is named after an Italian war hero who was killed in action in Ethiopia in 1896?

Galliano (named after Giuseppe Galliano)

Spares

1. *Ill Met by Moonlight* is a 1957 film starring Dirk Bogarde. Set during World War II, it tells the true story of the capture of a German General by British commandos and local resistance fighters on which island?

Crete

2. Manchester United's 38-man treble-winning squad of 1998–1999 contained sixteen English players. Which country, with four, provided the second-highest number of players?

Norway (Ronny Jonsen, Ole Gunnar Solskjær, Henning Berg, Erik Nevland)

3. Which reddish-brown, toxic gas is produced when copper reacts with concentrated nitric acid?

Nitrogen dioxide (do NOT accept 'nitric oxide' or 'nitrous oxide')

4. *Gelb* is the German word for which colour?

Yellow

5. Which numbering system was devised in 1896 by Brian Gamlin, a carpenter from Bury?

The numbers on a (standard) dartboard

Tie-breakers

1. Dealing with remuneration of members of Congress, the most recent amendment—the twenty seventh—was ratified and became part of the US Constitution on what date?

7 May 1992

2. On what date was the aforementioned 27th amendment submitted to Congress for ratification?

25 September 1789