

KNOCKOUT QUALIFYING MATCHES THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER 2015

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First Verbal Round

1. With 51, which country is home to more UNESCO World Heritage Sites than any other?

Italy

2. What name is shared by these British rivers?
The first is a tributary of the River Medway in Kent.
The second forms an estuary just to the north of the famous golf courses at St. Andrews, Fife.
The third flows through Appleby-in-Westmorland and Carlisle before entering the Solway Firth.

River Eden

3. Which 1999 comedy action film, a parody of the sci-fi genre and *Star Trek* in particular, starred Tim Allen, Sigourney Weaver and Alan Rickman? The film features a group of actors from a cancelled TV series who become involved in real-life intergalactic adventures.

Galaxy Quest

4. In a well-known book and play, how are Curly, Nibs, Slightly, Tootles and The Twins collectively known?

The Lost Boys (in *Peter Pan*)

5. In the animated TV series *The Flintstones*, what was Wilma's maiden name?

Slaghoople

6. What is the nationality of recently-elected Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn's wife, Laura Álvarez?

Mexican

7. Which Frank Capra film was the first to win the so-called 'Big Five' at the Oscars, i.e. the Academy Awards for Best Picture, Best Director, Best Actor, Best Actress and Best Screenplay?

It Happened One Night

8. The name of which country on the west coast of Africa is derived from the local language for 'vast, empty place'?

Namibia

9. The cover of The Beatles *Revolver* album was designed by Klaus Voorman, the bass player in which other band of the era?

Manfred Mann

10. In which 1967 film did Peter Sellers appear as the expert card player, Evelyn Tremble?

Casino Royale

11. Which name is shared by:
- a Greek goddess of agriculture, fertility and the harvest
 - the former name of Jupiter's moon, Lysithea
 - the Russian ship in which Count Dracula travelled to England?

Demeter

12. Actos, Avandia, Bydureon and Metformin are drugs used principally in the treatment of which common medical condition or disease?

Diabetes

13. British Lop is a breed of which farm animal?
Pig
14. Which island nation produces Blue Mountain coffee?
Jamaica
15. In which 1978 film directed by Richard Attenborough does Anthony Hopkins play a ventriloquist called Charles 'Corky' Withers?
Magic
16. Which cabinet post is currently held by David Mundell?
Secretary of State for Scotland
17. Cat's paw, alpine butterfly and monkey's fist are all types of what?
Knot
18. George Bernard Shaw's *Arms and the Man* takes its title from the opening words of which other work, written almost 2000 years earlier?
The Aeneid (by Virgil)
19. In the nervous system, what name is usually given to the junction between two neurons (nerve cells)?
Synapse
20. As at 16 September 2015 which former Everton and Manchester City player is the only Englishman managing a team in America's MLS Soccer League?
Adrian Heath (at Orlando City)
21. Who wrote the 1910 comic novel *The History of Mr Polly*?
H. G. Wells
22. Give any one of the five consecutive years in which legendary racehorse Golden Miller won the Cheltenham Gold Cup.
Any year from: **1932 to 1936**
23. With a population of approximately 7000 Dogana is the most populous town in which European republic?
San Marino
24. *Give Me a Ring Sometime* in 1982 and *One for the Road* in 1993 were the first and last episodes of which US TV sitcom?
Cheers
25. In which 1996 film is Slim Whitman's *Indian Love Call* used as the Earth's last line of defence?
Mars Attacks! (the song makes the Martian invaders' heads explode)
26. Which British bank sacked its CEO, Antony Jenkins, in July 2015?
Barclays
27. Which British group appeared more times than any other (106) on BBC TV's *Top of the Pops*?
Status Quo
28. Also known as *Ireland's Teardrop*, what is the name of the island which is the most southerly point of the Republic of Ireland?
Fastnet Rock
29. As featured in the opening lines of *The Ballad of John and Yoko*, name **either** of the countries The Beatles were trying to get to whilst '*standing in the dock at Southampton*'.
Holland or France

30. What is the first name of Hercule Poirot's 'sidekick' Captain Hastings?

Arthur

First Written Round – THERE IS A THEME

31. Which British aircraft manufacturer was founded in 1912 and became part of the Hawker Siddeley group in 1935? Its aircraft models included the Tadpole, Armadillo, Argosy, Ape and Scimitar and it also produced the airships R29 and R33.

Armstrong Whitworth

32. Which singer won *The X Factor* in 2008? Later the same year she had the UK Christmas number one, with a cover version of a song that was originally released on its Canadian author's 1984 album *Various Positions*. (Full name required)

Alexandra Burke (she had a Christmas no.1 with Leonard Cohen's *Hallelujah*)

33. Which is the largest (in area) of the five boroughs in New York City? It is home to the New York Mets baseball team, stages the US Open tennis tournament at Flushing Meadows and is the location of the city's two main airports: La Guardia and JFK.

Queens

34. Chancellor George Osborne represents which Cheshire constituency in Parliament?

Tatton

35. Which British singer-songwriter was the driving force behind The Housemartins and The Beautiful South?

Paul Heaton

36. What is the full name of Harry Potter's uncle, played in the series of films by the late Richard Griffiths?

Vernon Dursley

37. In the Jane Austen novel *Emma* what is the eponymous heroine's surname (maiden name)?

Woodhouse

38. Reflecting its early history as a team for company employees, what does the 'P' stand for in the name of the Dutch football team PSV Eindhoven?

Philips

39. Which of the districts of the city of Manchester covers the largest area, comes last alphabetically and comprises the post code areas M22 and M23?

Wythenshawe

40. Which seaside resort on the Jurassic Coast is known as *The Pearl of Dorset* and features in Jane Austen's *Persuasion*? It is also prominent in John Fowles's *The French Lieutenant's Woman*, most notably when the title character Sarah Woodruff spends time staring out to sea from the town's jetty, The Cobb.

Lyme Regis

Theme is parks in and around the Greater Manchester area: Whitworth, Alexandra, Queens, Tatton, Heaton, Vernon, Woodhouse, Philips, Wythenshawe, Lyme.

Second Verbal Round

41. *Usquebaugh* is an archaic/obsolete English form of which modern-day word?

Whisky

42. On 10 May 1940 Operation Fork saw which island occupied by British and Canadian forces, without a shot being fired in anger?

Iceland

43. Who is the well-known son of Monique Delacroix?

James Bond

44. What is used nowadays to perform the function that until the 1970s was carried out using the *Sedia Gestatoria*?

The 'Popemobile' (previously the Pope was transported on a hand-carried ceremonial throne)

45. Who made a broadcast on BBC Radio in 1940 that became known as *The Appeal of 18 June*?

Charles de Gaulle

46. What were the first names of the two gossiping Lancashire housewives played throughout the 1970s and 1980s by Les Dawson and Roy Barraclough?

Cissie and Ada

47. In children's literature, *Doctor Dolittle's* parrot shares a name with a region in which ocean?

The Pacific (Polynesia)

48. What is the heraldic term for 'silver' or 'white'?

Argent

49. Which head-of-state was a co-author of the 2003 book *Judo: History, Theory, Practice*?

Vladimir Putin

50. Released in 1959 and 1963 respectively, two British comedy films were set in the Duchy of Grand Fenwick; name either.

The Mouse That Roared* or *The Mouse on the Moon

51. Who left The Rolling Stones in 1974?

Mick Taylor

52. Fennel, anise and wormwood are the three principal flavourings used in the production of which controversial alcoholic drink that originated in Switzerland in the late 18th century?

Absinthe

53. Two of the actors that played platoon members in TV's *Dad's Army* served in the real Home Guard during the Second World War. Name either. (The actor's or character's name is acceptable).

Arnold Ridley/Private Godfrey or John Laurie/Private Fraser

54. What name connects Cedric Errol and Donald Duck?

Fauntleroy (*Little Lord Fauntleroy* and Donald Duck's middle name)

55. On 2 September 1945 on the deck of the USS Missouri, which American General accepted the formal Japanese surrender on behalf of the Allied Powers?

Douglas McArthur

56. Ben Price plays which current *Coronation Street* character?

Nick Tilsley (full name required)

57. In which Marx Brothers film of 1931 do the four brothers play stowaways on an ocean-going liner?

Monkey Business

58. The DGSI is which European country's internal intelligence agency, i.e. their equivalent of MI5?

France (Direction Générale de la Sécurité Intérieure)

59. The Grand Canal, the world's longest man-made waterway, is in which country?
China
60. According to the title of his 1967 hit single, what position was held by Whistling Jack Smith?
Kaiser Bill's Batman
61. Which English actress played the title role in the 1935 film *The Bride of Frankenstein*?
Elsa Lanchester
62. Which is the only country to have a border with Turkey and Russia?
Georgia
63. Which dog has siblings called Andy, Belle, Marbles, Molly, Olaf, Rover, Ruffles and Spike?
Snoopy (in *Peanuts*)
64. Why was Walter Palmer in the news in July 2015?
He killed Zimbabwe's 'most famous' lion (Cecil) (accept any answer containing 'lion')
65. Which of NASA's five space shuttles made the greatest number of flights into space, completing 39 missions?
Discovery
66. Debris which has since been confirmed as being from the missing flight MH370 was found on the shores of which Indian Ocean island earlier this summer?
Réunion
67. Which country is home to the airlines Transaero, Globus, Red Wings, S7, Aurora and UTair?
Russia
68. The Alboran Sea forms the western part of which larger body of water?
The Mediterranean Sea (it's the area between southern Spain and Morocco)
69. If you were to order *conejo* in a Spanish restaurant, what sort of meat would you be served?
Rabbit
70. What is the real first name of legendary drummer 'Ginger' Baker?
Peter

Second Written Round

71. In April 1951 the Peak District became the UK's first National Park. Name any two of the three National Parks that were established later the same year.
Two from: **Lake District, Snowdonia, Dartmoor**
72. During the recent summer transfer window which English Premier League team signed more players (15) than any other?
Watford
73. The record time for which sporting event is 8 minutes 47.8 seconds?
The Grand National (record set by Mr Frisk in 1990)
74. What is the four-letter name of the second-largest of the Hawaiian islands?
Maui
75. A nautical expression referring to a depth of two fathoms was the origin of which famous literary pen name?
Mark Twain

76. Which animal has the scientific name *Ursus arctos horribilis*?
The (mainland) grizzly bear
77. What name is shared by an internet giant and a race of primitive people in *Gulliver's Travels*?
Yahoo
78. If Italy has RAI, Australia has ABC and Britain has BBC, which country has NHK?
Japan (state-owned broadcast organisations)
79. New York City is famous as 'The Big Apple', but which US city is known as 'The Mini Apple'?
Minneapolis
80. The Simplon Rail Tunnel connects Switzerland with which other country?
Italy

Spares

1. Which jockey rode the Grand National winners of 2014 and 2015?
Leighton Aspell
2. A rhinotillexomaniac has a compulsion to do what?
Pick their nose
3. Who finished second behind Chris Froome in this year's Tour de France?
Nairo Quintana
4. Used nowadays to describe a sailor or seaman the term 'sea dog' originally referred to what?
A shark
5. Published in 1976, what was Jeffrey Archer's first novel?
Not a Penny More, Not a Penny Less

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