

## LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 17 MARCH 2015

### QUESTIONS BY THE ALEXANDRA

#### First Verbal Round

- Accounting for approximately 62% of all its atoms, which is the most abundant chemical element in the human body?  
**Hydrogen**
- Which band had their only UK number one album with *Seven and the Ragged Tiger* in 1983? It featured the hit singles *Union of the Snake* and *New Moon on Monday*.  
**Duran Duran**
- With a name that means *Evening Courier* in English, what is the best-selling daily newspaper in Italy?  
**Corriere della Sera**
- What is the first line of the sonnet whose final line is 'So long lives this, and this gives life to thee'?  
**'Shall I compare thee to a summer's day'** (Shakespeare's *Sonnet 18*)
- With a surface area of just under 5 square kilometres, which lake in Gwynedd is the largest in Wales?  
**Bala Lake** (or 'Llyn Tegid')
- Which word completes Margaret Thatcher's famous quotation about her Deputy Prime Minister? "*Every Prime Minister needs a...*".  
**Willie**
- Who completes this group from television in the 1980s? Dixie Dean, George Malone, Chrissie Todd, 'Loggo' Logmond and...  
**'Yosser' Hughes** (in *Boys from the Blackstuff*; also accept his real name, Jimmy Hughes)
- To earn maximum batting bonus points in an English County Championship match, a team must score 400 or more runs within how many overs of the first innings?  
**110 overs**
- What do we call the European country that is known to its inhabitants as *Shqiperi*?  
**Albania**
- The British rock band Smile was formed in the late 1960s by students from Imperial College, London and Ealing Art College. To what did they change their name in 1970, before releasing their debut single and the first of fifteen studio albums three years later?  
**Queen**
- Zipporah was the mother of the Old Testament characters Gershom and Eliezer. Who was their father?  
**Moses**
- In which 1989 film do Robert de Niro and Sean Penn play escaped convicts who are mistaken for priests?  
**We're No Angels**
- On 1 January this year the number of French regions was reduced from 22 to 13, by merging some of the existing ones. Which major city is the prefecture (capital) of the newly-formed region of Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes? The city was established during the Roman occupation of Gaul and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.  
**Lyon**

14. In the International System of Units (or 'SI units') which unit of measurement may be defined as '*the force needed to accelerate one kilogram of mass at the rate of one metre per second squared*'?

**Newton**

15. Known as *Los Amarillos* (the yellows), which is the only team competing in this season's *La Liga* in Spain that does not play home games on the Spanish mainland?

**Las Palmas**

16. Known as *Los Rojiblancos* (the red-and-whites), which is the only football team competing in this season's *La Liga* that plays home games in the northern region of Asturias?

**Sporting Gijón**

17. In the International System of Units (or 'SI units') which unit of measurement may be defined as '*the energy used to accelerate a body with a mass of one kilogram using one newton of force over a distance of one metre*'?

**Joule**

18. Following the changes to the regions of France earlier this year, which city is the prefecture (capital) of the newly-formed region of Nord-Pas-de-Calais-Picardie? Located near the Belgian border it is France's fifth largest urban area and every September it stages what is claimed to be Europe's largest street market.

**Lille**

19. In which 1991 film does Julia Roberts play a character who fakes her own death to escape an abusive relationship?

***Sleeping with the Enemy***

20. As featured in the book of *Genesis*, what relation was Lot to Abraham?

**Nephew**

21. The Screaming Abdabs, the Spectrum Five, Sigma 6, The Tea Set and Megadeths were some of the earlier incarnations of which iconic British rock band, formed in the early 1960s by students from London Polytechnic?

**Pink Floyd**

22. What do we call the European country that is known to its inhabitants as *Ellada*?

**Greece**

23. Not including batting or bowling bonus points, how many points does a team earn for a draw in an English County Championship match?

**Five**

24. Who completes the line-up of the 1980s Channel 4 TV comedy *Who Dares Wins*? Jimmy Mulville, Julia Hills, Philip Pope, Rory McGrath and...

**Tony Robnson**

25. Who was Home Secretary during most of World War 2, held the position of Deputy Prime Minister to Clement Attlee from 1945 to 1951 and was the grandfather of Peter Mandelson?

**Herbert Morrison**

26. At almost 400 times the area of Windermere, Lake Vänern is the largest lake in the European Union. In which country is it?

**Sweden**

27. Who wrote *Sonnet 43*, which begins '*How do I love thee? Let me count the ways*'?

**Elizabeth Barrett Browning**

28. Which newspaper, whose name means *The Country* in English, has the largest circulation of any daily paper in Spain?

***El País***

29. Which band had their only UK number one album with *Colour by Numbers* in 1983? It featured the hit singles *Church of the Poison Mind* and *It's A Miracle*.

**Culture Club**

30. Accounting for approximately 0.2% of all its atoms, which chemical element is the most abundant metal in the human body?

**Calcium**

### First Written Round

**There is a theme, but you needn't 'solve' it. As today is St Patrick's Day, each answer contains the consecutive letters p-a-t.**

31. Which three words complete Wilfred Owen's famous war poem?

*My friend, you would not tell with such high zest  
To children ardent for some desperate glory,  
The old Lie: Dulce et decorum est...*

**Pro patria mori**

32. What is the name of the head cook played by Lesley Nicol in ITV's *Downton Abbey*?

**Mrs (Beryl) Patmore**

33. Jewelweed, Garden Balsam, Touch-me-not, Snapweed, Parrot Flower and Busy Lizzie all belong to which genus of flowering plants?

**Impatiens**

34. *Succussion* is the name given to the particular method of shaking used during the preparation of remedies used in which controversial medical practice?

**Homeopathy**

35. Which musical technique may be defined as 'a shifting of the normal accent, usually by stressing the normally unaccented beats'? Although most commonly associated with jazz, this style has actually been used since the days of Bach and Mozart.

**Syncopation**

36. Which British band's UK top ten hits include *Run*, *Signal Fire*, *Take Back the City* and their best-selling single, *Chasing Cars*.

**Snow Patrol**

37. Of which medical condition would you have an irrational fear if you suffered from *coprastasophobia*?

**Constipation**

38. After Bangkok, which Thai city and beach resort is the most visited by tourists?

**Pattaya**

39. Which 1952 film directed by Elia Kazan and starring Marlon Brando and Anthony Quinn is based on the real-life story of a prominent figure in the Mexican Revolution of 1910–1920?

**Viva Zapata!**

40. Whose ex-husbands include Dan Donovan from Big Audio Dynamite, Jim Kerr of Simple Minds and Oasis singer Liam Gallagher? (full name required)

**Patsy Kensit**

### Second Verbal Round

41. *A Day in the Life* is the final track on which 1967 Beatles album?

**Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band**

42. In which US state is Yorktown, site of the surrender by General Cornwallis that effectively ended the American War of Independence?

**Virginia**

43. Operational from December 1941, the 1st American Volunteer Group, also known as *The Flying Tigers*, were US pilots that fought in World War 2 as part of which country's air force?

**China**

44. Which British boxer fought Mohammed Ali for the World Heavyweight title at Earl's Court in August 1966? The fight was rather one-sided and Ali won by knockout in the third round, after landing eleven punches in three seconds.

**Brian London**

45. Max Zorin, played by Christopher Walken, was the principal villain in which James Bond film?

***A View to a Kill***

46. Which fourteenth century English King was married to Philippa of Hainault?

**Edward III**

47. Who is the most-followed sportsman or woman on Twitter?

**Cristiano Ronaldo**

48. Which word appears in the title of top ten UK chart hits for Michael Jackson, The Human League, Pinkerton's Assorted Colours and The Beat?

**Mirror**

*(Man in the Mirror; Mirror Man; Mirror, Mirror; Mirror in the Bathroom)*

49. Which Irishman described himself as 'a drinker with a writing problem' and once claimed 'I only drink on two occasions: when I'm thirsty and when I'm not'?

**Brendan Behan**

50. Following a successful pilot episode in 1980, which UK TV comedy ran for nine series from 1981? The first episode was titled *Desire in the Mickey Mouse Grotto* and the final show in 1987 was *The Wind of Change*.

***Hi-de-Hi!***

51. Which family of grapes, comprising over 200 varieties, shares its name with the capital of Oman?

**Muscat**

52. Who is the Conservative Party candidate for this year's election for Mayor of London?

**Zac Goldsmith**

53. Which collective name is usually given to the group whose less well-known members include Dagonet, Dinadan, Ector, Lucan, and Tor?

*(The Knights of the)* **Round Table**

54. Which city in Queensland will host the 2018 Commonwealth Games?

**Gold Coast**

55. Which critically-acclaimed, twelve-volume cycle of novels by Anthony Powell was published between 1951 and 1975?

***A Dance to the Music of Time***

56. Powell took the title of *A Dance to the Music of Time* from a seventeenth century painting of the same name. Which French Baroque artist painted it?

**Nicolas Poussin**

57. In 2022 which city will become the first to have hosted both the Summer and Winter Olympic Games?

**Beijing**

58. At King Arthur's Round Table what two-word name was given to the empty seat reserved for any knight successful in the quest for the Holy Grail?

**Siege Perilous**

59. In this year's London Mayoral election the Labour Party will be represented by Sadiq Khan. Who did he beat in the final round of the 'run-off' to become Labour candidate? Now in the House of Lords, she is a former Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport and was also Minister for the Olympics.

(Baroness) **Tessa Jowell**

60. Which red wine grape variety is also the name (in English) of the fifth largest city in Iran?

**Shiraz**

61. *Grantleigh* and *The Wedding* were the first and last episodes of which hugely popular UK TV comedy that ran for three series between 1979 and 1981?

**To the Manor Born**

62. Preferring it to be as 'dry' as possible, which Englishman said that the perfect martini should be made by "...filling a glass with gin, then waving it in the general direction of Italy"?

**Noël Coward**

63. Which word appears in the title of top ten UK chart hits for Kenny Ball and His Jazzmen, Billy J. Kramer and the Dakotas, Manic Street Preachers and T Rex?

**Children**

*(March of the Siamese Children; Little Children; If You Tolerate This Your Children Will Be Next; Children of the Revolution)*

64. Depressingly, the three most-followed people on Twitter are Katy Perry, Justin Bieber and Taylor Swift. Who, at number four, is the most-followed **non-musical** person?

**Barack Obama**

65. Which seventeenth century English King was married to Catherine of Braganza?

**Charles II**

66. Karl Stromberg, played by Curt Jurgens, was the principal villain in which James Bond film?

**The Spy Who Loved Me**

67. In May 1976 which British boxer fought Mohammed Ali for the World Heavyweight title in Munich? After knocking his opponent down five times Ali won on a technical knockout in the fifth round, the last knockout victory of his career.

**Richard Dunn**

68. Formed in June 1941 the 250th Infantry Division, also known as The Blue Division, fought as part of the German army in World War 2 and had a prominent role during the siege of Leningrad. It was made up of volunteers from which country?

**Spain**

69. The civil war Battle of Gettysburg took place in which US state?

**Pennsylvania**

70. *Back in the USSR* is the first track on which Beatles album of 1968?

**The White Album** (also accept its 'proper' title: *The Beatles*)

## Second Written Round

71. Which TV chef of the late 1960s and early 1970s was known as *The Galloping Gourmet*?

**Graham Kerr**

72. Which island is the setting for Bizet's opera *The Pearl Fishers*?  
**Ceylon** (also accept 'Sri Lanka')
73. Which literary creature was killed in '*the tulgey wood*' using a '*vorpal sword*'?  
**The Jabberwock**
74. Which multi-Academy Award-winning film of 2008 was based on Vikas Swarup's 2005 novel *Q and A*?  
**Slumdog Millionaire**
75. Which British celebrity married American actress Ayda Field in 2010? The couple have two children: Theodora, born in 2012, and Charlton, born in 2014.  
**Robbie Williams**
76. In February 1971 who became the first person to hit a golf ball on the moon?  
**Alan Shepard**
77. Home to the country's highest mountain and several winter sports resorts, Carinthia is the southernmost province of which European nation?  
**Austria**
78. Brunswick, Dartmouth and Celadon are all shades of which colour?  
**Green**
79. Launched in 2003 by internet entrepreneur Reid Hoffman, what is the name of the world's largest business-oriented social networking service, whose mission is to '*connect the world's professionals to make them more productive and successful*'?  
**LinkedIn**
80. On television which guide does Michael Portillo follow as he travels the railways of Britain?  
**Bradshaw's**

## Spares

1. Which dog won the English Greyhound Derby in 1929 and 1930?  
**Mick the Miller**
2. For what did the three letters stand in the name of the OSS, a forerunner of America's Central Intelligence Agency?  
**Office of Strategic Services**
3. Which fruit is encased in suet pastry to produce a Sussex Pond Pudding?  
**Lemon**
4. Which physical characteristic is shared by players of the sport Goalball?  
**They are blind/visually impaired**
5. Which African country takes its name from a local word for 'hippopotamus'?  
**Mali**
6. uPVC is a rigid form of PVC used in the manufacture of window frames, door frames and guttering. For what does the 'u' stand?  
**Unplasticized**

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