

LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 29 OCTOBER 2015

QUESTIONS BY THE BULLS HEAD [see note 1](#)

First Verbal Round

- Which lighthouse is situated off the coast of Angus, 11 miles east of the Firth of Tay?
Bell Rock
- As at 22.10.2015, which Moroccan athlete still holds the men's world records over 1500m and one mile, both records being set in the late 1990s?
Hicham El Guerrouj
- In computing, what does the acronym WLAN stand for?
Wireless Local Area Network
- Which American writer and illustrator's works include *The Doubtful Guest*, *The Gilded Bat* and *The Gashlycrumb Tinies*?
Edward Gorey
- The Vizcaya transporter bridge, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, can be found 12 km to the north of which Spanish city?
Bilbao
- The internet site Ashley Madison was 'hacked' in July 2015, with it being speculated that the stolen data would be used to blackmail its users. What service, specifically, does the site provide?
It is an introduction/dating site for people seeking extra-marital affairs (do not just accept 'dating site')
- What food, usually made from fermented and spiced cabbage, is the traditional national dish of Korea?
Kimchi [see note 2](#)
- The River Asland (sometimes spelled Astland) is an alternative name for which tributary of the Ribble?
River Douglas
- During World War II, what type of vessel, specifically, was known as a *milchkuh* ('milk cow')?
A U-boat whose prime function was to replenish, rearm and refuel other U-boats whilst still at sea (do not accept just 'U-boat' as an answer) [see note 1](#)
- What surname is shared by the following three people? The lead singer of a British folk-rock band formed in 1969; the first person to serve as Secretary of State for Employment in Margaret Thatcher's Government; an England cricketer who hit a century on his Test debut in 2007?
Prior (Maddy, Jim, Matt)
- The young nobleman Fabrice del Dongo is the protagonist of which novel, first published in 1839?
The Charterhouse of Parma
- Name the year in which all these events occurred: the Jodrell Bank observatory became operational; the first British H-bomb test took place; Sid Vicious, Fern Britton and Spike Lee were all born.
1957 [see note 3](#)
- The Tetralogy of Fallot is one of the most common disorders affecting which part of the human body?
The heart [see pedantic note 4](#)

14. Dominic Toretto, Letty Ortiz and Brian O'Conner are the names of principal characters from which long-running movie franchise (currently on its seventh instalment, as at 22.10.2015)?

The Fast and the Furious

15. What is the stage name of the Swedish DJ, musician and record producer Tim Bergling?

Avicii

16. Born in 1989, which singer-songwriter was the youngest person to be included in *Forbes* magazine's list of 'The World's 100 Most Powerful Women' in 2015?

Taylor Swift

17. Which 1993 film, with a cast that included Hugh Grant, James Fox and Tim Pigott-Smith in supporting roles, was nominated in eight categories at the following year's Academy Awards, but didn't win any of them?

The Remains Of The Day

18. How many fused vertebrae are there in an adult human spine?

Nine

19. Name the year in which all these events occurred: Rodney King was filmed being beaten by Los Angeles police officers; the Warsaw Pact was officially dissolved; Peggy Ashcroft, Robert Maxwell and Miles Davis all died.

1991

20. Which Canadian author's works include *Generation X*, *Microserfs* and *Girlfriend in a Coma*?

Douglas Coupland

21. What breed of dog links a surface-to-air missile in service with the RAF between 1958 and 1991, a band that had a UK top 10 single with *The Bad Touch* in 1999 and the British designed supersonic car that will make a bid to break the world land speed record next year?

Bloodhound (the band was The Bloodhound Gang, the missile and car are both called Bloodhound)

22. Admiral John Byng, executed in 1757 (*'pour encourager les autres'* in the words of Voltaire), was convicted of negligence over his failure to relieve which island from a French naval blockade at the outbreak of the Seven Years War?

Minorca

23. Which river flows through Barnsley and Mexborough before its confluence with the Don?

The River Dearne

24. The Belgian beer *Kriek* is based on what type of fruit?

Cherries

25. What's the name of the youth charity founded by Camila Batmanghelidjh in 1996 that is currently under police investigation related to claims of financial mismanagement?

Kids Company

26. The Basilique Notre-Dame de la Paix, completed in 1989 and listed in *Guinness World Records* as the largest church in the world, is in which West African country?

Ivory Coast

27. The cartoon-strip character Bristow, who was a buying clerk for the Chester Perry organisation, was created by whom?

Frank Dickens

28. What does the acronym SQL stand for, with regards to computer database programming?

Structured Query Language

29. As at 22.10.2015, which US athlete still holds the world record score for the heptathlon? She set this record at the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul, where she also won a gold medal in the long jump.

Jackie Joyner-Kersey

30. Nunney Castle is in which English county?

Somerset

First Written Round – THERE IS A THEME

31. Which insect, regarded as a household pest because its larvae can eat through hardwood timbers, has the Latin name *Xestobium rufovillosum*?

The deathwatch beetle

32. Which children's TV show, originally broadcast between 1980 and 1988, featured a cast of puppets made from kitchen utensils? Its theme tune was composed and performed by Peter Davison and Sandra Dickinson.

Button Moon

33. In 2014, the British Museum loaned a headless statue of the god Ilissos (part of the so-called Elgin Marbles) to which museum?

The Hermitage

34. Aquaman, Batman, the Flash, Green Lantern, the Martian Manhunter, Superman and Wonder Woman were the seven original members of which superhero team?

The Justice League of America (accept 'Justice League')

35. What is the colloquial term for iron pyrite?

Fool's gold

36. As at 22.10.2015, Tony Gallagher is the editor of which newspaper?

The Sun

37. What is the title of the first book in C.S. Lewis's seven-volume *Chronicles of Narnia*, sequenced in story-line order, as opposed to the dates on which they were published?

The Magician's Nephew (it was actually the sixth book to be published)

38. How is Beethoven's Fifth Piano Concerto in E flat major more popularly known?

The Emperor Concerto

39. The parliamentary constituencies of Bethnal Green & Bow and Poplar & Limehouse both lie within which London Borough?

Tower Hamlets

40. Which widely franchised TV game show, based on Hangman, premiered in the USA in 1975?

Wheel of Fortune

Theme is all answers contain the names of tarot cards: Death, the Moon, Justice, the Hermit, the Fool, the Sun, the Magician, the Emperor, the Tower, the Wheel of Fortune

Second Verbal Round

41. The word 'myriad', used to denote a large but indeterminate amount, is derived from the ancient Greek word 'myriades' for which specific number?

Ten thousand

42. What dance is being described here? 'A ballroom dance of Dominican and Haitian origin, characterized by a stiff-legged, limping step'.

The merengue

43. For what purpose would you use a Snellen chart?

To test the strength of your eyesight

44. Which entertainer died on 7 October 1922 after collapsing on the stage of the Alhambra Theatre in London?

Marie Lloyd

45. The Department for Transport recently released a list of the most crowded trains in England and Wales in 2014. Which station in the north west of England was the destination of the most crowded train, as well as being the departure point of the second most crowded train?

Manchester Airport

(The most crowded was the 04:22 from Glasgow Central; in second place was the 16:00 to Edinburgh)

46. Gilda (the title character's daughter), Sparafucile (an assassin) and Matteo Borsa (a courtier) all feature in which opera?

Rigoletto

47. There are four main types of (sturgeon roe) caviar. Beluga is the best known and most coveted. Name any one of the other three.

Sevruga, Ossetra (also spelled Oscietra or Asestra) or Sterlet

48. Which TV presenter first came to prominence when she participated in the BBC documentary *Blood, Sweat and T-Shirts* in 2008? She has since presented a series of her own investigative programmes on subjects such as sex-trafficking and the international drugs trade.

Stacey Dooley

49. Pluto was recently reclassified as a 'dwarf planet'. Name any of the other four dwarf planets in our solar system currently recognised by the International Astronomical Union.

Ceres, Haumea, Makemake or Eris

50. Charles VI of France (aka 'Charles the Mad'), who reigned from 1380 to 1422, suffered from a psychological delusion that his body was made of what material?

Glass

51. Which footwear designer is famous for producing shoes with shiny red lacquered soles?

Christian Louboutin

52. Which photographer, working as a wartime correspondent for *Vogue* magazine, was famously photographed sitting in the bathtub of Adolf Hitler's Munich apartment in 1945?

Lee Miller

53. Which philosopher wrote that '*The only freedom which deserves the name is that of pursuing our own good, in our own way, so long as we do not attempt to deprive others of theirs, or impede their efforts to obtain it*'?

John Stuart Mill

54. According to the *Book of Genesis*, which race of giants was the offspring of fallen angels and human women?

The Nephilim

55. In English law what does the Latin term *res ipsa loquitur* mean?

The thing speaks for itself (also accept 'the facts speak for themselves')

56. Used in property law, what does the Latin phrase *nemo dat quod non habet* mean?

Literally 'no one gives what he does not have', but accept any answer explaining that the purchase of a possession from someone who has no ownership right to it also denies the purchaser any ownership. see note 1

57. Which creature from Persian mythology had a human head, the body of a lion and a scorpion's tail?

The manticore

58. Which economist famously observed '*In the long run, we are all dead*'?

John Maynard Keynes

59. Who took the photograph of Patti Smith on the front cover of her debut album *Horses*?

Robert Mapplethorpe

60. What was Coco Chanel's actual first name?

Gabrielle (Gabrielle Bonheur Chanel)

61. The Roman emperor Tiberius had twelve villas built for himself on which island?

Capri

62. Name any one of the three brightest stars in the constellation Orion.

Rigel, Betelgeuse or Bellatrix

63. Which actor and TV presenter's credits include the BBC3 series *Extreme Russia*, the ITV game show *Release The Hounds*, appearances in *Dr Who* as the character Leo Jones and providing the voice of the title character in the children's TV show *Rastamouse*?

Reggie Yates

64. A 'boilie' is a type of bait used in coarse fishing, considered particularly effective in catching which fish?

Carp

65. Which operatic work, first performed in 1976, includes pieces entitled *All Men Are Equal*, *Spaceship* and *Prematurely Air-Conditioned Supermarket*?

Einstein on the Beach

66. Construction of the First Transcontinental Railroad was completed in 1869, when the two ends were joined by the ceremonial driving of the 'golden spike' at Promontory Summit, in which modern-day US state?

Utah

67. Which blues singer died from injuries sustained in a car accident near Clarksdale, Mississippi on 26 September 1937?

Bessie Smith

68. Which scale was introduced in 1909 by the Danish chemist Søren Sørensen?

The pH scale (of acidity/alkalinity)

69. Which slow dance, originating from Guadeloupe and Martinique, takes its name from a local Creole term for a white female?

The beguine

70. The word 'prestigious' is nowadays a synonym for 'esteemed' or 'honoured', but what was its original English meaning?

Relating to illusion, conjuring or trickery

Second Written Round

71. The cosmetic practice known as *ohaguro*, practiced mainly by married women during the Meiji era in Japan, involved the blackening of which part of the body?

The teeth

72. Which German player was World Chess Champion throughout World War I?

Emmanuel Lasker

73. Ganondorf, Link, Demon Lord Ghiramin and the twin sisters Kotake and Koume are all characters in which computer game series?

The Legend Of Zelda (accept 'Zelda')

74. What is the cube root of 21,952?

28

75. According to the *Book of Exodus*, when the Israelites marked their doorposts with lambs blood in order for the angel of death to pass over them, which herb plant were they instructed to use as a paintbrush?

Hyssop

76. The anthology of bad poetry called *The Stuffed Owl* takes its name from the line '*The presence even of a stuffed owl for her can cheat the time; sending her fancy out to ivied castles and to moonlight skies*' by which poet?

William Wordsworth

77. Why is a packet of Wrigley's Juicy Fruit gum, bought at Marsh's Supermarket in Troy, Ohio on 26 June 1974, on display at the Smithsonian Institution (along with the accompanying receipt)?

It was the first commercial item bought using a UPC (barcode scanner)

78. To which far-flung destination would you be sending a piece of mail if it had the postcode BIQQ 1ZZ?

British Antarctic Territory

79. Ginsberg's Theorem (1. You can't win; 2. You can't break even; 3. You can't get out of the game) is a parodic re-statement of the First, Second and Third Laws of what?

Thermodynamics

80. In the sitcom '*Allo 'Allo*, what was the name of the artist who painted the much-coveted *Fallen Madonna (With the Big Boobies)*?

Van Klomp

Spares

1. DNA testing has recently proved a long-standing rumour that which US President fathered a lovechild with a woman called Nan Britton?

Warren Harding

2. The Surrey Scorchers (previously known as Surrey United), compete in which sport?

Basketball

3. Name the country: its international dialling code is +56, its national motto is *Por la razón o la fuerza (By right or might)* and its population was estimated to be just over 17.8 million in 2014.

Chile

4. Which DJ and TV presenter provided the 'voice' of Charley the cat in the *Charley Says...* series of 1970s animated public information films?

Kenny Everett

5. In the Charles Dickens novel *Barnaby Rudge*, what was the name of Barnaby's pet raven?

Grip

Notes

1. A couple of reminders to all question setters on the question-setting guidelines:
 - *Don't make the questions too hard. This is the Stockport Quiz League, not University Challenge, and is meant to be a fun night out! As a general rule-of-thumb all teams should be able to answer at least half the questions correctly, so aggregate scores should not be lower than 80.*
 - *The required answer must be concise: teams should be able to answer in a few words at most. Do not set questions requiring long-winded/complicated answers as these can place an unfair burden on the question master (QM), who may have to adjudicate as to whether a team has given an answer that is 'correct enough'.*
2. 'Gimchi' is also an acceptable answer.
3. The Jodrell Bank Observatory was established in 1945. Its iconic radio telescope, however, didn't come into service until 1957.
4. More accurately it is one of the most common **congenital** cardiac disorders; it is still very rare compared to acquired conditions such as coronary artery or valve disease.

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