

KNOCKOUT QUALIFYING MATCHES THURSDAY 10 DECEMBER 2015

QUESTIONS BY TAME VALLEY

First Verbal Round

1. In Ewan McColl's song *The Manchester Rambler*, what was the job of the maid he once loved?
Spot welder (*I once loved a maid, a spot welder by trade*)
2. Which shipping forecast area is always the last to be read?
South East Iceland
3. What's the maximum holding of Premium Bonds per person?
£50,000
4. In Arthurian legend, which King was the father of Lancelot?
King Ban
5. Which country will host the 2019 Rugby (Union) World Cup?
Japan
6. Who are the current sponsors of *Emmerdale*?
McCain
7. What was the name of the cockerel in TV's *The Good Life*?
Lenin
8. How many Aintree fences did Red Rum jump in his racing career?
150 (5 races; 30 fences per race)
9. Which two of the eight main points of the compass are not used in London post codes?
South and North East
10. Which international sporting trophy is named after an English seed merchant?
The Ryder Cup
11. The civil arm of which order of chivalry has the motto *tria iuncta in uno* (three joined in one)?
The order of the Bath
12. In Gilbert and Sullivan's *Mikado*, what's the title of Pooh-Bah?
Lord High Everything Else [see note 1](#)
13. What's the full name of the Essex coastal town of Walton?
Walton-on-the-Naze
14. In which decade were the Corn Laws repealed?
1840s (1846)
15. What legal term is given to the offence of trying to influence a jury corruptly?
Embracery
16. What was the name of the dog in TV's *The Herb Garden*?
Dill [see note 2](#)

17. What meteorological feature is measured in *oktas*?
Amount of cloud cover
18. Which book begins *There was no possibility of taking a walk that day*?
Jane Eyre
19. Which TV cowboy's horse was called Diablo?
The Cisco Kid's
20. Which two characters were described in 2012 as '*The offspring of a drunken one-night stand between a Dalek and a Teletubby*'?
Wenlock and Mandeville (accept 'Olympic mascots')
21. The foreword of which publication of 1934 includes the sentence: *In every human activity there is a standard of conduct to which in the common interest we are expected to conform*?
The Highway Code
22. Who wrote the poem *The Licorice Fields at Pontefract*?
Sir John Betjeman
23. What was the name of the vicar played by Frank Williams in *Dad's Army*?
Reverend Timothy Farthing
24. Ducks are divided into two main classifications: divers and which other?
Dabblers
25. Which submarine sank the *General Belgrano* in 1982?
HMS Conqueror
26. Harriet Quimby was the first woman to do what? She achieved the feat the day after the *Titanic* sank and therefore missed much publicity.
First woman to fly the English Channel
27. Who is the only person who has won *BBC Young Sports Personality of the Year* and gone on to be *Sports Personality of the Year*?
Andy Murray (2004 and 2013)
28. Which Scottish man made landmark was made Britain's latest UNESCO World Heritage site in 2015?
The Forth Rail Bridge
29. Which Ivy League university awards the Pulitzer Prizes?
Columbia
30. Which American novelist won a Pulitzer Prize for fiction in 1980 for his novel *The Executioner's Song*?
Norman Mailer

First Written Round – THERE IS A THEME

31. Which song begins '*Have you seen the well to do, up and down Park Avenue*'?
Puttin' on the Ritz
32. Which animal has it been recently suggested should be reintroduced to Britain to help control the wild deer population?
The lynx

33. Which Beatles song contains the lyrics '*I sat on the rug, biding my time, drinking her wine*'?
Norwegian Wood
34. What was the name of the character played by Paul Eddington in the series *Yes Minister* and *Yes Prime Minister*?
James (Jim) Hacker
35. Which battle of 17 June 1775 saw British forces win a victory in the early stages of the American Revolutionary War?
Bunker Hill
36. What are the next two words of this traditional English folksong: *All around my hat I will wear the...?*
Green willow
37. Which song that reached number 2 in the charts in 1981 was voted the most annoying of all-time, beating *Barbie Girl* and *Agadoo*?
The Birdie Song
38. Deriving from a Malay word and originally used to denote a unit of weight (1½ lbs), the name is now used for a small container holding a product particularly associated with Britain. What is it? (Two for the price of one here)
Tea Caddy
39. Which tune was sung by British soldiers in World War II that suggested that Mr. Hitler was only 50% complete in a certain part of his anatomy?
Colonel Bogey
40. Which bird was hung round the neck of the Ancient Mariner in Coleridge's poem?
Albatross
- Theme: each answer contains a word associated with golf**

Second Verbal Round

41. What nationality was Bonnie Prince Charlie's mother?
Polish
42. What did King Arthur's father-in-law give him as a wedding present?
A round table
43. In Italian, what does the word *zio* mean?
Uncle
44. Which one word can be a species of sandpiper and an allotted period of work?
Stint
45. Which racehorse, a winner of 17 of its 18 starts, was named after a Conan Doyle character?
Brigadier Gerard
46. Which fictitious book and film character was a Harvard Professor of religious iconology and symbology?
Robert Langdon (in *The Da Vinci Code* etc.)
47. French-born American architect Pierre Charles L'Enfant is best known for the street layout of which capital city?
Washington DC

48. Who was the father of pioneer mathematician and collaborator-with-Babbage on his Analytical Engine, Ada Lovelace?

Lord (George Gordon) Byron

49. Which game is named after the Swahili word meaning 'to build'?

Jenga

50. In the title of an opera, how are the characters Nadir and Zurga known?

The Pearl Fishers (by Bizet)

51. What was the name of the cook in *The Wombles* TV series?

Madame Cholet

52. Who was the captain of Nottingham Forest when they won the European Cup in both 1979 and 1980?

John McGovern

53. Who is England's most successful left handed bowler, having taken 297 test Match wickets?

Derek Underwood

54. Which of the UK's thirteen national parks is the only discontinuous one, having four distinct sections?

Pembrokeshire Coast [see note 3](#)

55. In the reign of King Offa, which midlands city was temporarily the seat of England's third archbishop, joining Canterbury and York?

Lichfield

56. Which beer gets its name from a notorious sandbar at the mouth of the Camel river in Cornwall that claimed many ships?

Doom Bar

57. If diamond is 10 and corundum 9, what is 8 on the Mohs scale of hardness?

Topaz

58. Which two rivers have their confluence in Stockport to form the Mersey?

The Goyt and the Tame

59. Add the standard railway gauge to the diameter of a golf hole and give the answer in feet and inches.

5 feet and ¾ of an inch (4 ft 8½ inches plus 4¼ inches)

60. The orchestral work *Seven Pieces for Large Orchestra*, which premiered in 1918, has what more common name?

The Planets Suite (Holst)

61. Which government department has offices in London, Peterborough, Liverpool and Durham?

The Passport Office

62. Which Rolls Royce engines powered Concorde?

(Sneema) **Olympus**

63. In the common modern version, if *one's for sorrow* what is nine?

A kiss

64. Norah Royce Turner, born 1906 was married three times, her third marriage being to the Chairman of BSA-Daimler. Known for her eccentric behaviour she was banned from Monaco by Prince Rainer after an incident with the Monegasque flag. By what title was she better known?

Lady Docker

65. What fruit is used in the traditional recipe for a Shrewsbury biscuit?

Lemon

66. Which composer's music is used in the introduction to *The Sky at Night*?

Sibelius

67. What was the more common name for the World War II Operation Chastise?

The Dambusters raid

68. In which Yorkshire town is the Timothy Taylor brewery?

Keighley

69. Originally, how many pennies were in a groat?

Four

70. A dish served *à la forestière* would contain what?

Mushrooms (sautéed in butter)

Second Written Round

71. Who was Marshall of Tombstone at the time of the Gunfight at the O.K. Corral?

Virgil Earp [see note 4](#)

72. Which electronic system was replaced at Wimbledon by *Hawk-Eye* in 2007?

Cyclops

73. Which number domino is shown on the Domino Pizza logo?

2 and 1

74. What's the maximum possible score on the Quiz show *Fifteen to One*?

433

75. An issue of banknotes not backed by a precious metal is called what?

A fiduciary issue (in faith or trust)

76. How many capsules are there on the London Eye? If it helps, there's one for each borough of London.

32

77. Which former England test cricket captain was born in Milan in 1939?

Ted Dexter [see note 5](#)

78. Who narrated the original *Paddington* series on television?

Michael Hordern

79. What would the word 'QUIZ' score in Scrabble?

22 (10+1+1+10)

80. In *Gulliver's Travels* what was the seemingly trivial argument that divided the 'Big Enders' from the 'Little Enders'?

Which end to open a boiled egg

Spares

1. In TV's *The Addams Family*, what was the name of Wednesday's headless doll?
Marie Antoinette
2. In the children's board game *Operation* what is the patient's name?
Cavity Sam
3. In the old radio programme *Two-Way Family Favourites*, which song was used as the theme music?
With a Song in My Heart
4. Chris Chataway was the first BBC Sports Personality of the Year in 1954. Who, also an athlete, was the second winner in 1955?
Gordon Pirie

Notes

1. In contrast to Ko-Ko's position of 'Lord High Executioner', Pooh-Bah's title 'Lord High Everything Else' reflects the fact that he holds numerous posts following the mass resignation of the town's officials. These include First Lord of the Treasury, Lord Chief Justice, Commander-in-Chief, Lord High Admiral, Master of the Buckhounds, Groom of the Back Stairs, Archbishop of Titipu and Lord Mayor; any of these would appear to be a 'not incorrect' answer to this question.
2. The programme's correct name is *The Herbs*.
3. The UK has fifteen, not thirteen, national parks.
4. Unless specified otherwise, the surname only is an acceptable answer. As three Earps (Virgil, Wyatt and Morgan) were involved in the gunfight, it may have been appropriate to ask for the full name.
5. Dexter was born on 15 May 1935, not 1939.

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