

**KNOCKOUT QUALIFYING MATCHES  
THURSDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2016 (WEEK 3)  
QUESTIONS BY THE ALEXANDRA**

**First Verbal Round**

1. Which architect designed Castle Howard and Blenheim Palace?  
**John Vanbrugh**
2. At 2099 metres (6886 feet) Kebnekaise is the highest mountain in which European country?  
**Sweden**
3. Which cricketer, who retired from international cricket in 2007, holds the record for the most Test runs without ever scoring a century (3154)?  
**Shane Warne**
4. Which golfer from Jersey holds the record (six) for most British Open wins?  
**Harry Vardon**
5. Who plays the title role in the BBC TV crime drama *Luther*?  
**Idris Elba**
6. Who was Prime Minister of Portugal from July 1932 to until September 1968?  
**António Salazar**
7. A common misquotation of a line from Act IV Scene II of Shakespeare's *King John* gives rise to which expression that means 'to improve something unnecessarily'?  
**Gild(ing) the lily**  

(The correct quotation is '*To gild refined gold, to paint the lily, To throw a perfume on the violet...*')
8. Adamant that he faced certain death if he were to be sent home, what was the name of the Sri Lankan activist who claimed 'sanctuary' in a Hulme church for over two years in the 1980s? He survived his involuntary repatriation in 1989 and is still alive and well today and working for a human rights association in Germany.  
**Viraj Mendis**
9. Danish chemist Søren Sørensen introduced which scientific scale in the early twentieth century?  
**The pH scale**
10. Which American saxophonist and leading light of the free jazz style released the 1960s albums *This Is Our Music*, *New York Is Now!* and *The Empty Foxhole*? He died aged 85 in New York City in June 2015.  
**Ornette Coleman**
11. Who scored the winning try for Wigan in this year's Super League Grand Final? He then 'switched codes' to join Sale Sharks, making his debut against Wasps on 4 November.  
**Josh Charnley**
12. Who was the Conservative MP for the Cornish constituency of Falmouth and Camborne from 1992 to 1997?  
**Sebastian Coe**
13. Silver Fox, Florida White, English Spot, Checkered Giant and Blue of Ham are all domestic breeds of which animal?  
**Rabbit**
14. Which chemical compound is the main constituent of Epsom salts?  
**Magnesium sulphate**

15. Which Lerner and Loewe musical, first performed in 1947, features the songs *My Mother's Wedding Day* and *The Heather on the Hill*?

**Brigadoon**

16. Who owned a toy elephant called Jumbo and a teddy bear known as Archibald Ormsby-Gore?

**Sir John Betjeman**

17. Next year who will celebrate 40 years as lead singer of The Human League?

**Phil Oakey**

18. In 1964 who became the first President of newly-independent Malawi?

**Hastings Banda**

19. In the very first episode of the BBC TV comedy *Blackadder*, broadcast in 1983, who played Richard III?

**Peter Cook**

20. What is the official language of the island nation Cape Verde?

**Portuguese**

21. Which book published in 1992 describes itself as "*The fifth book in the increasingly inaccurately-named Hitchhikers Trilogy*"? It takes its title from a two-word description given to the Earth in an earlier volume in the series.

**Mostly Harmless**

22. Located just to the south east of Cannock in Staffordshire, what is the name of the only services on the M6 Toll Road?

**Norton Canes**

23. Due for release in January 2017, *T2* is a sequel to which 1996 British film?

**Trainspotting**

24. Which car manufacturer produces models called Leaf, Juke and Armada?

**Nissan**

25. Only three players from outside the United Kingdom have held the title of World Professional Snooker Champion. Cliff Thorburn in 1980 was the first; name either of the other two.

**Ken Doherty** (Ireland, 1997) or **Neil Robertson** (Australia, 2010)

26. Which US state, one of the so-called 'swing states' in the recent Presidential election, is home to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame?

**Ohio** (in the city of Cleveland)

27. In 1902 Sir Ronald Ross became the first British Nobel Laureate. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for his research into which disease?

**Malaria**

28. Who is the MP for Moray and the Leader of the Scottish National Party in the House of Commons?

**Angus Robertson**

29. Which is the largest of the more than 7000 islands that make up The Philippines?

**Luzon**

30. Who appears three times on the cover of *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band*, twice as herself and once in the form of a doll?

**Shirley Temple**

## First Written Round **NO THEME**

31. Towards the end of World War 2 Germany introduced the V-1 flying bomb (or *doodlebug*) and the much faster V-2 ballistic missile. The 'V' in their names stands for *Vergeltungswaffe*. *Waffe* means 'weapon', but how does *vergeltung* translate into English?

**Accept anything along the lines of retribution/reprisal/retaliation/revenge etc**

32. What is the principal use of Prague Powder No.1 (a mixture of sodium chloride and sodium nitrite) and Prague Powder No.2 (a mixture of sodium chloride, sodium nitrite and sodium nitrate)?

**Curing/drying/preserving food**

33. Which 17/18th century Italian astronomer discovered and gave his name to a 'gap' between the rings of Saturn?

**Giovanni Cassini** (discoverer of the 'Cassini Division')

34. On a standard London *Monopoly* board which is the first railway station after 'Go'?

**King's Cross**

35. Ships called *Beaver*, *Dartmouth* and *Eleanor* were involved in which historic event?

**The Boston Tea Party**

36. Which two metals are the chief constituents of the naturally-occurring alloy *electrum*?

**Silver and gold**

37. The German state (or *Land*) of Berlin is landlocked by which other state?

**Brandenburg**

38. Generally considered to be the first work of the Neo-Impressionist movement, the 1884 painting *A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte* is by which French artist?

**Georges Seurat**

39. The 1974 Ali-Foreman fight known as *The Rumble in the Jungle* took place in which African country?

**Zaire** (also accept its modern-day name 'Democratic Republic of Congo', but don't accept just 'Congo')

40. In what sort of establishment does the title character work in Keith Waterhouse's *Billy Liar*?

**Undertaker/Funeral Directors**

## Second Verbal Round

41. Which is the only US state bordered by Lake Ontario?

**New York**

42. The stones used in the game of curling are usually made from which rock?

**Granite**

43. Which enzyme present in human saliva is responsible for the conversion of the complex carbohydrate starch into smaller sugar molecules?

**Amylase** (also accept 'ptyalin')

44. The 20th century Chilean poet and Nobel Laureate Ricardo Eliécer Neftalí Reyes Basoalto was better known by which name?

**Pablo Neruda**

45. Which English king died aged 49 at Newark Castle, probably from dysentery?

**King John**

46. What name is shared by the river that flows through the 'chocolate box' village of Bourton-on-the-Water in the Cotswolds and a ship synonymous with the first wave of large-scale, post-war migration to Britain from the Caribbean?
- Windrush** (River Windrush and *MV Empire Windrush*)
47. What is the English translation of the Spanish word *manzana*?
- Apple**
48. At which French port did *RMS Titanic* call on her fateful maiden voyage?
- Cherbourg**
49. What is the principal ingredient of the middle-eastern dish *tahini*?
- Sesame seeds**
50. In the title of a 1954 novel how is medieval history lecturer James Dixon better known?
- Lucky Jim** (by Kingsley Amis)
51. The Great Chicago Fire, which supposedly began when a cow kicked over an oil lantern, occurred in which decade?
- 1870s** (October 1871)
52. Which Canadian author wrote *The Blind Assassin*, winner of the Man Booker Prize in 2000?
- Margaret Atwood**
53. Company Sergeant Major Stanley Hollis of the Green Howards was the only British soldier to earn a Victoria Cross during which event of World War 2?
- The Normandy (D-Day) landings**
54. Which composer wrote the orchestral piece *In the Hall of the Mountain King*?
- Edvard Grieg**
55. What is the modern-day name of the country that was known as French Somaliland until 1967 and as the French Territory of the Afars and the Issas from 1967 to 1977?
- Djibouti**
56. Which team beat Manchester City in the semi-final and Real Madrid in the final to win the European Cup Winners' Cup in 1971?
- Chelsea**
57. Which country's unit of currency is the hryvnia (pronounced *rive-nee-ur*)?
- Ukraine**
58. What is the more common name of the drink Cuba Libre? In other words, what are its two principal ingredients?
- Rum and coke** (either dark or white rum may be used, so also accept 'Bacardi and coke' or similar)
59. Who wrote the poem that begins: '*Under a spreading chestnut-tree, The village smithy stands... ?*'
- Henry Longfellow** (*The Village Blacksmith*)
60. What is the atomic number of carbon?
- Six**
61. The Venetian Towers, the Arc de Triomf and the Fabra Observatory are landmarks in which European city?
- Barcelona**
62. Who plays Clare in the BBC Radio 4 comedy *Clare in the Community*?
- Sally Phillips**

63. On 1 January 1901 Sir Edmund Barton became the first man to hold which political office?  
**Prime Minister of Australia**
64. Which British city is home to the local radio station Hallam FM?  
**Sheffield**
65. The cover of Pink Floyd's 1977 album *Animals* features a giant pig in mid-air above which London landmark?  
**Battersea Power Station**
66. Who was the titular prisoner in J. K. Rowling's third *Harry Potter* novel, *The Prisoner of Azkaban*?  
**Sirius Black**
67. Who is the Conservative MP for Cheadle? She shares her name with a former head-of-state of a European country.  
**Mary Robinson**
68. Of what would your blood contain a higher-than-normal level if you suffered from *hyperkalaemia*?  
**Potassium**
69. Now covered by the car park at the Manchester Velodrome in Clayton, what was the name of Manchester United's former home ground from which they moved to Old Trafford in 1910?  
**Bank Street** (also accept 'Bank Lane')
70. Which is the smallest and southernmost of the 34 provinces or regions of China? Formerly part of Guangdong province it was created in 1988 and comprises approximately 200 islands in the South China Sea. It takes its name from the largest of these islands.  
**Hainan**

## Second Written Round

71. Which poisonous plant has the scientific name *Conium maculatum*?  
**Hemlock**
72. Which rock band formed in Stourbridge in 1987 took their name from a 1959 episode of *The Goon Show*? They have had very limited chart success and are probably better known for their T-shirt designs and their unusual line-up that features two bass players.  
**Ned's Atomic Dustbin**
73. Which country would be the next to be reached if you were to travel due east from Stockport town centre?  
**The Netherlands**
74. *Ode to Joy*, the official anthem of the European Union, is taken from the final movement of which of Beethoven's symphonies?  
**The Ninth** or **Choral** (accept either)
75. Who was the only England goal-scorer during Sam Allardyce's brief tenure as national team manager?  
**Adam Lallana** (in a 1-0 win against Slovakia on 4 September)
76. The City of London skyscraper that opened in July 2014 and is known correctly as 122 Leadenhall Street, is usually referred to by which nickname derived from its distinctive shape?  
**The Cheese grater**
77. What do the letters 'L' and 'C' represent in the name of the commonly-used chemical analytical technique known as HPLC?  
**Liquid chromatography** (High Performance (or Pressure) Liquid Chromatography)

78. Name any two of *The Three Js* for which the city of Dundee was renowned in the late Victorian era.  
Any two from: **Jam, Jute and Journalism**
79. Which metal is normally used in the coating process known as *galvanisation*?  
**Zinc**
80. Published in 1996, what was the first novel in the series that also includes *A Dance with Dragons* and *A Feast for Crows*?  
**A Game of Thrones**

## Spares

1. Which property of a liquid may be measured using a *pycnometer*?  
**Relative density** (also accept just 'density' or 'specific gravity')
2. Which vitamin is also known as riboflavin?  
**Vitamin B<sub>2</sub>**
3. Which Oasis album of 2002 featured the tracks *The Hindu Times*, *Little By Little* and *Stop Crying Your Heart Out*?  
**Heathen Chemistry**
4. In a notable demonstration of the quirkiness of the English language, how is it suggested that the word spelled *g-h-o-t-i* may be pronounced?  
**Fish** (*gh* as in 'enough', *o* as in 'women' and *ti* as in 'option')
5. Which French city is home to the Rugby League team Catalan Dragons?  
**Perpignan**

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