LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 2 MARCH 2017 QUESTIONS BY THE ALEXANDRA

First Verbal Round

1. In 1975 who became the first person, other than the Queen, to appear on a Bank of England ten pound note?

Florence Nightingale

2. Victor Laszlo, Signor Ferrari and Sascha, a Russian bartender, are characters in which classic film?

Casablanca

3. Who would you most famously associate with a Ford Focus with the registration number SCV 00919?

The Pope (it's the current 'Popemobile'; SCV stands for 'Status Civitatis Vaticanae')

4. The Addicks and The Valiants are both nicknames of which English Football League One team?

Charlton Athletic

5. As at 24 February 2017, who is the Prime Minister of Australia?

Malcolm Turnbull

6. The Spanish word cerdo refers to which animal?

Pig

7. Which band did Greg Lake leave to join Emerson, Lake and Palmer?

King Crimson

8. In which month of the year do Americans celebrate Thanksgiving?

November

9. Who is the current World Professional Snooker champion?

Mark Selby

10. Margrethe II has been Queen of which European country since 1972?

Denmark

11. Three-time Tour de France winner Chris Froome was born in which African country?

Kenya

12. Which retail group owns the clothing brand Per Una?

Marks and Spencer

13. The Elliott and Musgrove families are central to which of Jane Austen's novels? It was her final novel, published in late 1817 some six months after her death.

Persuasion

14. Who served as Vice President to George Bush (Senior) from 1989 to 1993?

Dan Quayle

15. In 1990 which city became the first in Britain to be designated European Capital of Culture?

Glasgow

16. This year Hull has been designated UK City of Culture, a title that is awarded every four years. Which city, in 2013, was the last to be given the honour?

Derry/Londonderry

17. Who served as Vice President to Bill Clinton from 1993 to 2001?

Al Gore

18. Which book, published in 1934 and partly inspired by his time spent as a colonial policeman, was George Orwell's first fictional novel?

Burmese Davs

19. Which retailer, probably best known for its affordable clothing, began life in Dublin in 1969 where it was originally known as Penneys?

Primark

20. British athletics legend Sir Mo Farah was born in which African country?

Somalia

21. Willem-Alexander has been King of which European country since 2013?

The Netherlands

22. Who was the last non-Englishman to be World Professional Snooker champion, winning the title in 2011?

John Higgins

23. In which month of the year do the French celebrate Bastille Day?

July

24. Immediately before teaming up with David Crosby and Graham Nash, Stephen Stills was a member of which band?

Buffalo Springfield

25. The German word *pferd* refers to which animal?

Horse

26. In December 2016 who succeeded Manuel Valls as Prime Minister of France?

Bernard Cazeneuve

27. Which English Football League One team is also known as The Pirates or The Gas?

Bristol Rovers

28. Which British celebrity owns a car with the registration number COM 1C?

Jimmy Tarbuck

29. Charles Hamilton, Doctor Meade and Maybelle Merriweather are characters in which classic film?

Gone With the Wind

30. In 1978 who became the first person, other than the Queen, to appear on a Bank of England one pound note?

Sir Isaac Newton

First Written Round THERE IS A THEME

31. Born in Hope, Arkansas in August 1946, how is William Jefferson Blythe III better known?

Bill Clinton

32. Former Chancellor Ed Balls is the chairman of which English Football League club, currently playing in the Championship?

Norwich City

33. In J. M. Barrie's *Peter Pan*, who is the youngest of George and Mary Darling's three children?

Michael

34. Which town—along with Great Yarmouth—was attacked by a Zeppelin in January 1915 during the first air raids in British history? The birthplace of Queen drummer Roger Taylor and Welsh Rugby Union star George North it is the last town through which the river Great Ouse flows before entering The Wash.

King's Lynn

35. Which British athlete won gold in the Women's Heptathlon at the Sydney Olympics in 2000? (Full name required)

Denise Lewis (both names needed for a correct answer—and to fit the theme)

36. Who played Uncle Fester in the 1960s TV show The Addams Family?

Jackie Coogan

37. What is the full name of the only Spanish driver ever to have won a Formula One Grand Prix?

Fernando Alonso (both names needed for a correct answer—and to fit the theme)

38. Which Liverpudlian singer came second in the 1993 Eurovision Song Contest with the song *Better The Devil You Know?*

Sonia

39. Which song, a 1977 UK number one, has these opening lines?

No more carefree laughter Silence ever after Walking through an empty house, tears in my eyes Here is where the story ends, this is goodbye.

Knowing Me, Knowing You (by ABBA)

40. Which Norwegian group provided the theme tune to the 1987 James Bond film The Living Daylights?

A-ha

Theme is Alan Partridge

Series 1 of *I'm Alan Partridge* is set largely in the **Linton** Travel Tavern; he is strongly associated/synonymous with **Norwich**; **Michael** the Geordie appeared in *I'm Alan Partridge*; **Lynn** Belfield is his PA; his daughter is called **Denise**; he is played by Steve **Coogan**; he has a son called **Fernando**; **Sonia** is his Ukrainian girlfriend in Series 2 of *I'm Alan Partridge*; **Knowing Me, Knowing You** was his TV chat show; **A-ha** is his well-known catchphrase.

Second Verbal Round

41. When using most internet browsers what is the effect of pressing the F5 key?

It refreshes/re-loads the page

42. Which Lake District river flows from the northern end of Bassenthwaite Lake to the sea at Workington?

River Derwent

43. Name **either** of the two countries that took part in the so-called *Football War* of July 1969. The conflict lasted about four days and was sparked by a qualifier for the 1970 FIFA World Cup played between the two nations a month earlier.

El Salvador or Honduras

44. What does the 'W' stand for in the name of the English author W. Somerset Maugham?

William

45. In which US city and state capital does the Charles River reach the sea?

Boston

46. The plant Solanum tuberosum is the source of which food?

Potato

47. By what name was the city of Tokyo known before 1869?

Edo

48. The Reverend Sidney Chambers is the principal character in which ITV drama series, first shown in 2014?

Grantchester

49. Donald Trump's first wife, Ivana, was born in which country? Either its modern-day or former name will suffice.

Czechoslovakia or Czech Republic

50. In May 1955 who became the only British boxer to face Rocky Marciano in a world title fight, losing by technical knockout in the ninth round?

Don Cockell

51. By what two-word name was De Montfort University known until 2001?

Leicester Polytechnic see note 1

52. Which member of the Cabinet is the current MP for Uxbridge and South Ruislip?

Boris Johnson

53. Vienna is the principal setting for which of Shakespeare's plays?

Measure for Measure

54. Home to Heathrow Airport, which is the westernmost of London's thirty-two boroughs?

Hillingdon

55. Who is the only British Prime Minister to appear on the cover of Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band?

Sir Robert Peel

56. Which former Liverpool centre forward is the only footballer to appear on the cover of *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band*?

Albert Stubbins

57. Which London borough, the northernmost of the thirty-two, is home to the districts World's End, Edmonton, Botany Bay and Freezywater?

Enfield

58. The kingdoms of Sicilia and Bohemia feature prominently in which of Shakespeare's plays?

The Winter's Tale

59. Which member of the Shadow Cabinet is the current MP for Hackney North and Stoke Newington?

Diane Abbott

60. Although it began life in Liverpool, which town in north west England is now home to the main campus of Edge Hill University?

Ormskirk

61. In August 1937 who became the only British boxer to face Joe Louis in a world title fight, controversially losing on points after fifteen rounds?

Tommy Farr

62. Give either the former or modern-day name of the country in which US First Lady Melania Trump was born.

Yugoslavia or Slovenia

63. In which ITV drama series does Roger Allam play Detective Inspector Fred Thursday?

Endeavour

64. By what name was the Russian city Nizhny Novgorod known from 1932 to 1990?

Gorky

65. The plant *Oryza sativa* is the source of which food?

Rice

66. Which major US city stands at the confluence of the Delaware and Schuylkill (pronounced 'school kill') rivers?

Philadelphia

67. What does the 'H' stand for in the name of the English author H. Rider Haggard?

Henry

68. On 27 August 1896 which East African Sultanate fought and lost a war with Britain that lasted less than an hour?

Zanzibar

69. Which Lake District river flows through Grasmere village and also connects the lakes of Rydal Water and Grasmere?

River Rothay

70. When using Microsoft applications such as Word and Excel, what is the effect of using the keyboard shortcut 'Ctrl B', i.e. pressing the *Ctrl* and *B* keys simultaneously?

It makes text/figures bold (accept any answer containing 'bold')

Second Written Round

71. What was the nationality of the footballer Antonín Panenka? He gave his name to the penalty-taking technique that involves gently chipping the ball into the middle of the goal in the hope that the goalkeeper will helpfully dive out of the way?

Czech

(he first used the technique in Czechoslovakia's win on penalties v West Germany in the final of the 1976 European Championships)

72. What is the more common name for the class of drugs known properly as HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors?

Statins

73. Nissan took the name of its Qashqai model from a nomadic people in which Asian country?

Iran (also accept 'Persia')

74. The English Classics—Derby, Oaks, St Leger, 1000 Guineas and 2000 Guineas—are for horses of what age?

Three

75. Which nineteenth century British Prime Minister, whose nicknames included *Lord Cupid* and *The Mongoose*, was the last to die in office?

Lord/Viscount Palmerston (also accept his real name: Henry John Temple)

76. In the BBC TV series, for which fictional radio station did private detective Eddie Shoestring work?

Radio West

77. Released in August 1968, which song was the first Beatles single on the Apple label?

Hey Jude

78. Stockport County's Edgeley Park home hosted the 1978 world championships in which sport?

Lacrosse

79. The piece of music *Coro di Zingari* from Act 2 Scene 1 of Verdi's *Il Trovatore* is usually referred to by what name in English?

The Anvil Chorus

80. Which city on New Zealand's South Island was devastated by an earthquake in February 2011?

Christchurch

Spares

- What was significant about the fifth cricket Test between South Africa and England in Durban in March 1939?
 It was the last 'timeless' Test match (also accept 'the longest ever Test match')
 (it was abandoned as a draw after nine days to prevent England missing their boat home)
- 2. Which US state is the principal setting for the critically-acclaimed television series *The Sopranos*?

New Jersey

3. First published in 1968 and printed over 100 million times, *The Truth That Leads to an Eternal Life* is a study textbook for which religion?

Jehovah's Witnesses

4. The city of Murmansk in north-western Russia is located on which refreshing-sounding peninsula?

Kola peninsula

- 5. Which nine-letter word connects *Marmota monax* and the second of February?
 - **Groundhog** (Groundhog Day and the animal after which it is named)
- 6. In which 1982 TV programme does a distraught confessant memorably say to the priest "I'm desperate, Dan"?

Boys from the Blackstuff

Notes

1. Leicester Polytechnic became De Montfort University in 1992, not 2001.

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