

LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 30 MARCH 2017

QUESTIONS BY THE RAILWAY

First Verbal Round

- Which Canadian-born architect designed the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao?
Frank Gehry
- What does a *vexillologist* study?
Flags
- What connects Reed Richards, Ben Grimm, Johnny Storm and Susan Storm-Richards?
They are the alter egos of the Fantastic Four
- From the opening lines name the song: '*Babs and Clean Willie were in love they said, So in love the preacher's face turned red*'.
Haitian Divorce (by Steely Dan)
- Who wrote *Eugénie Grandet*, part of the series of novels entitled *La Comédie Humaine*?
Honoré de Balzac
- Who directed the Steve McQueen film *Bullitt*?
Peter Yates
- Winning gold medals at the Munich and Montreal Olympics, who is nicknamed *The Sparrow from Minsk*?
Olga Korbut
- In which country is the beer known as Staropramen produced?
Czech Republic
- Which city is the capital of the Spanish region of Navarre?
Pamplona
- Which television personality was Mayor of Cincinnati between 1977 and 1978?
Jerry Springer
- Give a year in the life of Louis Braille, inventor of the writing system for the blind.
1809–1852
- Which Dutch author of children's books, his most notable creation being Miffy the rabbit, died in February this year?
Dick Bruna
- Which vegetable is known in the US as *rutabaga*?
Swede (also accept 'turnip')
- Dari and Pashto are the official languages of which country?
Afghanistan
- Which US state capital is home to Brown University?
Providence (Rhode Island)
- Harper Adams University, specializing in agricultural studies, is based in which English county?
Shropshire

17. As generally agreed by historians, what is the language most likely to have been spoken by Jesus?

Aramaic

18. Which plant, commonly used as a flavouring in cookery, has the scientific name *Allium sativum*?

Garlic

19. Which jockey, who won the Grand National in 1973 and 1974, died in January this year?

Brian Fletcher

20. Give a year in the life of French chemist Antoine Lavoisier.

1743–1794

21. Which famous singer was mayor of Palm Springs, California from 1988 to 1992?

Sonny Bono

22. Which city is the capital of the Italian region of Piedmont?

Turin

23. Which sweet Madeira wine is named after the port in Greece that such wines were historically shipped from?

Malmsey

24. In 2007, who became the first British athlete to win the Ironman Triathlon World Championship?

Chrissie Wellington

25. Who directed the Steve McQueen film *Papillon*?

Franklin J. Schaffner

26. Who wrote *L'Assommoir*, part of the series of novels entitled *Les Rougon-Macquart*?

Émile Zola

27. From the opening lines, name the song: "*I'm a little pimp with my hair gassed back, Pair a khaki trousers with my shoes shined black*"

Willie the Pimp (by Frank Zappa)

28. Which superhero's skeleton is reinforced with *adamantium*?

Wolverine

29. What does an *arctophile* collect?

Teddy bears

30. Who designed the Crystal Palace?

Joseph Paxton

First Written Round **THERE IS A THEME**

31. Which New York building was named by the American Institute of Architects in 2007 as 'America's Favorite Structure'?

The Empire State Building

32. Which cocktail is made with vodka, triple sec, cranberry juice and freshly-squeezed or sweetened lime juice?

Cosmopolitan

33. Which musical includes the songs *Put on your Sunday Clothes* and *Before The Parade Passes By*?

Hello, Dolly!

34. In the card game Hearts, what three-word phrase refers to one player taking all the penalty points on a deal (although not necessarily taking all the tricks)?

Shoot the moon [see note 1](#)

35. Christy Mahon is the name of the title character in which play, first performed in 1907?

Playboy of the Western World

36. Which character has been played on film by Desmond Llewelyn, John Cleese and Ben Whishaw?

Q

37. Which 1997 album by Radiohead includes the tracks *Paranoid Android*, *Karma Police* and *No Surprises*?

OK Computer

38. Which two-word Latin phrase means 'at first sight'?

Prima facie

39. What is the full name of the protagonist in the *Twilight* series of novels, played in the films by Kristen Stewart?

Bella Swan [see note 2](#)

40. In the song *Where Do You Go To My Lovely* what is the name of the eponymous lovely woman?

Marie-Claire (*'So look into my face Marie-Claire and remember just who you are'*)

Theme: all answers contain the name of a magazine

(Empire, Cosmopolitan, Hello, Shoot, Playboy, Q, OK, Prima, Bella, Marie Claire)

Second Verbal Round

41. Which radio comedy programme always ended with the 'Angus Prune Tune'?

I'm Sorry I'll Read That Again

42. Name the poet who wrote: *'To see a world in a grain of sand, And a heaven in a wild flower, Hold infinity in the palm of your hand, And eternity in an hour'*.

William Blake (*Auguries of Innocence*)

43. Which recent Oscar-nominated film is based on the life story of Saroo Brierley?

Lion

44. Which UK supermarket has a clothing brand called Nutmeg?

Morrison's

45. What type of snake has a name that is Portuguese for 'a snake'?

Cobra

46. Which singer, who married Red Bull Formula One team principal Christian Horner in 2015, gave birth to a son called Montague in January?

Geri Halliwell

47. Which British naturalist published a paper that essentially summarized Darwin's theory of evolution in 1858, a year before Darwin himself published *On the Origin of Species*?

Alfred Russel Wallace

48. In which 1957 film are none of the characters named, until the very end when two of them exchange surnames (Davis and McCardle)?

12 Angry Men

49. Which rugby club was formed in 2003 by the merger of Bridgend and Pontypridd, but folded in 2004?

Celtic Warriors

50. Who created the fictional clinical psychologist Dr. Tony Hill (played by Robson Green in the ITV series *Wire in the Blood*, 2002-8)?

Val McDermid

51. Sophie Walker is the leader of which political party, which was founded in March 2015?

Women's Equality Party

52. In classical mythology, who is the Greek equivalent of the Roman goddess Diana?

Artemis

53. In the news recently, by what nickname is the self-styled 'professional revolutionary' Ilich Ramírez Sánchez better known?

Carlos the Jackal

54. What three digit number forms part of the name of the Boeing Dreamliner?

787

55. In which UK National Park is the Long Man of Wilmington?

South Downs

56. In which UK National Park is Pendragon Castle?

Yorkshire Dales

57. Which NASA space shuttle flew the project's last mission in 2011?

Atlantis

58. Born in Ohio in 1860, how is Phoebe Ann Mosey better known?

Annie Oakley

59. In classical mythology which Roman god is identified with the Greek god Cronus?

Saturn

60. Michelle O'Neill became leader of which political party in January 2017?

Sinn Féin

61. Which writer is best known for the *Chief Inspector Barnaby* series, dramatised for television as *Midsomer Murders*?

Caroline Graham

62. What is the name of the PRO12 League rugby club that plays its home games in Llanelli?

Scarlets

63. In the 1957 film *12 Angry Men*, who played Juror No. 3 – the last to hold out for a guilty verdict?

Lee J. Cobb

64. Which German physician was known as the founder of modern bacteriology and was awarded the 1905 Nobel Prize in Physiology for his research into tuberculosis?

Robert Koch

65. Who is married to quantum chemist and Berlin university professor Joachim Sauer?

Angela Merkel

66. What is the meaning of the Italian word *graffiato*, from which we get the word graffiti?

Scratched

67. In which country was the restaurant chain Nando's founded in 1987?

South Africa

68. The Oscar awarded this year for Best Documentary Feature was won by a film, nearly eight hours long, about which notorious American?

O. J. Simpson (The film is called *O.J.: Made in America*)

69. Name the poet who wrote: '*I know that I shall meet my fate, Somewhere among the clouds above, Those that I fight I do not hate, Those that I guard I do not love*'.

William Butler Yeats (*An Irish Airman Foresees His Death*)

70. In the radio series *Round the Horne*, who played Julian to Kenneth Williams's Sandy?

Hugh Paddick

Second Written Round

71. Name the four US states that meet at the Four Corners monument.

Utah, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico

72. What word can make five new words if put before *man*, *post*, *nail*, *bell* or *stop*?

Door

73. Sheffield industrialist Harry Brearley is credited with the invention of which specific material in the early 20th century?

Stainless steel (also accept 'rustless steel', but not just 'steel')

74. What is the only shipping forecast area that's named after a person?

Fitzroy

75. To which group of reptiles does the horned toad belong?

Lizard

76. The record for the Vendée Globe round-the-world yacht race was broken this year. How many days did French sailor Armel Le Cléac'h take to complete the circumnavigation?

74 days (accept 72 to 76 days)

77. In 1990, Slovakian Dr. Jozef Vengloš became the first overseas manager (i.e. not from the British Isles) of an English top-flight team. Which club did he join?

Aston Villa

78. In what year did James VI (later James I of England) succeed to the throne of Scotland, after his mother, Mary Queen of Scots, was forced to abdicate?

1567

79. Which multi-billion dollar website was founded in 1995 by the French-born American-Iranian Pierre Omidyar?

eBay

80. In the name of the American TV network, what do the letters HBO stand for?

Home Box Office

Spares

1. First published in 1969, what's the most famous book by the American writer and illustrator Eric Carle?

The Very Hungry Caterpillar

2. Which sports goods manufacturer was founded by Rudolf Dassler, brother of Adidas founder Adolf?

Puma

3. Which institution has had its headquarters at 10 Paternoster Square, London since 2004?

The Stock Exchange

4. Port Moresby is the capital of which country?

Papua New Guinea

5. What name links the characters played by Todd Carty in *Grange Hill* and Peter Capaldi in *The Thick of It*?

Tucker

Notes

1. When a player 'shoots the moon' rather than that player taking all the penalty points they are added to the score of each of the player's opponents.

2. The character's married name—Bella Cullen—is also a valid answer.

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