

KNOCKOUT QUALIFYING MATCHES THURSDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2017

QUESTIONS BY SMART ITALICS

First Verbal Round

1. Who won the Turner Prize in December 2016?

Helen Marten

2. The central bank of America is also known by what name?

The Federal Reserve

3. Who writes *The Grantchester Mysteries* on which the ITV series *Grantchester* is based?

James Runcie

4. Give a year in the life of the English composer Henry Purcell.

1659–1695

5. Who presents the *Round Britain Quiz* on Radio 4?

Tom Sutcliffe

6. Which country would you visit if you wanted to explore the Chitwan National Park?

Nepal

7. Who played Jack Frost's faithful sergeant George Toolan in the TV series *A Touch of Frost*?

John Lyons

8. Name the year:

The Winter Olympics are held in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The 20th James Bond film *Die Another Day* is released.

The Imperial War Museum North opens.

2002

9. Name the first two presenters of *Blue Peter*.

Christopher Trace and Leila Williams

10. *Egyptian Queen*, *Prince Albert* and *Sunrise* are all varieties of what?

Rhubarb

11. Name one of the two countries whose currency is the *manat*.

Turkmenistan or Azerbaijan

12. Manchester Cathedral is dedicated to three saints. Name two of them.

Two of: St Mary, St Denys, St George

13. Whom did the US Senate confirm as Secretary of State on the 1 February 2017?

Rex Tillerson

14. From which Shakespeare play is the quotation '*For this relief much thanks*' taken?

Hamlet

15. Cecily (Cécile) Neville, Duchess of York was the mother of two kings of England. Name one of them.

Edward IV or Richard III

16. Which actress played Grace Turner, the mother of Robbie Turner, in the 2007 film *Atonement*?
Brenda Blethyn
17. *Good Feeling* was the first album for which Scottish band in 1997?
Travis
18. Which musical, currently running in London's West End, is the latest work by Andrew Lloyd-Webber?
School of Rock (The Musical)
19. Which musician, nicknamed *The King of the Timbales*, featured as himself in the two-part *Simpsons* episode *Who Shot Mr Burns??*
Tito Puente
20. What was the character name of the Danish Girl played by Eddie Redmayne in the film *The Danish Girl*?
Lili Elbe
21. Which film won the Best Animated Feature Film category at the 2016 Academy Awards?
Inside Out
22. Which film composer wrote the original score for *Finding Nemo* and *Finding Dory*?
Thomas Newman
23. Which musical instrument of the Renaissance and Baroque eras resembles the modern-day trombone?
Sackbut
24. Which social media platform was created by Kevin Systrom and Mike Krieger in 2010?
Instagram
25. Which instant messaging platform was initially named 'Picaboo' due to it being centred around the use of 'selfies'?
Snapchat
26. What was the name of Aaron Paul's character in *Breaking Bad*?
Jesse Pinkman
27. Who is the only sportsperson to have been a team captain as well as a presenter on BBC's *A Question of Sport*?
Bill Beaumont (he stood in for David Coleman for two shows in 1996)
28. As of 26th January, what is the name of Accrington Stanley's football stadium?
The Crown Ground see note 1
29. Which European lake has on its lakeside the towns of Arona, Verbania and Luino?
Lake Maggiore
30. *Ma Vie*, *In Motion*, *Jour* and *Nuit* are all perfumes by which brand?
Hugo Boss

First Written Round **THERE IS A THEME**

31. The opera *Billy Budd*, written by Benjamin Britten, was based on a novella by which author?
Hermann Melville
32. The boll weevil is a pest which is a threat to which plant?
Cotton

33. Which motor manufacturer introduced the system of conveyor belts on an assembly line in 1913, to reduce the time taken to produce a car and thus increase output?

Ford

34. Comedian Harry Enfield created the characters of two old-school TV presenters. Mr Cholmondeley-Warner was one, what was the name of the other?

Grayson

35. Of what is this a definition? A large, semi-circular hollow in the side of a mountain that was eroded by the action of snow and ice. It is also known as a *cwm* or *cirque*.

Corrie

36. What is the name of the newest of the constituent colleges of the University of Cambridge, founded in 1977?

Robinson College

37. Which English word, possibly derived from the Old French for 'town-dweller', means an official or representative of a municipality?

Burgess

38. Which writer of over one hundred works, who lived from 1884 to 1976, is best remembered for her children's books and has a blue plaque in her honour at the house she occupied in Bowdon? She was awarded an honorary Doctor of Letters degree by Manchester University in 1970.

Alison Uttley

39. Which much-decorated Englishman represented Great Britain and Northern Ireland in sailing at the Berlin Olympics in 1936, and was one of the founders of the World Wildlife Fund in 1961?

Sir Peter Scott

40. This East African gazelle, named after a Scottish explorer, has a distinctive black stripe along its flank. What is its name?

Thomson's Gazelle

Theme is all answers contain the name of an English international Rugby Union player:

(Nigel Melville, Fran Cotton, George Ford, Paul Grayson, Martin Corry, Jason Robinson, Sam Burgess, Roger Uttley, John Scott, Steve Thompson)

Second Verbal Round

41. Which Middlesex cricketer took a hat-trick against Yorkshire in September 2016 to secure the County Championship for Middlesex?

Toby Roland-Jones

42. Much in the news in discussions about use of drugs in sport what do the initials TUE stand for?

Therapeutic Use Exemption

43. Who wrote the current best-selling book *The Essex Serpent*?

Sarah Perry

44. The naval rank of Lieutenant Commander is comparative to which rank in the Army?

Major

45. In the Eurovision Song Contest the UK came second in three consecutive years from 1959 to 1961. If *Sing Little Birdie* and *Looking High, High, High* were the first two, what was the third which came second in 1961?

Are You Sure?

46. In Greek mythology who was turned into a stag when he caught sight of Artemis bathing?

Actaeon

47. In the novel by Jane Austen, Northanger Abbey is the Bath home of which family?

Tilney

48. *Granta* was the Roman name for which English city?

Cambridge see note 2

49. In which English county is the Lutyens-designed Castle Drogo to be found?

Devon

50. Who wrote the music for the ballet *Les Sylphides*?

Frédéric Chopin

51. The original *Cabal*—Clifford, Ashley, Buckingham, Arlington and Lauderdale—were advisors to which British monarch?

Charles II

52. Who was the husband of Queen Anne?

Prince George of Denmark

53. Who wrote the novels *Pamela: or, Virtue Rewarded* and *Clarissa: or, the History of a Young Lady*?

Samuel Richardson

54. What was the name of the defence lawyer in the Scopes Trial of 1925 in Tennessee, commonly known as the *Scopes Monkey Trial*?

Clarence Darrow

55. The third-largest city in Russia by population is the largest city in Siberia. What is its name?

Novosibirsk

56. What became in 2015 Scotland's sixth UNESCO World Heritage site? A representation of it appears on the 2004 issue of the pound coin.

The Forth (Rail) Bridge

57. Sergio Agüero scored his 154th goal for Manchester City in early January to become City's third-highest scorer of all time. Whom did he displace from third spot?

Colin Bell

58. There has been a Minister of Health or a Secretary of State for Health since 1919. Who is the only person to have held this ministerial office before becoming Prime Minister?

Neville Chamberlain

59. On 10 January the Jockey Club announced its intention to sell a racecourse in England to raise money for the sport. This racecourse is mainly associated with National Hunt meetings and is one of the few to have its own railway station. Which racecourse is it?

Kempton Park

60. Which 18th century Astronomer Royal discovered the aberration of light, the nutation of the Earth and has the Greenwich Meridian used by ordnance survey maps named after him?

James Bradley

61. How many cards are there in a pack used for playing the game *Piquet* and the German game *Skat*?

62. Which Soviet-born pianist and conductor shared the first prize in the International Tchaikovsky Competition with John Ogdon in 1962, before moving permanently to the west in 1963?

Vladimir Ashkenazy

63. In the mathematical field of calculus, what is the name of the process that is the reverse of differentiation?

Integration (also accept ‘integral calculus’)

64. Name the subatomic particle which is released continuously in vast numbers by the Sun, about 65 billion per second passing through each square centimetre of the Earth’s facing surface, with nearly all emerging unaffected from the other side of the planet.

Neutrino

65. In December 2016, the names of four new chemical elements were officially recognised. They were given the symbols Nh, Mc, Og, and Ts. Name one of them.

Any one from: **Nihonium, Moscovium, Oganesson and Tennessine**

66. In living cells, which organelle is the site where protein molecules are assembled from amino acids?

Ribosome see note 3

67. Located at the end of the Paleozoic era, which geological time period is named after a Russian city and terminated with the greatest mass extinction of living species in the Earth’s history?

Permian (named after the city of Perm)

68. The Nicobar Islands and most of the Andaman Islands together constitute a territory of which country?

India

69. Name the Roman Stoic philosopher, statesman and writer who was ordered to commit suicide by the emperor Nero in 65 AD for alleged complicity in an assassination plot.

Seneca (the Younger)

70. Who was the artist who created the sculpture of the Queen’s head which appears on current British postage stamps, notably the everyday, so-called ‘definitive’ stamps, which philatelists refer to by his name?

Arnold Machin

Second Written Round

71. Having won the championship match of November 2016, which Norwegian is the reigning world chess champion?

Magnus Carlsen

72. In the world of aviation what do the initials CVR stand for?

Cockpit Voice Recorder

73. Julius and Caesar were the family and clan names of the famous Roman general and statesman, but what was his first or forename, by which he would be known to his close friends and family?

Gaius

74. Which poem begins ‘*The sun was shining in the sky, shining with all its might?*

The Walrus and the Carpenter see note 4

75. Which app is advertised by Arnold Schwarzenegger?

Mobile Strike

76. What is *bathmophobia*?

Fear of stairs (supposedly the reason Donald Trump was holding Theresa May’s hand!)

77. In which film would you hear the words ‘*You can’t handle the truth!*’?
- A Few Good Men**
78. Which species of fish, considered the UK’s rarest freshwater fish which dates back to the ice age, was caught on camera in Derwentwater in the Lake District in January 2017?
- Vendace**
79. What type of bird is a *Melopsittacus undulatus*?
- Budgerigar** (also accept ‘parakeet’ or ‘shell parakeet’)
80. Which anatomist, born in Brussels in 1514, was influential in the study of medicine, due to his accurate illustrations of the dissected human body?
- Andreas Vesalius**

Spares

1. In which language would you be greeted with the greeting *Jambo!*?
- Swahili**
2. *Vexillology* is the study of what?
- Flags**
3. Bettany Hughes, the presenter of documentaries on the ancient world, is the sister of which sports personality?
- Simon Hughes** (former Middlesex cricketer, journalist and analyst)
4. Which renowned museum and art gallery took its name from the magistrates’ offices that it was built to house?
- The Uffizi** (in Florence)
5. What name was given to a gladiator in ancient Rome who fought with a net and trident?
- Retiarius**

Notes

1. As part of a sponsorship deal the ground is currently known as the [Wham Stadium](#).
2. The town that became modern-day Cambridge was known to the Romans as *Duroliponte* or *Durolipons*. *Granta* was a former name of the River Cam and was derived from the Anglo-Saxon name of the town, *Grantebrycge*.
3. Protein synthesis occurs in ribosomes that are bound to the surface of another organelle, the rough endoplasmic reticulum (RER). Therefore it might not be unreasonable also to accept RER as a correct answer.
4. The opening line is: ‘*The sun was shining on the sea...*’

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