

LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2016

QUESTIONS BY SMART ITALICS

First Verbal Round

1. Sometimes preferred to the mean, in statistics what name is given to the middle value of a data set arranged in numerical order?

Median

2. Who designed the Cenotaph in Whitehall?

Edwin Lutyens

3. In Shakespeare's *Othello* what is the name of Iago's wife?

Emilia

4. Who had a hit with *Orange Crush* in 1989?

R.E.M.

5. In which British Cathedral is Edith Cavell buried?

Norwich

6. Name the proposed new geological epoch, currently under academic consideration, which includes the present day and is characterised by detectable global effects of human activity in the geological record.

Anthropocene

7. Which team finished bottom of last year's Cricket County Championship Division 1?

Nottinghamshire [see note 1](#)

8. When reading musical notation, the A above middle C in the treble clef would be which pitch if the note was read in the bass clef?

C

9. Give a year in the life of the composer Antonio Vivaldi.

1678–1741

10. In which constellation is the star Antares?

Scorpio

11. Sometimes called 'the elixir of life' or 'elixir of immortality', what was the name of the hypothetical alchemical substance that was capable of turning base metal into gold?

The philosopher's stone

12. Which organisation was founded in 1935 in Akron, Ohio by Bill Wilson and Dr Robert Smith? In 2001 it had over 2 million members in over 100,000 groups throughout the world. The organisation has adopted the *Serenity Prayer*, which is recited at many of the meetings.

Alcoholics Anonymous

13. In which North London Borough is the Almeida Theatre?

Islington

14. Which country's national flag is called 'the Five Cross Flag' because of the symbols it displays?

Georgia

15. The Ohio River forms the border or part border of five US states before reaching Pennsylvania. Name four of them.

Four from: **Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, West Virginia** see notes 2 and 3

16. In *The Winter's Tale* by Shakespeare who is the wife of King Leontes?

Hermione

17. In which constellation is the star Altair?

Aquila (or The Eagle)

18. Said to have been used against an invading Roman army in Syracuse, which ancient Greek mathematician and scientist was credited with inventing a giant claw that could overturn ships, and a means of focussing the sun to set them alight?

Archimedes

19. Equipped for a wide range of tourist activities, name the Lake District forest situated between Conistone Water and Windermere with Hawkshead at its northern tip.

Grizedale Forest

20. Give a year in the life of the composer Gioachino Rossini.

1792–1868

21. Which organisation with the motto 'Service Before Self' was founded in 1911 in Chicago by lawyer Paul P. Harris? In 2006 there were 1.2 million members worldwide.

The Rotary Club see pedantic note 4

22. The Missouri rises in one state and then flows through four other states before reaching its confluence with the Mississippi in the states of Kansas and Missouri. Name three of the five states.

Three from: **Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana** see notes 2 and 5

23. Who wrote the poem *For the Fallen*, in which the following words appear: 'They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old'?

Laurence Binyon

24. The Orange Tree Theatre is in the only London Borough which is situated on both sides of the Thames. What is it?

Richmond (upon Thames)

25. Whose 2016 album is called *Lemonade*?

Beyoncé

26. Which county finished top of last year's Cricket County Championship Division 2?

Essex see note 1

27. In heraldry, what name is given to a geometrical shape, like an inverted letter 'v', positioned across the centre of a shield?

Chevron

28. What ecological term may be defined as 'the global sum of all ecosystems on the planet'?

Biosphere (don't accept 'ecosphere')

29. When reading musical notation, an E above middle C in the treble clef would be which pitch if the note was read in the bass clef?

G

30. In which Cathedral is Catherine of Aragon buried?

Peterborough

First Written Round **THERE IS A THEME**

31. Which F1 team does Felipe Massa drive for?

Williams

32. What is the name of red engine number 5 in *The Railway Series* of books by Rev. W. Awdry?

James

33. What is the name of the female protagonist in the *Terminator* franchise of films?

Sarah Connor

34. Currently in its fourth incarnation, which computer game creates virtual people and places them in pre-constructed or player-constructed homes and helps direct their moods and satisfy their desires?

The Sims

35. Originally built in the 11th century, which is the longest-occupied royal residence in Europe?

Windsor Castle

36. Which National Park incorporates England's highest waterfall above ground?

Yorkshire Dales (Cautley Spout)

37. Who was the first European to map the Gulf of Saint Lawrence and claimed what is now Canada for France?

Jacques Cartier [see note 6](#)

38. Who was the first person to refuse the Academy Award for Best Actor, having warned the academy months in advance that he would do so on philosophical grounds, citing his belief that every dramatic performance was unique and could not be compared to others?

George C. Scott

39. A former World Outdoor and Indoor, European Outdoor and Indoor and Commonwealth triple jump champion, who was the silver medallist in the triple jump at the 2008 summer Olympics?

Phillips Idowu

40. Nicknamed 'Bosie', who wrote the 1892 poem *Two Loves* that ends with the famous line that refers to homosexuality as '*the love that dare not speak its name*'?

Lord Alfred Douglas

Theme: all answers contain the surname of an actor in the *Carry On* films

(Kenneth Williams, Sid James, Kenneth Connor, Joan Sims, Barbara Windsor, Jim Dale, Hattie Jacques, Terry Scott, Leslie Phillips, Jack Douglas)

Second Verbal Round

41. Which food product was once called *Parwill*?

Vegemite

42. The kookaburra is a member of which family?

Kingfisher [see note 7](#)

43. Which celebrity won the 2016 series of *Big Brother*?

Stephen Bear [see note 8](#)

44. Who wrote the children's book *Gangsta Granny*?

David Walliams

45. Which cocktail is traditionally made with gin, lemon juice and sugar syrup?
Tom Collins see note 9
46. Who was the British Prime Minister at the time of the fall of Yorktown, which brought the American War of Independence to an end?
Lord North (or 2nd Earl of Guildford)
47. The barking owl is native to which country?
Accept any of: **Australia, Papua New Guinea or The Moluccas**
48. Rugby Union player Chris Ashton will be leaving Saracens at the end of this season to play for which overseas club?
Toulon
49. Who wrote the children's poem *Room on the Broom*?
Julia Donaldson
50. English has absorbed many words from other languages. We often use the term *nosh* for food. Nosh originates from which language?
Yiddish (the root of the word is the German verb *naschen*, so also accept 'German')
51. How many points are currently awarded to the winner of a Formula 1 Grand Prix?
25 points
52. In what year was Martins Bank absorbed into Barclays? (allow two years either way)
1969 (accept 1967–1971)
53. In the play *The Cursed Child*, what is the first name of Harry Potter's second son?
Albus
54. Which electronic company was originally called Research In Motion (RIM)?
BlackBerry
55. Who was the British Prime Minister at the time of the Peterloo massacre?
Lord Liverpool (or 2nd Earl of Liverpool)
56. Who won *I'm a Celebrity...Get Me Out of Here!* in 2015?
Vicky Pattison
57. Who composed the opera *The Queen Of Spades*?
Tchaikovsky
58. Which cocktail is traditionally made with coffee liqueur and vodka?
Black Russian see note 10
59. English has absorbed many words from other languages. When we want to look at something we often say we want to take a *shuffy*. Shuffy originates from which language?
Arabic
60. What is the maximum time allowed for a Formula 1 Grand Prix race?
Two hours
61. In what year did Pan Am cease trading? (Allow two years either way)
1991
62. What is the name of the 2016 film prequel to the *Harry Potter* series?
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them

63. Which American author said 'In writing a novel, when in doubt, have two guys come through the door with guns'?

Raymond Chandler

64. Name the year: Mike Tyson bites Evander Holyfield's ear during a bout and is suspended from boxing; the first *Harry Potter* novel is published; Mother Teresa dies.

1997

65. Name the year: Amélie Mauresmo defeats Justine Henin-Hardenne in the Wimbledon women's singles final; Pluto is downgraded from a planet to a dwarf planet; John Profumo dies.

2006

66. Who composed the opera *Gloriana*?

Benjamin Britten

67. Which tennis player took the world number one ranking from Serena Williams in September 2016?

Angelique Kerber

68. 19 October 2016 saw the death of one of two brothers who founded a record label in 1950, which launched the careers of blues legends Muddy Waters and Howlin' Wolf. What was the name of the record label?

Chess Records

69. Japanese woman Junko Tabei died on 20 October 2016, aged 77. For what is she famous?

First woman to climb Everest

70. Which American author said 'There is nothing to writing. All you do is sit down at a typewriter and bleed'?

Ernest Hemingway see note 11

Second Written Round

71. Between 1912 and 1948, medals were awarded for activities inspired by sport which have since been replaced by the Olympic Cultural Programme. In 1924, Jack Butler Yeats, the brother of W. B. Yeats, won silver in which competition?

Painting (for his work *The Liffey Swim*)

72. The oldest known cheese is mentioned in *The Odyssey*. What is it?

Feta

73. The name of which astronomical body comes from the Greek for 'long-haired'?

Comet

74. The name of which Japanese motor vehicle manufacturer means *three water chestnuts*? Alternatively, because the water chestnut leaves have a diamond shape, it can mean *three diamonds*, which is reflected in its logo.

Mitsubishi

75. Where is the border tripoint for Tanzania, Uganda and Kenya located?

In Lake Victoria

76. Sterling is to the Pound as the Renminbi is to what?

The Yuan (the unit of currency of China)

77. Who was the last Pharaoh of Egypt, who ruled jointly from 44 to 30 BC and briefly by himself after his co-ruler's death? Give either his regnal name and number, or the name by which he was better known due to his supposed father.

Ptolemy XV or Caesarion

(he ruled jointly with Cleopatra—his mother—and was supposed to be the son of Julius Caesar)

78. Work began on the construction of the Mount Rushmore National Memorial during the tenure of which US President?

Calvin Coolidge

79. Which commercially unsuccessful model of Ford car, manufactured in the late 1950s and 1960, was named in honour of the son of the company's founder?

Edsel

80. Which country's flag is split horizontally into an upper red half and a lower black half, and features a yellow half-gear crossed with a machete and crowned with a star?

Angola

Spares

1. Apart from the monarch, who will feature on the new £20 note to be launched in 2020?

J. M. W. Turner

2. Which UK electronic music band consists of Tom Rowlands and Ed Simons?

The Chemical Brothers

3. Name one of the two regular presenters of the consumer programme *You and Yours* on Radio 4.

Winifred Robinson or Peter White

4. In the TV sitcom *On the Buses* Reg Varney played Stan the bus driver, but who played his sidekick and bus conductor Jack Harper?

Bob Grant

5. Whiteface and Auguste are characters associated with which art form?

Clowning/Clowns

Notes

1. Nottinghamshire finished bottom of County Championship Division One **this** year, not last year. Worcestershire came last in 2015. Similarly Division 2 was won by Essex in 2016 (and by the mighty Lancashire in 2015).
2. A reminder of the [question-setting guidelines](#):
Teams have thirty seconds to answer, so it's unreasonable to ask for a multiple answer such as the last five Presidents of France. It also makes it comparatively easy for a team's opponents to identify and correct any mistake(s) in the given answer. If you want to ask a multi-answer question, do so as an early question in one of the written rounds, so that teams have a suitable amount of time to formulate an answer.
3. The question has reversed the flow of the Ohio River! It **rises** in Pennsylvania and flows west before joining the Mississippi at Cairo, Illinois.
4. The motto is *Service **Above** Self*.
5. The Missouri rises in Montana and flows through North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa and Kansas. It has its confluence with the Mississippi in Missouri (not Kansas *and* Missouri), just north of St Louis.
6. Teams may answer correctly by giving only the surname, so it's best not to include the 'theme' word in the first name.
7. The kingfisher family's scientific name *Alcedinidae* is also an acceptable answer.

8. Channel 5 usually broadcasts two series of *Celebrity Big Brother* in a calendar year. Stephen Bear won Series 18 in August 2016, but an equally acceptable answer is the winner of Series 17 which finished in February 2016: 'Scotty T', real name Scott Timlin (no, me neither).
9. A number of other cocktails use the same ingredients, including Gin Sour, Fitzgerald and Gin Fizz.
10. It might have been better to specify that they are the **only** ingredients. For example, a *White Russian* is also made from coffee liqueur and vodka, but also contains cream (or milk).
11. Although frequently attributed to him it's fairly likely that Hemingway [didn't say it](#), or if he did, wasn't the first.

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