

KNOCKOUT SEMI-FINALS THURSDAY 20 APRIL 2017

QUESTIONS BY THE TIVIOT

First Verbal Round

- Which daily newspaper is edited by Oliver Duff?
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- The *Prunus spinosa* is a small tree or shrub that has been in blossom in the UK in recent weeks. What is its common name?
Blackthorn (also accept 'sloe')
- The English Heritage properties of Cleeve Abbey and Farleigh Hungerford Castle are in which county?
Somerset
- '*In the spring, a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love*' is a line penned by which poet?
Alfred Lord Tennyson (from the poem *Locksley Hall*)
- Who manages Grey Gables in *The Archers*?
Kathy (Perks)
- Which long-standing, classic British fashion label, which once dressed Audrey Hepburn amongst others, went into administration earlier this month?
Jaeger
- Which Austrian composer wrote music for several motets, including *Locus iste* and *Os justi*?
Anton Bruckner
- Which archaeologist sent a telegram stating (wrongly) that he had '*gazed on the face of Agamemnon*'?
Heinrich Schliemann
- Which UK cathedral is in the post code area, LL57?
Bangor
- Which *Coronation Street* character has recently faced hostile tweets and internet trolling?
Sally (Metcalf)
- In the UK which horse races comprise 'the spring double'?
The Lincoln and The Grand National
- Springtime for Hitler* was a fictional theatrical production from which film?
The Producers
- Springfield Park was the former home ground of which English Football League club?
Wigan Athletic
- '*Spring's in the air, there's music in the everywhere*' are the opening lines of a top 20 UK single in both 1967 and 1984. Name either of the groups who had these hits.
Marvelettes (1967) or **The Flying Pickets** (1984)
(the song is *When You're Young and in Love*) **see note 1**

15. Whose appointment as General Secretary of the Czech Communist Party led to the so called 'Prague Spring' of 1968?
Alexander Dubček
16. Which fashion designer has recently launched a collection for the US-based Target label?
Victoria Beckham
17. What is Crémant de Bourgogne?
Sparkling wine (from Burgundy)
18. Name the RHS gardens in Harrogate.
Harlow Carr
19. Pressure groups in which British city are currently lobbying for a concert hall and a university building to have changes of name?
Bristol (Colston and Wills, both associated with the slave trade)
20. In which French city did ETA surrender its remaining arsenal to the local authorities about two weeks ago?
Bayonne
21. Libby Lane, Bishop of Stockport, was the first woman to be chosen as an Anglican bishop, but which see appointed the first female diocesan bishop?
Gloucester
22. Which supermarket chain has a premier range called Number 1?
Waitrose **see pedantic note 2**
23. As at 13 April 2017 who is the shadow Education Secretary?
Angela Rayner
24. What did the Romans call the city where Richard III is buried?
Ratae **see note 3**
25. Whose law states that the force needed to extend or compress a spring by some distance is proportional to that distance?
Hooke
26. Which mythological creature, according to Homer as printed in *Brewer's*, has a lion's head, a goat's body and the tail of a dragon?
Chimera
27. In an electrical circuit, what does a Wheatstone bridge measure?
Resistance changes
28. The Buffalo Springs National Reserve lies in which country?
Kenya
29. What is the French word for 'springtime'?
Printemps
30. Which artist painted *La Primavera*, also known as *The Allegory of Spring*?
Botticelli

First Written Round

THERE IS A THEME (in one case it is in the pronunciation rather than the spelling of the answer)

31. What is the senior title held by Prince Edward's son?

Viscount Severn

32. What is the name of Elizabeth Arden's original moisturiser and skin protectant?

Eight hour cream

33. Which chorus song opens the Gilbert & Sullivan opera *Patience*?

Twenty Lovesick Maidens We

34. A few weeks ago Jay Rayner wrote a scathing review in *The Observer* about a prestige, very expensive restaurant in an exclusive Paris hotel. Name the restaurant or the hotel.

Le Cinq at the George V hotel

35. In the film *Mary Poppins*, what three words come immediately after 'Feed the Birds.....'?

Tuppence a bag

36. Which horse won this year's Grand National?

One for Arthur

37. What started with the Defenestration of Prague and ended with the Peace of Westphalia?

The Thirty Years War

38. What, precisely, was achieved by ROSLA at the beginning of the 1970's?

Raising of the school leaving age to 16

39. In the nursery rhyme, what did the crooked man find beside a crooked stile?

A crooked sixpence

40. What did Jamie Oliver call the restaurants in which he trained unemployed young people?

Fifteen

Theme is numbers (or words related to numbers)

Second Verbal Round

41. In which year was the J D Wetherspoon pub chain established?

1979

42. In which field of the arts is Tamara Rojo renowned?

Ballet (also accept 'dance')

43. Which team won *University Challenge* this year?

Balliol College, Oxford

44. What is broadcast on Radio 3 at 3.30 on Wednesdays and 3.00 on Sundays?

Choral Evensong

45. Where will the next extension of the Manchester Metrolink terminate?

The Trafford Centre

46. What is the annual ISA investment limit for this financial year?

£20,000

47. Who was the regent of France after the death of Francis II in the sixteenth century?
Catherine de Medici
48. The original Commonwealth Institute building in London has been refurbished and re-opened as what cultural destination?
The Design Museum
49. When sewing, what is the purpose of pinking shears?
To prevent the fabric fraying
50. Which verb tense is used to describe an action expected to occur before a forthcoming point in time, e.g. '*I will have answered this question within 30 seconds*'?
Future perfect (both words required)
51. Which future Prime Minister of his country won the 1957 Nobel Peace Prize for organising a UN expeditionary force which helped to resolve the Suez crisis?
Lester B. Pearson (of Canada)
52. Which river is spanned by the Erskine Bridge?
Clyde
53. '*And that inverted bowl we call the sky, whereunder crawling coop'd we live and die*' are lines from which work?
The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam
54. Which French football club lie third in Ligue 1 as of 11 April 2017 and look almost certain to qualify for the Champions League for the first time?
(OGC) Nice
55. Which professional sport is played by the Toronto Wolfpack?
Rugby League (admitted to UK League 1 for 2017 season)
56. Craignure and Fishnish are ferry ports on which Scottish island?
Mull
57. Formerly a military fortress, then a prison and now an Immigration Removal Centre, where would you find HMP Verne?
Isle of Portland
58. Joanne Roney OBE took up which official position on 1 April 2017?
Chief Executive of Manchester City Council
59. In what part of the human body would you find your navicular bone?
Your foot
60. Who played the character Charley Varrick in the 1973 film of the same name?
Walter Matthau
61. Give a year in the life of G. F. Handel.
1685–1759
62. Acetylene, or ethyne, is the simplest example of which hydrocarbon, with a carbon-carbon triple bond?
Alkyne (don't accept 'alkane' or 'alkene')
63. *Picidae* is the Latin term for which species of birds?
Woodpeckers **see note 4**

64. The Trojans are a group of asteroids which move in the same orbit as which planet?
Jupiter
65. Which album, released in 1980, is included in most lists as the second-biggest seller of all time after Michael Jackson's *Thriller*?
Back in Black (by AC/DC; band not needed)
66. Who won the Oscar for Best Actor in 2016?
Leonardo DiCaprio (for *The Revenant*) **see note 5**
67. Name the year. The Torrey Canyon disaster, the pound was devalued from \$2.80 to \$2.40 and *Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band* was released?
1967
68. Which twentieth century novel ends with the words: 'She walked rapidly in the thin June sunlight towards the worst horror of all'?
Brighton Rock
69. *Imperial Fritillaries in a Copper Vase* is a still life by which Dutch artist?
Vincent Van Gogh
70. Who patented the early steam engine, the 'Fire Engine', in 1698?
Thomas Savery

Second Written Round

71. Who was sitting in for Ken Bruce on his weekday morning Radio 2 show last week?
Fearne Cotton
72. Melania Trump won damages of around £2 million last week from which British newspaper?
Daily Mail
73. Who was the mother of Kaiser Wilhelm II?
Princess Victoria (Vicky) of Great Britain
74. Which 19-year-old Essex batsman batted all through the final day in Lancashire's first county championship match of the season, to deny them a win which had looked likely after three innings?
Dan Lawrence
75. Which Cumbrian village is situated about a half-a-mile from the head of Ullswater on the road to Windermere?
Patterdale
76. Playmobil's most widely-bought figure in Germany last year is linked with a major anniversary in the autumn of this year. Which historical figure does it represent?
Martin Luther
(Autumn 2017 sees the 500th anniversary of Luther's *95 Theses* and the start of the Protestant reformation)
77. What word can mean (in Biology) an organism that transmits a pathogenic virus or bacterium or (in Mathematics) a quantity that possesses both magnitude and direction?
A vector
78. In texting jargon for what do the letters *AFAIK* stand?
As far as I know

79. In November 1929 US Admiral Richard E. Byrd led the first expedition to fly over where?

The North Pole see note 6

80. Jack the Ripper was mostly active in which East End district of London?

Whitechapel

Extra-time written round (if required)

1. In which English county are Silbury Hill and West Kennet Long Barrow?

Wiltshire

2. Who will be the Mary Berry figure in the first series of Channel 4's *Bake-Off*?

Prue Leith

3. Name the current TV series which celebrates the comedy of Victoria Wood.

Our Friend Victoria

4. Mozart's last symphony, No 41 in C Major (K551), was given what name, many years after his death?

Jupiter

5. Give a year in the life of the painter Giotto (Giotto di Bondone).

1266–1337

6. Which British comedian died on today's date in 1992?

Benny Hill

7. The Treaty of Portsmouth in 1905 formally ended which war?

Russo-Japanese war

8. In which county is Market Rasen racecourse?

Lincolnshire

9. What is the provincial capital of Manitoba?

Winnipeg

10. If a planet is described as 'at opposition', what precisely does this mean?

It is directly opposite the sun in our sky

Spares

1. The old Coalport china factory now forms part of which award-winning museum?

The Ironbridge Gorge Trust (accept just 'Ironbridge')

2. Where was the home of the blessed in Greek mythology?

Elysium (or Elysian Fields)

3. At which Olympics did Sir Steve Redgrave win his first gold medal?

Los Angeles or 1984

4. In which year was Mary Queen of Scots executed?

1587

5. What is the first line of the scout promise?

"On my honour I promise that I will do my best"

Tie-breaker

1. According to the 2011 census what was the population of Stockport
136,081

Notes

1. The correct opening line is:
'Spring in the air (filled with love), there's magic everywhere'
2. Admittedly including the correct name would make the question rather easy, but Waitrose's premium range is called 'Waitrose 1' rather than 'Number One'.
3. The full name—*Ratae Corieltauvorum*—is (obviously) also an acceptable answer.
4. 'Piculets', 'Sapsuckers' and 'Wrynecks' are also acceptable answers.
5. DiCaprio actually won the 2015 Academy Award, which he collected at the Oscars ceremony in February 2016.
6. Byrd flew over the **South** Pole in November 1929. His North Pole expedition was in May 1926.

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