

KNOCKOUT SEMI-FINALS THURSDAY 29 MARCH 2018

QUESTIONS BY A COLLABORATION see note 1

First Verbal Round

1. What is the plural of the word *opus*?

Opera

2. Which is the longest word in the English dictionary which does not contain a vowel?

Rhythm see note 2

3. Amber Rudd, the Home Secretary, is the MP for which constituency?

Hastings and Rye (accept just 'Hastings')

4. David Davis, the Secretary of State for Exiting the EU, is the MP for which constituency?

Haltemprice and Howden (accept just 'Haltemprice')

5. Which poem by Kipling contains the line '*The tumult and the shouting dies*'?

Recessional

6. Which poem by T. S. Eliot contains the line '*He's the bafflement of Scotland Yard, the Flying Squad's despair*'?

Macavity

7. In which Irish county is the Magners brewery?

Tipperary

8. In which town is the Stella Artois brewery?

Leuven (also known as Louvain)

9. Which organisation's current advertising slogan is '*Together we thrive*'?

HSBC

10. Which organisation uses the advertising slogan '*Never knowingly undersold*'?

John Lewis

11. What is the capital of Suriname?

Paramaribo

12. What is the capital of Eritrea?

Asmara (also known as Asmera)

13. Which Shakespearean character said '*I am a manned more sinned against than sinning*'?

King Lear

14. Which Shakespearean character said '*How my achievements mock me!*'?

Troilus

15. What is the English translation of the Latin phrase '*arte et marte*'?

'By skill and valour' see note 3

Questions 16 to 21 were missing.

22. What is the English translation of the Latin phrase '*ave atque vale*'?

'Hail and farewell'

23. What is collected by an *iconophile*? **see note 4**

Book illustrations and engravings

24. What is collected by a *tegestologist*?

Beer mats (or coasters)

25. What is the currency of Algeria?

Dinar

26. What is the currency of Brazil?

Real

27. Which river flows north and then west out of Lake Bassenthwaite before reaching the Irish Sea?

River Derwent

28. Which river flows north out of Lake Ullswater before joining the Eden near Penrith?

River Eamont

29. Which European birds can be Ringed, Grey or Golden, among others?

Plovers

30. Which European birds can be Green, Common or Wood, among others?

Sandpipers

First Written Round **THERE IS A THEME (with some duplication in the answers)** **see note 5**

31. Who is the private secretary of the fictional detective Hercule Poirot?

Miss Lemon

32. What was the third top ten hit single for the recording duo Jet Harris and Tony Meehan?

Applejack

33. On which thoroughfare is Lloyds of London situated?

Lime Street

34. What was the only number one hit single in the UK for The Move?

Blackberry Way

35. Which (aptly named) 2000 'slasher' movie, written by Ken Selden and directed by Geoffrey Wright, concerned the actions of a psychopath intent on killing as many virgins as possible?

Cherry Falls

36. This question was missing.

37. Who was the first President of independent Zimbabwe?

Canaan Banana

38. What was the name of *The Third Man* in the film, radio and TV series?

Harry Lime

39. Which British film released in 1967, starring Barry Evans and Judy Geeson, centres around a young man intent on losing his virginity?

Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush

40. In 1922 Clement Attlee became the first Labour MP for which Parliamentary constituency?

Limehouse

Theme is fruit.

Second Verbal Round

41. As of 20 March 2018 which Champions League-winning footballer is manager of Reading FC?
Jaap Stam (was sacked on 21 March!)
42. Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao, aka the ABC islands, are part of which nation?
The Netherlands
43. 74 years old today (29 March 2018), which singer had a number one hit with *Seasons in the Sun*?
Terry Jacks
44. Who appeared as schoolteacher Elaine Perkins in eight episodes of *Coronation Street* in 1973, being unsuccessfully wooed by Ken Barlow?
Joanna Lumley
45. What is the atomic number of antimony, the A-road from Lichfield to Chester and the current age of Eric Cantona?
51
46. Which European port is home to the Sportpaleis, the only indoor arena in Europe with a bigger seating capacity than the Manchester Arena?
Antwerp
47. Which part of the body is affected by macular degeneration?
The eyes
48. Who was the oldest of the twelve Apollo astronauts to walk on the moon?
Alan Shephard
49. Which horse was the most recent winner of the British Triple Crown (i.e. 2000 Guineas, St Leger and Derby)?
Nijinsky (1970)
50. Fish People, a division of EMI records, is the record label of which British singer-songwriter?
Kate Bush
51. As of 15 March 2018, who is Secretary of State for Northern Ireland? He is MP for Old Bexley and Sidcup, Ted Heath's old seat.
James Brokenshire [see note 6](#)
52. The United Arab Republic, which existed between 1958 and 1961, was a political union between which two countries?
Egypt and Syria
53. Which edible product do we get from the tree with the scientific name *Juglans regia*?
Walnuts
54. Which TV show was first broadcast from Mr Smith's in Warrington in September 1988 and finished at Discothèque Royale, Manchester in December 1992?
The Hitman and Her (late night ITV)
55. Who was responsible for the slogan '*Opal fruits, made to make your eyes water*'? He went from advertising to an almost-60-year career in sports broadcasting. He regularly appeared in the Colemanballs column in *Private Eye*.
Murray Walker
56. Which professional cycling team shares its name with a capital city?
Astana

57. Which two New York boroughs are separated by the Harlem river?
The Bronx and Manhattan
58. Cape Comorin is the southernmost mainland point of which country?
India
59. What trophy is contested when England play Australia at Rugby Union?
The Cook Cup
60. Who wrote the poem that contains the lines '*Bliss it was in that dawn to be alive, But to be young was very heaven?*'
William Wordsworth
61. What name is shared by a character in Shakespeare's *Hamlet* and the father of Odysseus in Homer's *Odyssey*?
Laertes
62. In his only appearance in the series, who played Captain Keen in *Carry On Up the Khyber*?
Roy Castle
63. During World War 2 what four-letter acronym was given to the system used by the RAF to keep airfields operational during foggy weather?
FIDO (Fog Investigation and Dispersal Operation)
64. Which small freshwater fish, found throughout Britain, has the scientific name *Gobio gobio*?
Gudgeon
65. What is the largest island in the Mediterranean?
Sicily
66. Who first discovered **and also demonstrated** that the Earth rotates round the sun?
Johannes Kepler
67. Which Radio 2 traffic reporter and broadcaster is giving up Radio 2 today after 18 years?
Lynn Bowles
68. Which Lake District mansion hosts an annual marmalade festival, as well as owning some of the mooring rights on Lake Ullswater?
Dalemain
69. What name do we give to the 18th century war between a coalition led by Russia and the Swedish empire? Its dates roughly coincide with the War of Spanish Succession, although slightly longer.
The Great Northern War
70. Which American has written a series of spy novels set mostly before or during World War 2, including *The Spies of Warsaw*, *Spies of the Balkans* and *The Polish Officer*?
Alan Furst

Second Written Round

71. Name either of the two famous artists who died in 1944.
Wassily Kandinsky or Piet Mondrian [see note 7](#)
72. What does the acronym *ATOL* stand for?
Air Travel Organisers' Licence/Licencing
73. How many pieces does each player have in a game of chess?
Eight (pawns are NOT 'pieces') [see note 8](#)

74. Which team eliminated Stockport County from the 2016-17 Emirates FA Cup?

Woking

75. In which country is the city of Trieste?

Italy (on the border with Slovenia)

76. Which epic poem by Sir Walter Scott tells of the Battle of Flodden Field?

Marmion

77. To one year either way, when were starting stalls first used in horse racing in the UK?

1967 (at Newmarket) **see note 9**

78. Name any three of the four horse racing courses in the UK which do not include any of the letters *r, a, c, e* in their names.

Any three from: **Ludlow, Plumpton, Huntingdon** and **Goodwood**

79. Which town in Derbyshire is known as the *Capital of the Peak*?

Chapel-en-le-Frith (note: not Buxton, which is known as *Capital of the **High** Peak*)

80. Which politician is famous for saying "*I married beneath me, all women do*".

Lady Nancy Astor

Additional Written Round (to be used in the event of a tie)

1. Which department store on Brompton Road, Knightsbridge is owned by the state of Qatar?

Harrods

2. Designed by Gustav Vigeland, which medal has the inscription *Pro Pace et Fraternitate*?

Nobel Peace Prize **see note 10**

3. The sum of all the numbers on a roulette wheel come to which whole number?

666

4. *My Adidas* is the first single from which US rap trio's 1986 album *Raising Hell*?

Run-DMC

5. Albert Trott is believed to be the only batsman to do what at Lord's cricket ground?

Hit a ball over the top of the pavilion (MCC v Australia 1899)

6. Which device derives its name from the Greek for 'distant voice'?

Telephone

7. In which Commonwealth country is the treatment of its indigenous population remembered on National Sorry Day?

Australia

8. Hanuman is a devotee of Lord Rama, the seventh avatar of which Hindu god?

Vishnu

9. The Duke of Mantua, Count Ceprano and Sparafucile are characters in which Verdi opera?

Rigoletto

10. The Old Fruitmarket is a concert venue in which British City?

Glasgow

Spares

1. Which British band's albums include *Whiplash*, *Millionaires* and *Girl at the End of the World*?

James

2. Give a year in the life of the renaissance artist Titian.

1488–1576

3. What is the name of the bridge that carries the A985 over the River Forth?

Kincardine Bridge

Nearest-the-Bull tie-breaker

1. During his 11-year test cricket career, how many wickets did Andrew Flintoff take?

226

Notes

1. Where to start? The semi-finals used mostly questions kindly provided by an external setter, with the balance made up of contributions from within the league. Unfortunately the questions were put together in something of a rush, without a proper quality check before they were used. This approach caused several problems and generated more 'customer feedback' than the rest of this (or any other) season's quizzes put together!

Not the 'fault' of the setter— who wasn't to know the questions would be used for knockout matches—but the questions in the first round were paired, and in a fairly obvious way; teams soon 'cottoned on' and were able to predict the subject matter of a particular question number.

Several questions were missing in Round 1, which should have been spotted during collation of the questions.

In the first written round another question was missing and three of the questions used the same theme-linked word ('lime').

There were also several other errors and omissions throughout the quiz, see other notes for details.

In summary, the quiz was a bit of a shambles and not of the quality that should be expected for the knockout semi-finals. A particular apology is offered to the QMs, who had to contend with questions spread across multiple pieces of paper and also the missing questions. It was possible to 'cobble together' a full quiz by using the tie-breakers and spares to replace the missing questions. Fortunately none of the matches ended in a draw!

Rest assured lessons have been learned – future knockout question-setting will be kept 'in house'.

2. 'Rhythms' is, rather obviously, a longer word.
3. The phrase also translates as 'by skill and **fighting**'.
4. Not surprisingly 'icons' is also an acceptable answer, as are 'images', 'pictures' etc.
5. In theme rounds duplication (or triplication) of answers should be avoided.
6. Brokenshire is MP for Old Bexley and Sidcup, but was replaced as Northern Ireland Secretary by Karen Bradley in January 2018.
7. A [number of other artists](#) died in 1944. How 'famous' many of them are is open to debate, but 'Edvard Munch' is undoubtedly a correct alternative answer.
8. The given answer relies on rather dubious semantics. Rule 2.2 of the FIDE Rules of Chess states: '*At the beginning of the game one player has 16 light-coloured pieces (the 'white' pieces); the other has 16 dark-coloured pieces (the 'black' pieces)*'.
9. The first UK use of starting stalls was for the Chesterfield Stakes at Newmarket on 8 July **1965**, so '1964', '1965' and '1966' are correct answers.
10. The full inscription is *Pro pace et fraternitate gentium* ('For the peace and brotherhood of men')

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