

LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 26 OCTOBER 2017

QUESTIONS BY THE FINGERPOST [see note 1](#)

First Verbal Round

- Which singer/songwriter wrote the song *Mighty Quinn* that was a No.1 UK singles hit for Manfred Mann in 1968?
Bob Dylan
- Who was the husband of the 'Nine-Day Queen', Lady Jane Grey? (forename & surname required) [see note 2](#)
Guildford Dudley
- As of 2016, which British scientist is the youngest ever recipient of a Nobel Prize for Physics?
Lawrence Bragg (aged 25 in 1915)
- In the context of work and pensions, under auto-enrolment what is the minimum amount (in %) an employer must pay on qualified earnings?
1% [see note 3](#)
- Which racecourse hosts the Scottish Grand National?
Ayr
- On the menu of a French restaurant, what does it mean if a dish is described as *à la Florentine*?
The dish is cooked or served with spinach
- In a medical context, a lipid profile test is used for measuring what?
Cholesterol levels (accept triglycerides) [see note 4](#)
- Which car manufacturer produces a model called *Cactus*?
Citroën
- Which TV detective drives a vehicle with the registration number P392 SUM
DCI Vera Stanhope
- Name the space shuttle that broke apart on re-entry on 1 February 2003, killing all seven crew members.
Columbia
- Which literary work opens with the words '*Call me Ishmael*'?
Moby Dick
- What is the name for the residence of an otter?
Holt [see note 5](#)
- Give a year in the life of architect and interior designer Robert Adam.
1728–1792
- As at 12 October 2017, who is the President of the Regional Government of Catalonia?
Carles Puigdemont
- In 1960 West Indian fast bowler Wes Hall signed a contract to play for which Lancashire League cricket team?
Accrington
- What is widely believed to have been the profession of St. Luke the Evangelist?
Physician

17. In mathematics, what do the initials LCM stand for?
Lowest Common Multiple see note 6
18. As at 12 October 2017 what is the cost of a British first class postage stamp?
65p
19. To which Manchester radio station would you be listening if your set was tuned to 90.1 FM?
Legacy FM
20. Which city would you be in if you were at the home of the Spanish Riding School?
Vienna
21. In which Charles Dickens novel does the character Wackford Squeers appear?
Nicholas Nickleby
22. The work known as *The Rokeby Venus* that hangs in The National Gallery in London is a painting by which artist?
Diego Velázquez
23. Which international humanitarian organisation was founded in 1971, originally as a response to the crisis in Biafra?
Médecins Sans Frontières
24. In a medical context, for what do the initials of the acronym 'RICE' stand?
Rest, Ice, Compression, Elevation (advised treatment for a sprain)
25. Whose principle states that at constant temperature and pressure, gases combine in volumes that bear a simple whole number ratio to each other and to the volumes of any gaseous products formed?
Joseph Gay-Lussac
26. As at 12 October 2017 who is Mother of the House, i.e. the longest-serving female member of the British House of Commons?
Harriet Harman
27. Frito-Lay, manufacturers of Walkers Crisps, is a division of which larger conglomerate?
PepsiCo
28. What instruction is represented by the laundry symbol consisting of a cross on top of a triangle?
Do not bleach
29. In the children's television series *Fireman Sam*, what is the name of Bronwyn's cat?
Lion
30. In the 1960s Bill Smith, Roy Williamson and Ronnie Browne performed together under what name?
The Corrie Folk Trio (do not accept 'The Corries')

First Written Round **THERE IS A THEME**

What's in a name? Identify:

31. Honoré Gabriel Riqueti.
Mirabeau (French politician) see note 7
32. Luis Miguel González Lucas.
Dominguín (Spanish matador)
33. Ricardo Izecson dos Santos Leite.
Kaká (Brazilian footballer)

34. François-Marie Arouet.
Voltaire (French writer and philosopher)
35. Nikolai Petrovich Polyakov.
Coco (Russian clown)
36. Florian Cloud de Bouneville Armstrong.
Dido (British singer)
37. Jacopo Comin.
Tintoretto (Italian artist)
38. Marshall Bruce Mathers III.
Eminem (American rapper)
39. Gaius Julius Cæsar Augustus Germanicus.
Caligula (Roman emperor)
40. Gordon Matthew Thomas Sumner.
Sting (British musician)

The theme is birth names of people better known by a single-word sobriquet

Second Verbal Round

41. In the 1960s Leon Rosselson, Robin Hall, Jimmy MacGregor and Shirley Bland performed together under what name?
The Galliards
42. Which TV detective drives a vehicle with the registration number BGO 422B?
Inspector George Gently
43. What instruction is represented by the laundry symbol consisting of a cross on top of a circle?
Do not dry clean **see note 8**
44. In a medical context, what specifically can be diagnosed with the aid of a PSA test?
Prostate cancer (do not accept prostrate) **see note 9**
45. Who became the husband of Henry VIII's widow Catherine Parr? (forename & surname required)
Thomas Seymour **see note 2**
46. To which Birmingham radio station would you be listening if your set was tuned to 92.8 FM?
Unity FM **see note 10**
47. As at 12 October 2017, who is the oldest sitting member of the British House of Commons?
Dennis Skinner
48. Which international ecological organisation, founded in 1971, grew out of earlier attempts to oppose the USA's nuclear testing programme?
Greenpeace
49. Name the space shuttle that broke apart 73 seconds into its flight on 28 January 1986, killing all seven crew members.
Challenger
50. In which Charles Dickens novel does the character Abel Magwitch appear?
Great Expectations

51. In the context of work and pensions, for what does the acronym NEST stand?
National Employment Savings Trust
52. In the children's television series *Fireman Sam*, what is the name of the fire station dog?
Radar
53. As at 12 October 2017 what is the cost of a British second class postage stamp?
56p
54. In mathematics what do the initials HCF stand for?
Highest Common Factor
55. What is widely believed to have been the occupation of St. Matthew the Apostle?
Tax collector
56. In 1964 West Indian fast bowler Charlie Griffith signed a contract to play for which Lancashire League cricket team?
Burnley
57. In a medical context, for what do the initials of the acronym 'FAST' stand?
Face, Arms, Speech, Time (the advised checks for and response to a stroke)
58. Give a year in the life of sculptor and wood carver Grinling Gibbons.
1648–1721
59. Which city would you be in if you were overlooking the Spanish Steps?
Rome **see note 11**
60. Ben & Jerry's, manufacturers of Ben & Jerry's ice cream, is a subsidiary of which larger conglomerate?
Unilever
61. On the menu of a French restaurant, what does it mean if a dish is described as *à la Portugaise*?
The dish is cooked or served with tomatoes
62. Which literary work opens with the words '*I was born in the year 1632 in the city of York...*'?
Robinson Crusoe
63. Which car manufacturer produces a model called *Koleos*?
Renault
64. Whose hypothesis states that at constant temperature and pressure, equal volumes of gases contain an equal number of molecules?
Amedeo Avagadro
65. The work entitled *The Birth of Venus* that hangs in the Uffizi Gallery in Florence is a painting by which artist?
Sandro Botticelli
66. Which racecourse hosts the Welsh Grand National?
Chepstow
67. What is the name for the residence of a badger?
Sett
68. As of 2016, which British writer is the youngest ever recipient of a Nobel Prize for Literature?
Rudyard Kipling (aged 42 in 1907)
69. As at 12 October 2017, who is the President of the Government (i.e. Prime Minister) of Spain?
Mariano Rajoy

70. Which singer/songwriter wrote the song *The Boat That I Row* that was a No.6 UK singles hit for Lulu in 1967?
Neil Diamond

Second Written Round

71. Which is the oldest surviving public library in the English-speaking world?
Chetham's, Manchester (opened 1653)
72. With a score of 62, who shot the lowest round ever recorded in any of golf's four majors at this year's Open Championship?
Branden Grace
73. Who was the last universally-acknowledged Emperor of China?
Henry Puyi (also accept 'Xuantong')
74. Kenneth Williams and which other actor played the outrageously camp Julian and Sandy in the popular 1960s radio series *Round the Horne*?
Hugh Paddick
75. Which former Ipswich Town and England footballer shares a name with a series of NASA probes to Mercury, Venus and Mars?
Paul Mariner
76. During the first half of the 20th century, the now somewhat discredited Bernard Spilsbury was a leading light in which field?
Forensic pathology
77. How many pieces are on the board at the start of a game of draughts?
24
78. For what do the letters EDF stand in title of a UK power supplier?
Électricité de France
79. Of which futuristic craft was Bertrand Piccard a pilot?
Solar Impulse (first successful round-the-world solar-powered flight)
80. Residents of which town are referred to as Maxonians?
Macclesfield

Spares

1. Which state of the USA is known as the Pine Tree State?
Maine
2. Grignard reagents are organic derivatives of which metal?
Magnesium
3. The ruins of the ancient city of Hierapolis are adjacent to which other Turkish tourist attraction?
Pamukkale
4. Which major battle is generally considered to be the last at which the British Army fought in full dress?
Alma (though at Inkerman some units did; others did not – accept either)

5. In snooker's world championship finals at the Crucible, 2008 is the only year there has been two 147 maximum breaks. Ronnie O'Sullivan was the scorer of one. Who scored the other?

Ali Carter

6. As at 12 October 2017, who is the US Secretary of the Treasury?

Steven Mnuchin

7. *Aphrodite of Knidos* is a work by which classical sculptor?

Praxiteles

8. By what adopted name was the person born Lev Davidovich Bronstein better known?

Leon Trotsky

Notes

1. All question setters are reminded that the second half of pairs should not be predictable/obvious (e.g. price of stamps, Grand Nationals, Space Shuttle disasters).
2. Although the setters are perfectly within their rights to do so, it seems a bit odd to insist on both names when usually the surname only is considered to be sufficient.
3. If you are reading these questions after 6 April 2018 this figure will have risen to 2%.
4. A lipid profile test measures a range of lipids (fats) that includes, but is not limited to, cholesterol.
5. 'Couch' is an equally acceptable, if less well-known, answer.
6. In the same context the 'L' may stand for 'Least' as well as 'Lowest'.
7. He was usually known as **Comte de** Mirabeau, i.e. not a single-word soubriquet.
8. A cross on top of an **empty** circle means 'do not dry clean'. A cross on top of a **filled** circle means 'do not wet clean'.
9. The PSA test can be used to diagnose prostate conditions other than cancer, so it may be better to accept any answer related to the prostate.
Also, whilst acknowledging it's an incorrect use of the word, it seems a bit harsh not to allow 'prostrate', which is only one letter away from the correct answer. Would the commonly mis-used Cliff Richards, rather than the correct Cliff Richard, be regarded as incorrect?
10. Presumably this question contains a typo and should say 'Manchester' rather than 'Birmingham'. The frequency of Manchester's Unity Radio is 92.8 FM, whereas Unity FM in Birmingham broadcasts on 93.5 FM. Also it would be a bit weird to ask questions in the Stockport Quiz League about local radio in Birmingham.
11. Perhaps surprisingly [Washington D.C.](#) is also a correct answer.

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