

LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER 2017

QUESTIONS BY THE RAILWAY

First Verbal Round

1. Many species of birds, including all songbirds, are described as 'passerine'. What is the meaning of passerine?
Prone to perching (also accept the arrangement of their toes, which facilitates perching)
2. The Amish communities of Pennsylvania have their origin in which religious movement, which originated in the 16th century Radical Reformation in Europe and whose descendants also include the Hutterites and the Mennonites?
Anabaptists (or **Anabaptism**)
3. Which cocktail is made with white rum, mint, lime juice, sugar and soda water?
Mojito
4. Which musical instrument's name is derived from the Greek meaning 'wood sound'?
Xylophone
5. Which Greek god wielded the staff with a snake wrapped around it which has become a symbol of medicine and healing?
Asclepius
6. The shooting of police officer J. D. Tippit led to the arrest of which notorious gunman?
Lee Harvey Oswald
7. Which knighted British director made the iconic 1973 TV ads for Hovis?
Ridley Scott
8. The term *eustatic* relates to which natural phenomenon?
(A change in) **Sea level**
9. Who wrote the Booker Prize-winning novel *Hotel du Lac*?
Anita Brookner
10. Which record label, founded in London in 1979 by Jake Riviera, was home to acts such as Elvis Costello, Ian Dury, Dr. Feelgood and The Damned?
Stiff **see note 1**
11. In the context of industrial relations, what does the acronym ACAS stand for?
Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service
12. Salomón Rondón last month became the first footballer from which country to score a goal at Wembley Stadium?
Venezuela
13. Which discount retailer was founded near Blackpool in 1978 by Malcolm Billington?
B&M
14. Which monarch created the first three English dukedoms (Lancaster, Clarence and Cornwall) for his eldest sons?
Edward III
15. Who was married to the actor and producer Trevor Engelson from 2011 to 2013?
Meghan Markle

16. In which English city did Prince Harry and Meghan Markle carry out their first official engagement together, on 1 December 2017?

Nottingham

17. Which title in the English peerage has been created four times, the first being in 1726 for Prince Frederick Lewis, grandson of King George I, whose son inherited this title and later became King George III?

Duke of Edinburgh

18. Which specialist retailer founded in 1903 has traded from 113-119 Charing Cross Road, London since 1906?

Foyles (bookshop)

19. In which city will England play their opening fixture in the 2018 FIFA World Cup tournament against Tunisia?

Volgograd

20. What does the abbreviation DVD stand for?

Digital Versatile Disc

21. Which record label specialising in ska and reggae was founded in Coventry in 1979, by Jerry Dammers of The Specials?

2 Tone

22. Who wrote the Booker Prize-winning novel *Moon Tiger*?

Penelope Lively

23. What does the term *orogenesis* mean in the context of the natural world?

Formation of mountains

24. Which children's TV series first aired in France under the title *Le Manège Enchanté*?

The Magic Roundabout

25. The assassination in 680 AD of Husayn ibn Ali led to the establishment of which major branch of Islam?

Shia [see note 2](#)

26. Who was the pioneering physician to the second century Roman Emperor Marcus Aurelius, who has as a namesake - a leading simian character in *The Planet of the Apes*?

Galen

27. Which ensemble of Indonesian instruments comprising mainly of mallet-driven percussion, also features, strings, flutes and vocals?

Gamelan

28. Which drink, made from dry white wine and blackcurrant cordial, is named after the 20th century Mayor of Dijon who is said to have invented it?

Kir [see pedantic note 3](#)

29. A *stupa* is a type of shrine in which religion?

Buddhism

30. The bird genus *Turdus* refers to which bird?

The (true) Thrush

First Written Round **THERE IS A THEME**

31. The incurable neuromuscular disorder amyotrophic lateral sclerosis is often referred to by the name of which baseball player, who famously suffered from it?

Lou Gehrig

32. Which South African politician served as the country's last Prime Minister from 1978 to 1984 and its first executive State President from 1984 to 1989?
P. W. Botha
33. Who was the goalkeeper in England's quarter-final defeat in the 1970 FIFA World Cup, having been a member of the squad in 1966 without playing a game?
Peter Bonetti
34. Marion Cotillard won the Academy Award for Best Actress in a Leading Role for her portrayal of which real person?
Édith Piaf
35. Who served as Chief of State in Vichy France, being convicted for treason after World War II?
Marshal Philippe Pétain
36. Which boxer, who died in September, won his first world middleweight title in 1949?
Jake LaMotta
37. Whom did Henry VIII marry on 6 January 1540?
Anne of Cleves
38. Milwaukee is the largest city in which American state?
Wisconsin
39. Which golfer holds the record of eighteen major championships on the PGA tour?
Jack Nicklaus
40. Who commanded the German forces against the Allies' D Day attacks?
Erwin Rommel

Theme: animal-related nicknames:

Gehrig - Iron Horse; Botha - Big Crocodile; Bonetti - The Cat; Piaf - Little Sparrow; Pétain - Lion of Verdun; LaMotta - Raging Bull; Anne of Cleves - Flanders Mare; Wisconsin - Badger State; Nicklaus - Golden Bear; Rommel - Desert Fox.

Second Verbal Round

41. What percussion instrument leads in Tchaikovsky's *Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy*?
The celeste (or celesta)
42. Which animal has species known as *Bornean* and *Sumatran* as well as the recently-discovered *Tapanuli*?
Orangutan
43. Jenny Cavalleri and Oliver Barrett IV were the leading characters in which 1970 film?
Love Story
44. At one time all the world land masses were joined to form a super continent. What was the name of the most recent super continent which existed during the late Palaeozoic and early Mesozoic eras?
Pangaea
45. Who wrote the 'campus novels' *Small World* and *Changing Places*?
David Lodge
46. In digital photography, for what do the initials PNG stand?
Portable Network Graphics
47. Who has been President of Ireland since 2011?
Michael D. Higgins

48. Which manufacturing company was established in Nottingham in 1885 by Richard Woodhead and Paul Angois?
Raleigh Bicycles
49. The US band Death Cab for Cutie took their name from a song by which British group?
The **Bonzo Dog (Doo-dah) Band**
50. Which sitcom recently aired on BBC2 stars Anna Maxwell Martin as Julia and Diane Morgan as Liz?
Motherland
51. *Filibeg* is an alternative name for what item of clothing?
Kilt
52. In classical mythology, who was the vain and arrogant wife of the Ethiopian king Cepheus and the mother of Andromeda?
Cassiopeia
53. Rising in Cantabria and flowing into the Mediterranean, what's the second-longest river on the Iberian peninsula and the longest entirely in Spain?
The Ebro
54. Who said, in a speech to the Nebraska Republican Conference in 1936, 'Blessed are the young, for they shall inherit the national debt'?
Herbert Hoover
55. What proper name is shared by two very different places that are respectively nicknamed *The Great White Way* and *The Jewel of the Cotswolds*?
Broadway
56. Which building located in New York's Rockefeller Center is a classic example of the Art Deco style and is nicknamed *Showplace of the Nation*?
Radio City Music Hall
57. Who said, in a speech in 1983, 'I warn you not to be ordinary, I warn you not to be young, I warn you not to fall ill, I warn you not to grow old'?
Neil **Kinnock**
58. Which Siberian river is the world's seventh longest and also has the longest estuary and one of the shortest names?
The Ob
59. Which unusual mammal native to Australia and New Guinea is named after a monster from Greek mythology that was half woman and half snake, lived alone in a cave and was the mate of the fearsome monster Typhon?
Echidna
60. What word can mean physical strength or a jellied loaf made from a pig's head?
Brawn
61. Which sitcom recently aired on BBC4 stars Mackenzie Crook as Andy and Toby Jones as Lance?
Detectorists
62. In which song by the Bonzo Dog Doo-Dah Band was Princess Anne on sousaphone, Eric Clapton on ukulele and Billy Butlin on spoons?
The Intro and the Outro
63. Which British manufacturer recalled nearly 150,000 of its bicycles in September this year over concerns about faulty axles?
Brompton

64. In the Republic of Ireland to what position has Simon Coveney recently been appointed?
Deputy Prime Minister (accept Tánaiste)
65. In digital photography for what do the initials TIF stand?
Tagged Image File
66. Who wrote the 'campus novels' *The History Man* and *Eating People is Wrong*?
Malcolm Bradbury
67. What is the name of the boundary inside the Earth between the mantle and crust?
Mohorovičić discontinuity (also accept 'MOHO')
68. How were Lucky Day, Dusty Bottoms and Ned Nederlander collectively known in the title of a 1986 film?
Three Amigos
69. Albacore, bigeye and bluefin are species of which type of fish?
Tuna
70. Which electronic musical instrument, manufactured by Hohner from 1964 until the early 1980s and featured in many tracks by artists such as Stevie Wonder, has a name that varies by just one letter from a traditional woodwind instrument?
The clavinet

Second Written Round

71. As Vulcan mounted Olympus and Hercules came to Stirling, what circled over Manchester?
The Vulture
(all refer to aero engines powering British heavy bombers: the Bristol Siddeley Olympus powered the Avro Vulcan; the Bristol Hercules powered the Short Stirling; the Rolls-Royce Vulture powered the Avro Manchester)
72. In the novel trilogy *Gormenghast* by Mervyn Peake what is the name of the final book?
Titus Alone
73. Why did the Holbeck Hall Hotel in Scarborough make the news in 1993?
It fell into the sea (or at least part of it did, and the rest was demolished)
74. Today is the 70th birthday of which former President of Brazil, who was removed from office after being found guilty of breaking budget laws?
Dilma Rousseff
75. In the card games bridge or whist, what is a chicane?
A hand with no trumps
76. How are (or were) Camp Delta, Camp Echo, Camp Iguana and Camp X-Ray collectively known?
Guantánamo Bay (detention camps)
77. Which crime author created the detective Aurelio Zen?
Michael Dibdin
78. What was Jim Hines the first person to do, Carl Lewis the first to do at low altitude and Linford Christie the first European to do?
Run 100 metres in under 10 seconds
79. What was invented by a Swiss electrical engineer named George de Mestral after a walk in the woods with his dog in 1941?
Velcro

80. In what year did the UK's General Post Office first issue Christmas stamps?

1966

Spares

1. Which natural phenomena are measured by the Saffir-Simpson Scale?

Hurricanes (or tropical cyclones)

2. Schubert's ninth symphony is named *The Great...* what (after the key it's written in)?

C Major

3. What name is given to a fig tree that grows on another plant and is the national tree of India?

Banyan

4. Three objects in the solar system were classified as dwarf planets in 2006. One of them was Pluto, name one of the other two.

Eris or Ceres

Notes

1. More accurately, Stiff Records was co-founded by Dave Robinson and Jake Riviera in 1976.

2. There are only two major branches of Islam, so a team getting this wrong would be pretty much 'gifting' their opponents a bonus point.

3. A 'proper' Kir is made using blackcurrant liqueur (crème de cassis) rather than cordial.

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