

LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 15 MARCH 2018

QUESTIONS BY THE RAILWAY

First Verbal Round

1. Which author, who died last year, was posthumously awarded this year's *Costa Book of the Year* for the poetry collection *Inside the Wave*?

Helen Dunmore

2. Give a year in the War of the Spanish Succession.

1701-1714

3. Who is the third-highest run scorer in Test cricket, behind Tendulkar and Ponting?

Jacques Kallis

4. Which US state is bordered by Iowa to the north, Kansas to the west, Illinois to the east and Arkansas to the south?

Missouri

5. Which superhero is the *alter ego* of the scientific genius Reed Richards?

Mister Fantastic

6. What name is shared by the son of the singer-songwriter Adele and a 1977 number one hit for Brotherhood of Man?

Angelo

7. Peter Gabriel has released three solo albums with two-letter titles. One is *So*; name either of the other two.

Us* or *Up

8. What unfortunate 'first' was suffered by William Huskisson MP in 1830?

First person to be run over by a train

9. What phrase was famously used by Mao Tse-tung in 1964 to describe the atomic bomb and all reactionaries?

Paper tigers

10. Which heritage railway line runs along the border between East and West Sussex, from Sheffield Park to Kingscote?

The Bluebell Line

11. Which chemical compound, commonly used as a fuel, has the formula C_2H_2 ?

Acetylene see note 1

12. What nationality is Caroline Wozniacki, the current Australian Open Women's Singles champion?

Danish

13. Which singer and pianist was born Clive Powell in Leigh, Lancashire in 1943?

Georgie Fame

14. A popular subject in art, who (according to the *Bible*) beheaded the Assyrian general Holofernes?

Judith

15. Which journalist and broadcaster had spells as editor of both *The Economist* and the *Daily Express* and was described by Robin Day as 'the booster rocket that put ITN into orbit'?

Alastair Burnet

16. Which former editor of the *Independent* and BBC political editor, presented the TV series *A History of Modern Britain* and *The Making of Modern Britain*?

Andrew Marr

17. According to the *Old Testament* in what guise did God appear to Moses, telling him to go back and lead the Israelites out of Egypt?

A burning bush

18. Which band was formed by the singer who was born Jason Cheetham in Stretford in 1969?

Jamiroquai

19. Who partnered Jamie Murray to the Mixed Doubles title at Wimbledon in 2017?

Martina Hingis

20. By what name is a suspension of magnesium hydroxide in water commonly known?

Milk of magnesia

21. Name either terminus of the Severn Valley Railway.

Bridgnorth or Kidderminster

22. What term was coined by the American writer O. Henry in 1901 to describe a small country with a heavily restricted economy?

Banana republic

23. Who built the first cotton-spinning factory at Cromford, Derbyshire, in 1771?

Richard Arkwright

24. What is the name of the first Genesis album released after Peter Gabriel left the band and Phil Collins took over vocal duties?

A Trick of the Tail

25. Whose fourth and last wife Barbara had previously been married to Zeppo Marx, from 1959 to 1973?

Frank Sinatra

26. The *Marvel* character Natalia Romanova, played in the films by Scarlett Johansson, is better known by which name?

Black Widow

27. Which US state is bordered by Wyoming to the north, Utah to the east, Kansas to the west, and New Mexico to the south?

Colorado [see note 2](#)

28. Who is the third-highest wicket taker in Test cricket, behind Muralitharan and Warne?

Anil Kumble

29. In what year was the Battle of Bannockburn?

1314

30. Which author, who died last year, was best known for the 1974 novel *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance*?

Robert Pirsig

First Written Round **THERE IS A THEME (including one sound-alike)**

31. Give the full title of the cabinet post currently (as at 8 March 2018) held by Greg Clark.

Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

32. According to the song, what did my true love first send me on the tenth day of Christmas?

Ten lords-a-leaping

33. What device has types called Touch, Oasis and Voyage?

Kindle

34. What is the capital of Montenegro?

Podgorica

35. Which 1954 film, directed by Alfred Hitchcock, starred Ray Milland as tennis player Tony Wendice and Grace Kelly as his wife Margot?

Dial M for Murder

36. Which Canadian band released the albums *The Ghosts That Haunt Me* and *God Shuffled His Feet*, and had a UK number two single in 1993 with *Mmm Mmm Mmm Mmm*?

Crash Test Dummies

37. Who was the UK Home Secretary between 1985 and 1989?

Douglas Hurd

38. Which organisation was formed 50 years ago by military historian Peter Young? It takes its name from a secret association active during the 1650s.

The Sealed Knot

39. Which American TV series, originally broadcast between 1998 and 2006, centred on sisters Phoebe, Prue and Piper Halliwell?

Charmed

40. In which novel does Caroline Bingley opine that '*there is no enjoyment like reading*'?

Pride and Prejudice

Theme is terms for groups of animals:

Business (ferrets); leap (leopards); kindle (kittens); pod (whales); murder (crow); crash (rhinos); herd (deer); knot (toads); charm (finches); pride (lions).

Second Verbal Round

41. To mark 100 years of women's suffrage, Parliament Square will get its first statue of a woman later this year. Who will it represent?

Millicent Fawcett

42. Which team did Aston Villa beat in the final when they won the European Cup in 1982?

Bayern Munich

43. Which layer of the atmosphere is adjacent to the Earth and extends upwards approximately 12 kilometres?

The troposphere

44. Who wrote the *Barrytown* trilogy?

Roddy Doyle

45. In the name of the record label created in 1969, predominantly known for jazz, what does ECM stand for?

Edition of Contemporary Music

46. One of the classic 'Bond girl' names, which character was played by Lana Wood in *Diamonds are Forever*?

Plenty O'Toole

47. Which Commonwealth country dropped the word 'Western' from its name in 1997?
Samoa
48. What name is given to a cockerel that's been castrated in order to improve the flavour of its meat?
Capon
49. Completed in 1902 and originally known as the Fuller Building, how is 175 Fifth Avenue, Manhattan better known?
The Flatiron Building
50. In which Gloucestershire castle was King Edward II put to death?
Berkeley Castle
51. What is the staple diet of the aardvark?
Ants or termites
52. Which celebrity chef was criticised in 2016 for including chorizo in paella?
Jamie Oliver
53. What is the colloquial name for the United States Army Special Forces, formed in 1952?
Green Berets
54. In *The Jungle Book*, which character finds Mowgli in the jungle and takes him to the wolf pack?
Bagheera (the black panther)
55. Which North American city was founded in 1608 by the French explorer Samuel de Champlain?
Quebec
56. Which natural phenomenon was described by the Belgian missionary Louis Hennepin, who travelled to New France in the 1670s, in a book published in 1683 entitled *A New Discovery*?
Niagara Falls
57. How is the cartoon character Hermione Makepeace better known?
Minnie the Minx
58. What nickname, probably derived from the wearing of a certain style of collar, is used for American soldiers in general, and particularly for members of the US Marine Corps?
Leatherneck
59. Which celebrity chef runs the Manoir aux Quat' Saisons restaurant in Oxfordshire?
Raymond Blanc
60. What is the staple diet of the koala?
Eucalyptus leaves
61. Which Northamptonshire castle links the birth of Richard III and the death of Mary Queen of Scots?
Fotheringhay Castle
62. By what nickname is the building at 30 St. Mary Axe better known?
The Gherkin
63. Which game bird takes its name from the area of West Africa where it originated?
Guineafowl
64. By what name was Lesotho known from 1884 to 1966, when it was a British protectorate?
Basutoland
65. Which James Bond film saw the debuts of Pierce Brosnan as Bond and Judi Dench as 'M'?
Goldeneye

66. Who co-founded the record label A & M Records in 1962, along with Herb Alpert?
Jerry Moss
67. Who wrote the *Regeneration* trilogy?
Pat Barker
68. Derived from two of its constituent elements, what four-letter term is given to the upper layer of the earth's crust?
Sial (after silicon and aluminium)
69. Name either of the teams that Nottingham Forest defeated in the final when winning their two European Cups in 1979 and 1980?
Malmö or **Hamburg**
70. In April 2018, what will Anya Shrubsole become the first woman to achieve?
She will appear on the front cover of *Wisden Cricketers' Almanack*

Second Written Round

71. Which chemical element, with an atomic number of 11, is the first in the Periodic Table whose symbol starts with a different letter from its English name?
Sodium (Na)
72. At the Pyeongchang Olympics, what did the acronym OAR stand for?
Olympic Athletes from Russia
73. Which city on the Italian Riviera gives its name to the northernmost part of the Ligurian Sea?
Genoa
74. By what epithet is 30 January 1972 often known?
Bloody Sunday
75. In which country did Oliver Reed die, during the filming of *Gladiator*?
Malta
76. Which famous London building has the postcode SW1A 1AA?
Buckingham Palace (BBC Broadcasting House is W1A 1AA)
77. Which organisation is formed of women who can prove descent from someone who helped to achieve US independence?
Daughters of the American Revolution
78. Which style of Gothic church architecture was predominant in England from about 1330 to 1550?
Perpendicular
79. Who or what is a screever?
A pavement artist
80. In Greek mythology what was the name of the statue that Pygmalion carved and fell in love with?
Galatea

Spares

1. What is brontophobia a fear of?
Thunder

2. Who won this year's Brit award for Best British Male Solo Artist and Best Album?

Stormzy

3. How is the character called Uncas known in the title of an 1826 novel?

The Last of the Mohicans

4. What is the main flavour of the liqueur Frangelico?

Hazelnut (also accept 'noisette')

5. Bartender Desmond Miles is the protagonist of which series of video games, in which he is pitted against the Knights Templar?

Assassin's Creed

Notes

1. 'Ethyne' is an equally-acceptable answer.

2. Two of the states in the question appear to have been transposed: Utah is **west** of Colorado and Kansas is to its **east**.

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