KNOCKOUT MATCHES THURSDAY 28 FEBRUARY QUESTIONS BY THE FIVEWAYS

First Verbal Round

1. The BBC ALBA TV channel broadcasts in which language?

(Scottish) Gaelic

2. As at 14 February 2019 who is MP for the North East Somerset constituency?

Jacob Rees-Mogg

3. Europe's largest what is situated in Beckton, Newham, East London?

Sewerage Treatment Plant

4. There are three racecourses in Wales. Chepstow and Bangor-on-Dee are two; what is the third?

Ffos Las

5. In Greek mythology who showed hubris and angered the Gods by walking on the purple tapestry (or carpet) to enter his palace?

Agamemnon

6. Brian Lara was playing for which county when he set the highest first-class individual score of 501 not out?

Warwickshire

7. Which English town has three railway stations, one of them being St John's Road?

Ryde (on the Isle of Wight; other two stations are Esplanade and Pier Head)

8. As at 14 February 2019 Neil Harris is the longest-serving manager of any club in the Football Championship. Which club does he manage?

Millwall

9. Lani Hall was the lead singer of which world famous 1960s group?

Sergio Mendes and Brasil '66

10. Currently expected to open in late 2019, what will have a roundel in Pantone 266 light purple?

The Elizabeth Line

11. The best known of Vaughan Williams' nine Songs of Travel, which song opens with the line 'Give to me the life I love, let the lave go by me'?

The Vagabond

12. As in the early Russian space programme, what is the meaning of *Vostok?*

East

13. What is the next number in this sequence: 71, 73, 79, 83, 89...?

97 (prime numbers)

14. As featured in Les Misérables, who was French monarch at the time of the June 1832 Paris Uprising?

King Louis Philippe (no need for regnal number)

15. What is the most abundant greenhouse gas in the Earth's atmosphere?

Water vapour (accept 'H2O')

16. Which bird, Latin name *Fringilla coelebs*, has a brightly coloured male with a blue-grey cap and rust-red underparts?

Chaffinch

17. David Haig wrote and starred as Group Captain James Stagg in the West End play, *Pressure*. What specifically does it concern in World War 2?

The weather forecast for D-Day

18. After Ganymede and Titan which moon of Jupiter is the third largest in the solar system?

Callisto

19. Jebel Toubkal is the highest peak in which mountain range?

Atlas

20. Who provided the voiceover for Carlsberg's 'Probably the best lager in the world' TV advert in 1975?

Orson Welles

21. Which Spanish composer was drowned when SS Sussex was torpedoed by a German U-boat in March 1916?

Enrique Granados

22. Which Canadian music chain bought HMV out of administration earlier this month?

Sunrise (Records)

23. An Indian dish described as jardaloo would contain which fruit?

Apricot

24. Fashion designer Yves Saint Laurent was born in which country in 1936?

Algeria (also known then as French Algeria)

25. Whose paintings include *Broadway Boogie Woogie*, *Trafalgar Square* and *Composition with Yellow, Blue and Red*?

Piet Mondrian

26. Which 2003 film starred Bill Murray as aging actor Bob Harris, who befriends college graduate Charlotte in a Tokyo hotel?

Lost in Translation

27. In a war lasting from 1864-1870 an alliance of Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay defeated which country?

Paraguay

28. Which small broadleaf shrub, Latin name *Cornus sanguinea*, produces small flowers with four creamy white petals?

Dogwood

29. What word meaning 'an excess of red blood cells' is also used generally to mean an over-abundance?

Plethora

30. What was the name of the Old English Sheepdog in *The Perishers* cartoon strip?

Boot

First Written Round THERE IS A THEME (with some spelling variations to the theme)

31. Which 1955 film starring Anthony Steele was a remake of the film *The Four Feathers*, re-using some footage from the 1939 original?

Storm over the Nile

32. Whilst in India which fictional character saves Aouda, an Indian Princess, from suttee during her husband's funeral?

Phileas Fogg

33. In the TV series Wolfie Citizen Smith is the self-proclaimed leader of which revolutionary organisation?

The Tooting Popular Front see note 1

34. What narrow sea channel separates Mallaig from Armadale on the Isle of Skye?

The Sound of Sleat

35. Which poet's collective works include A Boy's Will, North of Boston and Mountain Interval?

Robert Frost

36. As at 14 February 2019, with 60 England caps which current Newcastle Falcons player has also played for Toulouse and Leicester Tigers?

Toby Flood

37. Who had a Top 10 UK hit in 1971 with Don't Let It Die?

Hurricane Smith

38. Which actor starred as lead character Jenny Lee in the first three series of Call the Midwife?

Jessica Raine

39. What name is given to the 7570-square mile area in the Egyptian Western Desert that lies below sea level?

Qattara Depression

40. Which D. H. Lawrence novel concerns three generations of the Brangwen family growing up in Nottinghamshire?

The Rainbow

Theme is answers contain a word that has something to do with the weather:

(storm, fog, front, sleet, frost, flood, hurricane, rain, depression, rainbow)

Second Verbal Round

41. What battlefield comes next in this sequence: Gloucester, Michaelwood, Gordano...?

Sedgemoor (M5 services going south)

42. Which band formed in 1977 were originally known as The Café Racers?

Dire Straits

43. Who was the first non-European professional cyclist to win the Tour de France in 1986?

Greg LeMond

44. Which border market town is mostly in Powys though its railway station is in Shropshire?

Knighton

45. Australia were top of the 2018 Netball Federation world rankings. Name either team who were second or third.

New Zealand or Jamaica

46. Which element, atomic number 77, takes its name from the Greek goddess of rainbows?

Iridium

47. Bentley Motors is a subsidiary of which car manufacturing group?

Volkswagen

48. What currently is the normal minimum age at which you can start to take your accumulated pension benefits? Note that this is not the State Pension.

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49. How many time zones are there in China?

One

50. As heard on the BBC Shipping Forecast, what are Channel, Greenwich, Milford Haven and Sandettie?

Lightvessels (or lightship, i.e. ships that act as a lighthouse)

51. What gin-based cocktail shares its name with a small hand-tool used for boring holes?

Gimlet

52. As mentioned in both the *Casino Royale* and *Moonraker* novels, Ian Fleming intended James Bond to resemble which American singer/songwriter/actor?

Hoagy Carmichael

53. Not in the top ten in 2016, from which country did the UK import most crude oil in January 2019?

USA

54. As at 14 February 2019 two men—one a dead comedian, the other still alive aged 92—have made a record four appearances on Radio 4's *Desert Island Discs*. Name either.

Arthur Askey or Sir David Attenborough

55. Which English cathedral has the Postcode CB7 4DL?

Ely

56. Which writer, best known for her novel *The Shell Seekers*, died aged 94 this month?

Rosamunde Pilcher

57. Founded in 1999 what is the name of the thirteen-member airline alliance that includes BA, American Airlines, Cathay Pacific, Qantas and Qatar?

Oneworld

58. After Oxford and Cambridge what is the UK's third-oldest university?

St Andrews

59. Which 1982 worldwide hit single contains the following lyrics 'You really don't remember, was it something that he said? Are the voices in your head calling...?

Gloria (Laura Branigan)

60. Which country was involved in the Darien Scheme, an unsuccessful attempt in the 1690s to establish a trading centre on the Isthmus of Panama?

Scotland

61. Name either of the two Shakespeare plays in which characters named Claudio appear?

Much Ado About Nothing or Measure for Measure

62. At the start of series 6 of *Endeavour* which police station has closed, putting Morse back in uniform?

Cowley

63. Found in the wild in Britain, what type of mammal is the Red-necked or Bennett's?

Wallaby

64. As at 14 February 2019 what government position is held by Mims Davies?

Minister for Sport (and Civil Society and Loneliness)

65. The English Civil War battles of Camp Hill and Kings Norton took place in which city?

Birmingham

66. What was the name of the ITV/Channel 4 Teletext service that closed in 1992?

Oracle

67. In the opening line of a Virginia Woolf novel who 'said that she would buy the flowers herself'?

Mrs Dalloway

68. In the 'E' numbering scheme of food additives, what classification covers E200-E299?

Preservatives

69. For which team did Alain Prost win three F1 World Championships in the 1980s?

McLaren

70. The most northerly point of mainland Europe is in which country?

Norway

Second Written Round

71. Two US State capitals start with the same six letters. Name the two states involved?

Ohio and South Carolina (Columbus and Columbia)

72. Which Beach Boys 1979 UK top ten hit is based on J. S. Bach's Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring?

Lady Lynda

73. Who will feature on the new polymer £20 note to be released in 2020?

J. M. W. Turner

74. Which foodstuff is manufactured by using a process known as *conching*?

Chocolate

75. Which BBC Countryfile presenter is married to Leeds Rugby League player, Richie Myler?

Helen Skelton

76. Which New Zealand city was partly re-built in Art Deco style following a 1931 earthquake?

Napier

77. What was the stage name of country music singer Harold Lloyd Jenkins?

Conway Twitty

78. Airbus recently announced the end of manufacture of the A380. In which year did it enter commercial service?

2007 (with Singapore Airlines)

79. Which city on the River Soar is the birthplace of Gok Wan, Joe Orton, C. P. Snow and Graham Chapman?

Leicester

80. In Hi-De-Hi who was Peggy's fearsome supervisor who never made an appearance?

Miss Cathcart

Additional Written Round (for use in the event of a tie)

81. Rapid City is the nearest urban centre to which US National Memorial?

Mount Rushmore

82. Recalled to Life is the first of three books that make up which Charles Dickens novel?

A Tale of Two Cities

83. In terms of word count, what is the longest book in The Bible?

Jeremiah

84. Which figure skater was attacked by an assailant hired by Tonya Harding's ex-husband in January 1994?

Nancy Kerrigan

85. The word 'wheal' appears in many Cornish place names. What is it Cornish for?

A mine

86. Elijah Blue Allman is the son of which US singer/actress?

Cher

87. What was the codename of World War 2 British double-agent, Eddie Chapman?

Zigzag

88. The comedian (debatable) Alan Carr was born in which seaside town?

Weymouth

89. Tussock, Burnet and Goat are all types of which creature?

Moth

90. Which Football League club was known as Singers F.C. until 1898?

Coventry F.C. see note 2

Tie-breaker

What was the exact date of the Tay Rail Bridge Disaster?

28 December 1879

Spares

1. Which 1895 Georges du Maurier novel features the character Svengali?

Trilby

2. In 2003 the Met Office moved its headquarters from Bracknell to where?

Exeter

3. Of French Revolution Reign of Terror fame, what was Robespierre's forename?

Maximilien

4. Which character was played by Kevin Spacey in *House of Cards*?

Francis (or Frank) Underwood

5. Which king founded the Most Noble Order of the Garter?

Edward III

Notes

- 1. The programme was called Citizen Smith, not Wolfie.
- 2. The club's correct name is Coventry City.

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