

**KNOCKOUT SEMI-FINALS    THURSDAY 28 MARCH**  
**QUESTIONS BY HATTERS ARMS AND HMRUFC**

**First Verbal Round**

1. In which English city would you find Bishop Grosseteste University?  
**Lincoln**
2. At Lloyd's of London what is the name of the historic ship's bell that is sometimes rung?  
**Lutine Bell** (from the ship *HMS Lutine* which sank during a storm in 1799)
3. Who wrote *The Shortest Way With Dissenters* and *A Journal of the Plague Year*?  
**Daniel Defoe**
4. The *tögrög* or *tugril* is the official currency of which country? **see note 1**  
**Mongolia**
5. Who wrote the plays *The Room* and *The Servant*?  
**Harold Pinter**
6. Who said "*Let us never negotiate out of fear, but let us never fear to negotiate*"?  
**John F. Kennedy** (in his inauguration speech)
7. What is the 'Witch of Wookey'?  
**A large stalagmite** (found in Wookey Hole Cave and said to resemble a petrified woman)
8. Ouagadougou is the capital of which country?  
**Burkina Faso**
9. How was Helen Porter Mitchell more famously known?  
**Dame Nellie Melba**
10. Which monarch was on the throne in 1190?  
**Richard I** **see note 5**
11. What is a *gamelan*?  
**A type of orchestra** (mainly in Indonesia and chiefly of percussion instruments)
12. Victoria Woodhull was the first woman candidate for what office?  
**President of the United States**
13. Where would you find Willy Nilly and Bessie Bighead?  
**In *Under Milk Wood***
14. Who composed the opera *Oedipus Rex*?  
**Igor Stravinsky**
15. Fought on 24 September 1645, Rowton Heath was an English Civil War battle close to which city?  
**Chester**
16. The Great Central Railway ran into which main line London terminus?  
**Marylebone**

17. Name the three Allied warships involved in the engagement with the German pocket battleship *Graf Spee* on 13 December 1939.

**HMS Ajax, HMS Exeter and HMNZS Achilles**

18. Which football league club formerly played its home games at The Old Showground?

**Scunthorpe United**

19. What type of musical instrument is a *kit*?

**A small violin**

20. The dish *Eggs Florentine* contains which vegetable?

**Spinach**

21. Which 1992 song by House of Pain began with the lyrics '*Pack it up, Pack it in, let me begin*'?

**Jump About** see note 2

22. In *Scrabble*™, what is the letter P worth?

**Three**

23. What shipping area lies to the west of Dogger?

**Tyne**

24. On which British canal would you travel through Foulridge Tunnel?

**Leeds and Liverpool Canal**

25. In which country is the Stirling Range of mountains?

**Australia**

26. Which band released the album *Drones*, which topped the charts in 2015?

**Muse**

27. Puskas and which other person chaired Stanley Matthews off the field after his last game?

**Lev Yashin**

28. What is a *quirt*?

**A whip**

29. In which year did the Stockport air crash take place?

**1967** (4 June)

30. Which long-distance path runs 147 miles from Barton-on-Humber across the Lincolnshire Wolds to finish near Oakham?

**Viking Way**

**First Written Round** **THERE IS A THEME**

31. This British motor cycle company manufactured at Kingswood in Bristol from 1907 to 1957. What was its name?

**Douglas**

32. This locomotive was built for the Stockton to Darlington Railway in 1845. It is currently on display in the Darlington Railway Centre and Museum. What is its name?

**Derwent**

33. Which National Trust property is situated outside Mere in Wiltshire?

**Stourhead**

34. Which animal native to Europe has the Latin name *Dama dama*?

**Fallow Deer**

35. Singer and songwriter Sananda Francesco Maitreya is better known by his former stage name. What is it? (full name required)

**Terence Trent D'Arby**

36. Who recorded the songs *Forget Me Not* in 1962 and *Boys Cry* in 1964? (full name required)

**Eden Kane**

37. What is the Anglo-Saxon word meaning 'a clearing' or 'open ground'?

**Lea**

38. Which British author wrote the book *Shooting an Elephant and Other Essays*?

**George Orwell**

39. In the children's TV series *Super Gran*, who played the part of Super Gran?

**Gudrun Ure**

40. Dublin's electric suburban railway system is known by what acronym?

**DART** (Dublin Area Rapid Transit)

**Theme: answers are, or contain, the name of a British river**

(Douglas, Derwent, Stour, Deer, Trent, Eden, Lea, Orwell, Ure, Dart)

## Second Verbal Round

41. As at 14 March 2019, who is Secretary of State for Work and Pensions?

**Amber Rudd**

42. Boo, Randall Bogs and Celia Mae are all characters in which animated film?

**Monsters Inc**

43. In which year was Quarry Bank Mill at Styal founded? (allow five years either way)

**1784** (accept 1779–1789)

44. If a falconer keeps and looks after falcons, what birds does an austringer care for?

**Goshawks**

45. The author of the memoirs which gave rise to BBC TV's series *Call the Midwife* shares her surname with a long-serving actress on *Coronation Street*. What is that surname?

**Worth** (Jennifer and Helen)

46. Who composed the *Dante Symphony*, the *Faust Symphony* and the *Dance of Death*?

**Franz Liszt**

47. When playing for St Helens this player was Rugby Super League's 2018 *Man of Steel* and has recently been sacked by his new NRL club, North Queensland Cowboys, for an alleged assault on his partner. What is his name?

**Ben Barba**

48. Haddington Hill (also called Wendover Hill) is the highest point in which English range of hills?

**Chilterns**

49. Robert Thompson was a woodcarver and furniture maker from Kilburn, Yorkshire. What distinctive feature did he carve into all his work?

**A mouse**

50. Which country has as its President a man called Joko Widodo?  
**Indonesia**
51. Which Welsh-born billionaire has been announced as the sponsor of the Booker Prize for the next five years?  
**Michael Moritz**
52. Prior to the completion of the Shard in London in 2012, the tallest building in Europe was in which city?  
**Frankfurt (Commerzbank Tower) see note 3**
53. In which UK city is the headquarters of the British Antarctic Survey situated?  
**Cambridge**
54. He is the first British-born industrialist to top the *Sunday Times Rich List* and has just taken over as sponsor of the ex-Sky cycling team. Who is he?  
**Jim Ratcliffe**
55. The Thames Tunnel, completed in 1843, was designed by which engineer? (first and last name required)  
**Marc Brunel** (father of Isambard Kingdom)
56. Which is the only country in the world with three official capitals?  
**South Africa** (Pretoria, Cape Town and Bloemfontein)
57. The formal title 'Despot' was given to Princes of which empire?  
**Byzantine**
58. The writer and performer Phoebe Waller-Bridge created which hit BBC thriller series in 2018?  
***Killing Eve***
59. James IV was the last British monarch to die in battle. At which battle was he killed?  
**Flodden** (1513)
60. Name the father of Helen of Troy.  
**Zeus**
61. The two characters in the Eric Gill statue over the front entrance of Broadcasting House, London come from which Shakespeare play?  
***The Tempest*** (Prospero and Ariel)
62. By what nicknames are Atticus Finch's daughter and son always called in Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mocking Bird*?  
**Scout and Jem**
63. Which US President succeeded Calvin Coolidge?  
**Herbert Hoover**
64. Which film won the 2019 Oscar for Best Original Screenplay?  
***Green Book***
65. Which Essex house was built in 1603 by the Earl of Suffolk, purchased by King Charles II in 1668 and is now owned by English Heritage?  
**Audley End**
66. Which club scored the first ever goal in the Premier League in 1992?  
**Sheffield United**
67. In electricity *EMF* is measure in volts. What does *EMF* stand for?  
**Electromotive force**

68. Which singer-songwriter made the iconic album *Tapestry* in the 1970s?

**Carole King**

69. Which breed of dog is Dylan, this year's Crufts Best in Show winner?

**Papillon**

70. Which aircraft company originally manufactured the Canberra bomber and the RAF fighter, the Lightning?

**English Electric**

## Second Written Round

71. Which film was the first musical to receive an X certificate?

**Cabaret**

72. The same author wrote the books on which the films *The Great Escape*, *The Dam Busters* and *Reach for the Sky* were based. What is his name?

**Paul Brickhill**

73. Which company owned the chemical plant in Bhopal, India, a leakage from which caused thousands of deaths in 1984?

**Union Carbide**

74. Which prop forward is England's most capped Rugby Union player?

**Rochelle 'Rocky' Clarke** (137 caps, whereas Jason Leonard only has 114) **see note 5**

75. What is the state capital of Louisiana?

**Baton Rouge**

76. What is the botanical term for a tree whose branches are erect and almost parallel, such as the Lombardy Poplar?

**Fastigate**

77. **See note 4**

78. In mechanics, the formula  $\frac{1}{2}mv^2$  is used for which quantity?

**Kinetic energy**

79. She was, for four years, the crime fiction reviewer for the *Manchester Evening News* and one of her early series of novels featured Manchester private eye Kate Brannigan. Who is this author?

**Val McDermid**

80. As at 14 March 2019, who is the Chancellor of Manchester University?

**Lemn Sissay**

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

81. Blackdown is the highest point in which National Park?

**South Downs**

82. *Alcea rosea* is a variety of which garden flower?

**Hollyhock**

83. The Scira Viking Festival takes place each February in which Norfolk town?

**Sheringham**

84. In which US state was Bill Clinton Governor, before becoming President?

**Arkansas**

85. In 1998 Laurent Blanc was the first-ever player to do what in a FIFA World Cup match?

**Score a 'Golden Goal'**

86. In 2018 which horse became the first English-trained horse to win the Melbourne Cup?

**Cross Counter**

87. A *wisent* is another name for which animal?

**European Bison**

88. Which Greater Manchester MP was Chancellor of the Exchequer for all but a month of Ted Heath's time as Prime Minister?

**Anthony Barber**

89. Which actress played both Lady Jane Felsham in *Lovejoy* and Mrs Hughes in *Downton Abbey*?

**Phyllis Logan**

90. What have the hologram, the ballpoint pen and Rubik's cube got in common?

**Invented by Hungarians** (Gabor, Biro, Rubik)

### Tie-breakers

What was the total attendance for the 2018 Wimbledon championships?

**473,169**

In the 2011 census, what was the population of Stockport?

**283,275**

### Spares

1. Which celebrity won the 2019 final of *Dancing on Ice*?

**James Jordan**

2. How is Raymond Babbitt better known?

**The Rain Man**

3. In *Monty Python* who was the referee who kept time with an hour glass in the philosophers' football match between German philosophers and Greek philosophers?

**Confucius**

4. The song *I Can't Let Maggie Go* by Honeybus was featured on adverts for which product?

**Nimble (bread)**

5. Which is the most northerly railway station in the UK?

**Thurso**

### Notes

1. The currency is the tugrik, not tugril.

2. The correct title of the song is *Jump Around*.

3. Before 2012 Europe's tallest building was Moscow's City of Capitals, which is almost 45 metres (146 feet) taller than the Commerzbank Tower (which hasn't been Europe's tallest since 2005).

4. The question is missing.

5. It is sometimes necessary to 'fill in the gaps' in a question by making certain assumptions.

Question 10 doesn't specify *which* throne—so has many different, equally-correct answers—but it's reasonable to make the obvious assumption that it refers to the throne of England.

Similarly for Question 74, as it is not stated otherwise, it's not unreasonable to make the 'standard' assumption that the question is about men's sport and the question appears to have been set with the intention of leading teams into making this 'sexist' assumption. This is straying into trick question territory, which is generally regarded as a bad thing. It could even be argued that the given answer is wrong: the name 'England' normally refers to the men's team, whereas the ladies' team is correctly known as 'England Women'.

For sports-related questions, unless information is given to the contrary, certain assumptions **must** be made, e.g. men's sport rather than women's; professional rather than amateur; able-bodied rather than physically-impaired; adults rather than juniors etc. For example, it would take a brave team to answer '[Georgia Hall](#)' or '[Martin Vorster](#)', rather than the more obvious 'Francesco Molinari', when asked for the name of the 2018 Open Golf Champion.

To avoid any possible confusion and/or political incorrectness, **every** sport question should specify 'men' or 'women', where appropriate/necessary. If no such distinction is made, it is taken as read that a question refers to men's 'top-level' sport. **This default assumption is not intended to suggest that women's sport is inferior to/of lesser importance than men's sport** (or, for that matter, that adult sport is 'better' than junior sport, or professional sport is superior to amateur etc).

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