

LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 4 OCTOBER 2018

QUESTIONS BY RAILWAY

First Verbal Round

- Which Soviet composer's death preceded that of Joseph Stalin by approximately 50 minutes?
Sergey Prokofiev
- Abigail, Ahinoam, Eglah, Michal, Abital, Hagith and Bathsheba were a few of the wives and consorts of which biblical figure?
King David
- In *South Park*, which two of the gang hate each other?
Cartman and Kyle
- Whose statue sits on a bench in Sackville Park, Manchester?
Alan Turing
- Noel Nichols created which drink?
Vimto
- Kierkegaard and Sartre are associated with which school of philosophy?
Existentialism
- Who won the 2018 Tour de France?
Geraint Thomas
- Which band had a hit in 1976 with *Boston Tea Party*?
The Sensational Alex Harvey Band
- In *The Bible* what did Keturah, Sarah and Hagar have in common?
Wives/Concubines of Abraham
- Scott Morrison took over what post on 24 August this year?
Prime Minister of Australia
- According to Cancer Research UK, what is the survival rate (living for 10 or more years) for prostate cancer? (accept any answer within +/- 10%)
84% (accept any answer from 74% to 94%)
- Who won the 2018 Vuelta?
Simon Yates
- Which horse won the 2018 Epsom Derby?
Masar
- Denis Norden, who died last month, was the co-writer of which radio programme that ran from 1948 to 1960, and introduced *The Glums*?
Take It From Here
- A statue of which American stands in Brazennose Street in Manchester?
Abraham Lincoln
- The Pickup brothers of Manchester created which drink?
Tizer

17. Xeno and Seneca are associated with which school of philosophy?
Stoicism **see note 1**
18. According to Cancer Research UK, what is the survival rate (living for 10 or more years), for Breast cancer? (accept any answer within +/- 10%)
78% (accept any answer from 68% to 88%)
19. What is *tasseography*?
The reading of tea leaves (also accept coffee grinds or wine sediment)
20. Which horse won the 2018 St Leger?
Kew Gardens
21. According to American myth who dug out the Grand Canyon?
Paul Bunyan
22. In *South Park*, what religion is Kyle?
Jewish
23. Who recently took over as presenter of Radio 1's breakfast show?
Greg James
24. Which veteran actress has joined the cast of *Coronation Street* as Tyrone's long-lost grandmother?
Maureen Lipman
25. Which former secretary general of the United Nations died in August?
Kofi Annan
26. Football team Central Coast Mariners recently signed which high-profile player?
Usain Bolt
27. Who last month publicly criticised Carlos Ramos, calling him a thief, a liar and sexist?
Serena Williams (he was the umpire at the US Open)
28. In America, John Chapman is known in folk tales by which fruity name?
Johnny Appleseed
29. Former *Grey's Anatomy* star Sandra Oh is currently playing the title character in which BBC drama series?
Killing Eve
30. Which composer wrote a symphony in which the musicians stop playing one by one and leave the stage until only two are left?
Haydn

First Written Round **THERE IS A THEME**

31. Who published the book entitled *On the Revolutions of the Celestial Spheres* just before his death in 1543?
Nicolaus Copernicus
32. What name is given to the condition that causes hostages to develop a psychological alliance with their captors during captivity?
Stockholm syndrome
33. Which planet's Great Dark Spot was discovered by Voyager 2 in 1989?
Neptune

34. The Colossus of Rhodes was a statue of which Greek god?
Helios
35. Wiesbaden is the capital of which German state?
Hesse
36. What alternative title did Mary Shelley give to her novel *Frankenstein*?
The Modern Prometheus
37. Which city is home to the oldest campus in the University of California and was the focus of prominent public protest in the 1960s and 70s?
Berkeley
38. Which island is the third-largest and third most populous in the Mediterranean?
Cyprus
39. Of which country has Frank-Walter Steinmeier been President since March 2017?
Germany
40. Which well-known UK charity, established in 1948, runs the annual Great Daffodil Appeal?
Marie Curie

Theme is people or places that have had chemical elements named after them:

Copernicium, Holmium, Neptunium, Helium, Hassium, Promethium, Berkelium, Copper, Germanium, Curium.

Second Verbal Round

41. Why was Kay Longstaff in the news in August?
She jumped/fell off a cruise ship (in the Adriatic)
42. How is legendary singer Eleanora Fagan better known?
Billie Holiday
43. In the context of the Earth what were Pannotia and Rodinia?
(Super) **continents**
44. Alastair Cook is England's highest Test run scorer. Who are second and third?
Graham Gooch and Alec Stewart
45. Which are the two most common elements in the Earth's crust?
Oxygen and silicon
46. The Age of Fishes occurred during which geological period?
Devonian
47. Which mineral is hardness 5 on the Mohs scale?
Apatite
48. Which religious figure's birthday is celebrated this year on 21 or 26 November?
The Prophet Mohammed (Sunni 21 Nov, Shi'a 26 Nov)
49. James Anderson is the highest fast bowling wicket taker in Test cricket and fourth on the all-time list. Name two of the top three.
Two from: **Muttiah Muralitharan, Shane Warne, Anil Kumble**
50. Which U.S. musician recorded the albums *For Everyman* and *Hold Out*?
Jackson Browne

51. Who is West Indies highest Test run scorer?
Brian Lara
52. Who wrote the novel *To Sir with Love*, which later became a film?
E. R. Braithwaite
53. Which band established the record label Swan Song?
Led Zeppelin
54. What is the name of the new discount chain of stores opened by Tesco?
Jack's
55. In which environment do *xerophytic* plants grow?
Dry areas/deserts/dunes
56. Who is Pakistan's highest Test run scorer?
Younis Khan
57. Who wrote the post-apocalyptic novels *The Drowned World* and *The Wind from Nowhere*?
J. G. Ballard
58. *Gardeners' World* is filmed in Monty Don's garden. What is it called?
Longmeadow
59. Who wrote the novel *Georgy Girl*, which later became a film?
Margaret Forster
60. In which environment do *halophytic* plants grow?
Salt water areas e.g. Mudflats and salt marshes
61. Which television programme features the brothers Harry and David Rich?
Garden Rescue (They are garden designers)
62. Which band established the Threshold record label?
Moody Blues
63. How is Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta better known?
Lady Gaga
64. The English rock band Moloko got their name from where?
A Clockwork Orange (it is a drink)
65. Which U.S. band recorded the albums *Eat a Peach* and *Brothers and Sisters*?
The Allman Brothers
66. The last super continent was Pangaea. It divided into two parts; name one.
Laurasia or **Gondwana(land)**
67. The Scottish rock band Mogwai got their name from where?
The film Gremlins (creatures in the film)
68. Which mineral is hardness 8 on the Mohs scale?
Topaz
69. Which (non-Christian) religious feast is celebrated on 3 December 2018?
Hanukkah **see note 2**

70. Whose early novels included *The Bottle Factory Outing*, *A Quiet Life* and *Injury Time*?

Beryl Bainbridge

Second Written Round

71. The number represented in hexadecimal by FF is what number in decimal?

255

72. In what year did 39 IRA men escape from the Maze prison?

1984

73. Which vacuum cleaner is manufactured in the UK?

Henry (or Numatic) [see note 3](#)

74. The French children's television program *La Maison de Toutou*, first shown in 1965, was better known as what in the UK?

Hector's House

75. Which 20th century American wrote the poem *Phenomenal Woman*?

Maya Angelou

76. Which Egyptian god is credited with inventing writing?

Thoth

77. Which artist is credited with inventing *The Readymade*?

Marcel Duchamp

78. '*The stuff that dreams are made of*' is the last line of which 1941 film?

The Maltese Falcon

79. In what movie did the character Norma Desmond declare "*All right Mr. DeMille, I'm ready for my close-up*"?

Sunset Boulevard

80. Who painted *The Night Watch* in 1642?

Rembrandt

Spares

1. What does VoIP stand for?

Voice over Internet Protocol

2. In what year was Amarone assigned DOC status?

1990

3. As of 30 September 2018, what is the price in US dollars a kilogram of gold (within roughly 15%)?

\$38,327 (accept \$32,000 to \$44,000)

4. As of 30 September 2018, what is the price in US dollars of a barrel of Brent Crude oil (within roughly 5%)?

\$82.72 (accept \$78 to \$87)

5. In 2008 O'Reilly Publishing discounted books on which programming language, to celebrate *International Talk-Like-A-Pirate Day*

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Notes

1. The Stoic philosopher was Zeno, not Xeno. Pedantically he should be named as Zeno of Citium to distinguish him from Zeno of Elea, who was the inventor of the dialectic and not a Stoic.
2. This year Hanukkah will begin at sunset on Sunday 2 December and will last for eight days.
3. Henry and Numatic are currently the UK's only manufacturers of domestic vacuum cleaners, though G-Tech have announced they will start UK manufacturing in 2019. However, there are at least two UK manufacturers of industrial vacuum cleaners: Big Brute (Cambridge) and Quirepace (Fareham). Either of these would be an acceptable answer.