

LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2018
QUESTIONS BY SMART ALEX

First Verbal Round

1. Which composer's head was stolen by Rosenbaum and Peter, whose motivation was phrenology?
Joseph Haydn
2. Name the year:
Gladiator is awarded the Oscar for Best Picture.
The deorbit of the Russian space station MIR is carried out and it falls into the Pacific Ocean.
Sir Don Bradman dies.
2001
3. Which killer lived at 39 Hilldrop Crescent?
Dr Hawley Crippen
4. Which company uses the strap line *We Are Family* in its TV ads?
McCain
5. Which two London termini can be used to catch a train to Southend?
Fenchurch Street and Liverpool Street
6. Which American heavyweight boxer had the nickname *The Manassa Mauler*?
Jack Dempsey
7. Which King of England's second wife was Margaret, daughter of Philip III of France?
Edward I
8. Which former *Coronation Street* actor played the part of Rebus in *The Long Shadows*, which was performed at the Opera House in Manchester from Tuesday 29 October until Saturday 3 November?
Charles Lawson
9. According to some versions of the *Jason and the Argonauts* myth, who was the only female member of the crew? She took an oath of virginity to the goddess Artemis.
Atalanta
10. In which Spanish city did Leinster win last season's (2017–18) Rugby Union Champions Cup (formerly the Heineken Cup)?
Bilbao
11. Which musical features the songs *Two by Two*, *I Am Here for You* and *Man Up*?
The Book of Mormon
12. Who was murdered outside the Magdala Pub in Hampstead?
David Blakely (lover of Ruth Ellis).
13. Name the year:
No Country for Old Men is awarded the Oscar for best picture.
NASA's unmanned spacecraft Phoenix lands on the northern polar region of Mars.
Sir Edmund Hillary dies.
2008
14. Which two London termini can be used to catch a train to Windsor?
Paddington and Waterloo

15. Which company uses the strap line *What we make makes us who we are* in its TV ads?

Morrisons

16. Which city was the capital of the USA whilst Washington DC was under construction?

Philadelphia

17. Which American heavyweight boxer had the nickname *The Brockton Blockbuster*?

Rocky Marciano

18. According to some versions of the legend of the fall of Troy, such as that of Quintus of Smyrna, which of the Greek warriors devised the idea of building the Trojan Horse?

Odysseus

19. *The past is a foreign country; they do things differently there* is the opening line in which novel?

The Go-Between

20. Which current rock group, formed in 1977, sent *Good News from the Next World* with their album released in 1995?

Simple Minds

21. The concentration camp at Auschwitz, Poland, built in 1940, was part of a complex and officially known as Auschwitz-1. Give the name of either of the other two camps, known officially as Auschwitz-2 and Auschwitz-3.

Birkenau or Monowitz

22. Which musical features the songs *Purpose*, *There's a Fine, Fine Line* and *It Sucks to Be Me*?

Avenue Q

23. Which is the most populous State Capital in the United States?

Phoenix (Arizona)

24. Which novel's opening line is '*In my younger and more vulnerable years, my father gave me some advice that I've been turning over in my mind ever since*'?

The Great Gatsby

25. Which former *Coronation Street* actress will play the part of Mother Courage in the Royal Exchange's production of *Mother Courage and Her Children* in 2019 and previously appeared there in *Wit* and *The Almighty Sometimes*?

Julie Hesmondhalgh

26. What is the name of the Austrian-born holocaust survivor, who devoted his life to tracking down Nazi war criminals? There is a centre in Los Angeles named after him.

Simon Wiesenthal

27. In which English City will this year's Rugby Union Champions Cup Final (formerly the Heineken Cup) be held?

Newcastle

28. Which composer, born in 1792, was nicknamed *Signor Crescendo*?

Gioachino Rossini

29. Which current rock group, formed in 1973, released the album *Dirty Deeds Done Dirt Cheap* which was released in the UK in 1976?

AC/DC

30. Which King of England's second wife was Joan, daughter of Charles, King of Navarre?

Henry IV

First Written Round **THERE IS A THEME**

31. Which of the Wombles has the same name as a capital city?

Wellington

32. Which racetrack hosted the Breeders' Cup at the beginning of November?

Churchill Downs

33. Which British statesman negotiated the Locarno Pact, for which he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize? (full name required).

Austen Chamberlain see note 1

34. Which poem begins with the lines *My heart aches, and a drowsy numbness pains, My sense, as though of hemlock I had drunk?*

Ode to a Nightingale

35. As of 4 November, who is President Trump's National Security Advisor?

John Bolton

36. Which painter and critic, who was a member of the Bloomsbury Group, coined the term 'post-impressionism'?

Roger Fry

37. In *The Merry Wives of Windsor* Ford asks Mrs. Page "*Where had you this pretty weathercock?*" Her reply begins "*I cannot tell...*". Which three words come next, followed by "*...his name is*"?

"What the dickens"

38. What is the name of the brewery in *The Rover's Return*?

Newton and Ridley

39. Which pop act was originally a solo act comprising Siobhan Fahey from Bananarama and subsequently became a duo when she was joined by Marcella Detroit?

Shakespears Sister

40. Which honour commemorates individuals who protect our gene pool by making the ultimate sacrifice of their own lives in an extraordinarily idiotic manner?

Darwin Awards

Theme is people who have appeared on Bank of England notes.

Duke of Wellington, Winston Churchill, Jane Austen, Florence Nightingale, Matthew Boulton, Elizabeth Fry, Charles Dickens, Isaac Newton, William Shakespeare, Charles Darwin.

Second Verbal Round

41. Which Bradford-born physicist was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1947 for proving the existence of the ionosphere? He lends his name in part to one of the layers in the ionosphere that reflects radio signals.

Edward Appleton

42. Which of Shakespeare's tragedies includes the line '*What's done cannot be undone*'?

Macbeth

43. What was the name of the US pop group formed in 1980 and active until 2011, consisting of Bill Berry, Peter Buck, Michael Stipe and Mike Mills?

REM

44. In Greek mythology, who was the muse of history?

Clio

45. Name the classic British novel of 1957, which was later filmed with Simone Signoret playing the character of Alice Aisgill.

Room at the Top

46. Which English King had the soubriquet *Beauclerc*?

Henry I (because of his scholarly interests)

47. Which English city is home to the Titanic Brewery, which produces the beers Plum Porter and Titanic amongst others?

Stoke-on-Trent

48. In which city do the Blaze ice hockey team play their home games?

Coventry

49. At the decisive Battle of Alesia, which resulted in Julius Caesar's conquest of Gaul, who led the Gallic tribes against him?

Vercingetorix

50. What is the name of the British pop group formed in 1985 and still active, consisting of Thom Yorke, Johnny and Colin Greenwood, Ed O'Brien and Phil Selway?

Radiohead

51. In Greek mythology, who was the lover of Hero who swam across the Hellespont every night?

Leander

52. Which British biochemist is the only person to have been awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry twice? His first award in 1958 was for his work on the structure of proteins, especially that of insulin.

Frederick Sanger

53. Which of Shakespeare's comedies includes the line '*The devil can cite Scripture for his purpose*'?

The Merchant of Venice

54. Who was the first celebrity to be voted off *Strictly Come Dancing* in October?

Susannah Constantine

55. Omaha, Juno, Sword, and Gold were the names given to four of the Normandy beach heads. What was the fifth?

Utah

56. Name the classic British novel of 1964, which was later filmed with Paul Hubschmid playing the character of Johnny Vulkan.

Funeral in Berlin

57. In America, postcodes are known as ZIP codes. What does the acronym ZIP stand for?

Zone Improvement Plan

58. Eddisbury is a parliamentary constituency in which English county?

Cheshire

59. Which cocktail consists of gin, vermouth rosso, Campari and orange peel garnish?

Negroni

60. The Royal Albert Memorial Museum is located in which UK city?

Exeter

61. What is the name of the winner of *The Great British Bake Off* this year (November 2018)? (First name only is acceptable)

Rahul (Mandal)

62. Which Roman philosopher was tutor, then advisor, to the emperor Nero and was later ordered to commit suicide by him?
Seneca
63. The Royal Armouries Museum is located in which UK city?
Leeds [see note 2](#)
64. What was the code name for the Allied operation along the Eindhoven-Arnhem corridor during September 1944 in World War 2?
Market Garden
65. In which town do the Flames ice hockey team play their home games?
Guildford
66. Which cocktail consists of whisky, sweet vermouth, angostura bitters and a Maraschino cherry garnish?
Manhattan
67. Who was the first monarch to reside in Buckingham Palace?
Queen Victoria
68. CBS is an American television and radio network, but what does the acronym CBS stand for?
Columbia Broadcasting System
69. Erewash is a parliamentary constituency in which English county?
Derbyshire
70. In which English city is the HQ of CAMRA (the Campaign for Real Ale)?
St Albans

Second Written Round

71. In April 2018, which country renamed itself eSwatini?
Swaziland
72. Who will appear on the next £20 note, which will be issued in 2020?
J. M. W. Turner [see pedantic note 3](#)
73. Mary Ann Evans was married to which English Prime Minister?
Benjamin Disraeli
74. Air Arabia is the airline of which emirate?
Sharjah
75. The principal ingredients of which Middle Eastern dish are: grilled aubergines, tahini, olive oil, lemon juice, garlic and seasoning?
Baba ganoush
76. Which herb in the carrot family is traditionally used to flavour absinthe, in addition to wormwood and anise?
Fennel
77. Which female scientist won the Nobel Prize for Chemistry in 1964, for her work on the structure of vitamin B₁₂?
Dorothy Hodgkin
78. Stresa is a town on the western side of which Italian lake?
Lake Maggiore

79. Who is the President-elect of Brazil, who is due to take office on January 1?

Jair Bolsonaro

80. Which is the largest object in the asteroid belt and is classified as one of the five dwarf planets currently recognised by the International Astronomical Union?

Ceres

Spares

1. Sierra Leone borders Guinea and which other West African country?

Liberia

2. Regents Park is a station on which line of the London Underground?

Bakerloo

3. Which English cheese is the favourite of *Wallace and Gromit*?

Wensleydale

4. Who played Winston Wolfe in Quentin Tarantino's *Pulp Fiction*?

Harvey Keitel

5. In basketball how many players from each team are allowed on the court at any one time?

Five

6. Name the largest country by area in Africa.

Algeria

7. Varenna is a town on the eastern side of which Italian lake?

Lake Como

8. Who produces the perfume *Happy*?

Clinique

Notes

1. It's good to know that at least one team is aware of the question-setting guidelines, i.e. if the word linked to the theme/connection is in a person's **first** name the question should specify that the full name is required.
2. 'London' is also an acceptable answer, as there is a Royal Armouries Museum at the Tower of London.
3. Obviously the new £20 note will also feature the ruling monarch of the time.

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