

**LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 13 DECEMBER 2018**  
**QUESTIONS BY TAME VALLEY**

**First Verbal Round**

1. Which Swedish author wrote the fourth and fifth instalments in the *Millennium* series after the death of Stieg Larsson?  
**David Lagercrantz**
2. Which illustrator is well-known for his work illustrating Kenneth Grahame's *Wind in the Willows* and A. A. Milne's *Winnie-the-Pooh*?  
**E. H. Shepard**
3. Which Italian car marque's logo features a red cross on a white background and a snake devouring a man?  
**Alfa Romeo**
4. Give either of the two names given to the indentation in the base of a wine bottle?  
**Punt or Kick-up**
5. *Jazz*, *Baby Doll* and *Opium* are fragrances from which fashion house?  
**Yves Saint Laurent**
6. In the idiosyncratic form of football played at what English public school are there the playing positions *hot*, *kick* and *hotwatch*?  
**Winchester** (College)
7. In chess the opening move *Knight to H3* is named after which chemical compound?  
**Ammonia** (attack) (in algebraic notation the move is Nf3; ammonia has the chemical formula NH<sub>3</sub>)
8. Which Swiss city stands on the River Rhine at the boundary where France, Germany and Switzerland meet?  
**Basle**
9. In the play *Macbeth* Malcolm was one of the sons of Duncan; who was the other?  
**Donalbain**
10. On what day of the week do U.S. Presidential elections usually take place?  
**Tuesday**
11. What is the capital of the French region of Brittany?  
**Rennes**
12. Who was the last Roman Catholic monarch of England?  
**James II**
13. How many players make up an Australian rules football team?  
**Eighteen**
14. In Morse code which letter is represented by two dashes?  
**M**
15. The ship *The Covenant* features in which novel of 1893?  
**Kidnapped** see note 1
16. Which Irish author wrote the sixth book in *The Hitchhiker's Guide to The Galaxy* series after the death of Douglas Adams?  
**Eoin Colfer**

17. Which illustrator, a cartoonist for *Punch* for 50 years, is best remembered for illustrating Lewis Carroll's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*?
- John Tenniel**
18. Which Japanese car marque's logo features a representation of the Pleiades star cluster?
- Subaru**
19. What name is given to the indentation in the top of a brick?
- Frog**
20. *Fahrenheit*, *Poison* and *Addict* are fragrances from which fashion house?
- Christian Dior**
21. In the idiosyncratic form of football played at which English public school is a goal also called a *base* and shoulder-charging known as *boshing*?
- Harrow**
22. In chess the opening move *Knight to A3* is named after which chemical element?
- Sodium** (attack) (the move in algebraic notation is Na3; sodium has the chemical formula Na)
23. Which Canadian city stands at the confluence of the Yukon and Klondike rivers?
- Dawson City**
24. In *Romeo and Juliet* with whom was Romeo in love before he met Juliet?
- Rosaline**
25. On what day of the week do French Presidential elections usually take place?
- Sunday**
26. What is the capital of the French region of Normandy?
- Rouen**
27. Who was England's last Roman Catholic Archbishop of Canterbury?
- Reginald Pole**
28. How many players make up a Gaelic football team?
- Fifteen**
29. In Morse code which letter is represented by two dots?
- I**
30. The ship *Demeter* features in which novel of 1897?
- Dracula**

### First Written Round

31. Who was Devon Loch's jockey when it fell near the post when leading the 1956 Grand National?
- Dick Francis**
32. How many 'pips' in total are there in the Greenwich time signal?
- Six** [see pedantic note 2](#)
33. Agatha Christie's play *The Mousetrap* premiered in which city in 1952?
- Nottingham**
34. What is the name of Salvador Dali's 1931 painting featuring the famous 'melting' clocks?
- The Persistence of Memory**

35. On a modern piano keyboard, how many of the 88 keys are white?  
**52**
36. What title is shared by a collection of short stories by Nell Dunn in 1963, a TV drama from 1965, a 1968 film and a song by Squeeze from 1979?  
***Up the Junction***
37. The actor James Dean had a literary sounding middle name. What was it?  
**Byron**
38. In World War II which company manufactured the *Halifax* bomber?  
**Handley Page**
39. Which city was the residence of Holy Roman Emperors from 1558 to 1806?  
**Vienna**
40. In gymnastics how wide, in inches, is the beam?  
**Four**

## Second Verbal Round

41. In the USA what name is given to the female equivalent of a barbershop singing group?  
**Sweet Adelines**
42. How many purchasable squares are there on a traditional UK *Monopoly* board?  
**28**
43. At the Oval cricket ground in London, one end is the Pavilion end; what's the other?  
**The Vauxhall End**
44. *The Point of No Return*, *Angel of Music* and *Why Have You Brought Me Here?* are songs from which West End musical?  
***The Phantom of the Opera***
45. What is the fourth and final book of Paul Scott's *Raj Quartet*?  
***A Division of the Spoils***
46. Who was the last Frenchman to win the Tour de France?  
**Bernard Hinault (1985)**
47. Ascending Sharp Edge would take you to the top of which Lake District peak?  
**Blencathra (or Saddleback)**
48. To which note does a concert orchestra tune?  
**A**
49. *Thou still unravish'd bride of quietness!* is the opening line of which Keats poem?  
***Ode on a Grecian Urn***
50. A Duke's coronet is decorated with eight leaves of which fruit?  
**Strawberries**
51. In the Fibonacci sequence, which number immediately precedes 89?  
**55**

52. Which Flemish artist was appointed *Paynter in ordinary to their majesties* and knighted by King Charles I in gratitude for his portraits of the king and his family?

**Anthony van Dyck**

53. Basketball player Magic Johnson spent his entire playing career at which NBA team?  
(accept city or franchise name) **see note 3**

**Los Angeles Lakers**

54. For 5 to 7-year-olds, what is the name of the youngest section of the Girl Guiding movement in the UK?

**Rainbows**

55. When playing poker which hand ranks between two pairs and a straight?

**Three of a kind**

56. In the USA what name is given to the group of colleges in the north east, considered to be the female equivalent of the Ivy League?

**The Seven Sisters**

57. How many blocks are there at the start of a game of Jenga?

**54**

58. At Lord's cricket ground in London, one end is the Pavilion end, what's the other?

**The Nursery End**

59. *Red and Black*, *Castle on a Cloud* and *Lovely Ladies* are among the lesser-known songs from which West End musical?

**Les Misérables**

60. What is the fourth and final book of Lawrence Durrell's *Alexandria Quartet*?

**Clea**

61. Who is the only Australian winner of the Tour de France?

**Cadel Evans** (2011)

62. Ascending Striding Edge would take you to the top of which Lake District peak?

**Helvellyn**

63. To which instrument does a concert orchestra tune?

**Oboe**

64. *My heart aches and a drowsy numbness pains my sense* is the first line of which Keats poem?

**Ode to a Nightingale**

65. The Wimbledon men's singles trophy is topped by a representation of which fruit?

**Pineapple**

66. In mathematics what number is factorial 6?

**720** (1 x 2 x 3 x 4 x 5 x 6)

67. Who was King's Painter to Henry VIII and famously painted a perhaps over-flattering portrait of Anne of Cleves?

**Hans Holbein** **see note 4**

68. Between 1984 and 1998 basketball player Michael Jordan played for which NBA team?  
(accept city or franchise name)

**Chicago Bulls**

69. For 6 to 8-year-olds, what is the name of the youngest section of the Scouting movement in the UK?

**Beavers**

70. When playing poker which hand ranks between a straight and a full house?

**Flush**

## Second Written Round

71. Egypt has land borders with how many countries?

**Three** (Libya, Sudan & Israel) **see note 5**

72. London's Cleopatra's Needle has two sister monuments: one in Paris and one precisely where in the USA?

**Central Park, New York**

73. Who is the arch enemy of Danger Mouse?

**Baron Greenback**

74. The honour of most wins (four) in the *University Challenge* final is shared between Magdalen College, Oxford and who?

**Manchester University**

75. Name either of the two US states that are rectangular.

**Colorado or Wyoming** **see (very) pedantic note 6**

76. In *Cluedo* the secret passage from the Lounge leads to where?

**The Conservatory**

77. How is the 12-cylinder 8-litre supercharged Paragon Panther known in a book and film?

**Chitty Chitty Bang Bang**

78. How many squares are there on a standard *Scrabble* board?

**225**

79. According to the official rules, how many feathers should be on a Badminton shuttlecock?

**Sixteen**

80. How many funnels did the *Titanic* have?

**Four**

## Spares

1. Which is England's largest cathedral?

**Liverpool Anglican Cathedral**

2. Which city is protected by the MOSE flood barrier?

**Venice**

3. What do Mexicans call what the Americans call the Rio Grande?

**Rio Bravo**

4. In Hardy's *The Mayor of Casterbridge*, for how much did Michael Henchard sell his wife?

**Five guineas**

5. What's the highest point on Exmoor?

**Dunkery Beacon**

6. In cycling, the Omnium consists of how many events?

**Six**

7. How many MPs constitute a quorum in the House of Commons?

**Forty**

## Notes

1. The novel was published in 1886, not 1893. Also, the same question was used as recently as Week 8.
2. There is a discrepancy between Universal Coordinated Time (based on the slightly irregular rotation of the earth) and International Atomic Time. Roughly every 20 months this is corrected by inserting a 'leap second', which involves adding a seventh pip to the time signal, so 'seven' is arguably also a correct answer. Adding the word 'normally' to the question would resolve any ambiguity.
3. It's probably **not** a good idea to accept just the city name, as Los Angeles has **two** NBA teams—the other team being the LA Clippers.
4. As there were two painters named Hans Holbein (father and son), the strict answer should be Hans Holbein **the Younger**.
5. Egypt also has a border with Gaza, whose legal status is a very sensitive issue. Gaza is a territory of Palestine, which is not a member state of the United Nations but **is** recognised as a state by most other countries. Since the statehood of Gaza is not universally accepted, restricting the answer to those countries that are members of the UN would remove any ambiguity.
6. While the states in question appear rectangular on a 2-dimensional map they are in fact trapezoids due to the curvature of the Earth. Further information can be found in [this fascinating article](#).

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