

LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 11 APRIL 2019
QUESTIONS BY TAME VALLEY

First Verbal Round

1. Complete the next two words in this quotation:
'It is spring, moonless night in the small town, starless and...'
Bible black (in Dylan Thomas's *Under Milk Wood*)
2. In T. S. Eliot's *Cats* who was the original conjuring cat?
Mr Mistoffelees see pedantic note 1
3. The word 'taxi' is derived from a contraction of what word or words?
Taximeter see note 2
4. From which author's story is the plot of the opera *The Barber of Seville* taken?
Pierre Beaumarchais
5. Which ship brought back to England the news of Nelson's death after Trafalgar?
HMS Pickle
6. In Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings* what was the nickname of Grima, son of Galmod?
Wormtongue
7. Which planet of the solar system has the least density?
Saturn
8. Which football team once had a fanzine called *To 'Ell and Back*?
Leeds United
9. Which Alpine peak stands between the Eiger and the Jungfrau?
The Mönch ('Monk' in English)
10. Who was the leader of the Trumpton Fire Brigade, who read out the famous roll call "*Pugh, Pugh, Barney McGrew, Cuthbert, Dibble, Grub*"?
Captain Flack
11. George Hamilton Gordon served as British PM 1852-1855 under what title?
Earl of Aberdeen
12. Which British motorcycle company produced the *Dominator* model?
Norton
13. The last words of which Shakespeare play are '*To part the glories of this happy day*'?
Julius Caesar
14. Who had a 2018 UK number one single with *Perfect*?
Ed Sheeran
15. Who painted the work *The School of Athens*?
Raphael
16. Complete the next two words in this quotation:
'Look upon his works ye mighty...'
And despair (in Shelley's *Ozymandias*)

17. In T.S. Eliot's *Cats* who was the railway cat?
Skimbleshanks see pedantic note 1
18. The word 'cab' is derived from the contraction of which other word?
Cabriolet
19. Mussorgsky's opera *Boris Godunov* was based on a work by whom?
Alexander Pushkin
20. From which French ship was the musket ball fired that led to Nelson's death?
The Redoubtable
21. In Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings* what was the nickname of Thorin, son of Thrain?
Oakenshield
22. Which planet is known as 'the horned planet'?
Venus
23. Which football team once had a fanzine called *Ferry 'Cross the Wensum*?
Norwich City
24. In 1932 an Olympic gold medal was awarded for the first successful ascent of which specific part of which mountain?
The north face of the Matterhorn
25. Who was the operator of TV's *Magic Roundabout*?
Mister Rusty
26. Robert Banks Jenkinson served as British PM 1812-1827 under what title?
(Second) Earl of (or Lord) Liverpool
27. Which British motor cycle company produced the *Bonneville* model?
Triumph
28. The last words of which Shakespeare play are 'Go, bid the soldiers shoot'?
Hamlet
29. Who had a 2018 UK number one single with *God's Plan*?
Drake
30. Who painted the famous work *Las Meninas*, now in the Prado Gallery?
Diego Velázquez

First Written Round **THERE IS A THEME (including some soundalikes)**

31. What general word is used for the fruit of forest trees such as oak and beech?
Mast
32. Fill in the blank word from this Keats poem:
'O for a _____ of vintage that hath been cool'd a long age in the deep delved earth.'
Draught
33. What is the name of the north-easterly wind that blows down from the Cross Fell escarpment on the Pennines?
The Helm wind

34. Which M6 motorway services lies between Stafford and Crewe?
Keele
35. Who wrote *The Life and Opinions of Tristram Shandy*?
Laurence Sterne
36. Named after the Italian for 'butterflies', the pasta *farfalle* is usually described as what shape?
Bow-tie
37. What was the name of Lord Byron's dog to which he wrote an epitaph?
Boatswain (Bosun)
38. In a 1973 Government table, which brand of cigarettes was shown to have the highest nicotine content?
Capstan (Full Strength)
39. *Darnforth*, *Northill* and *Herreshoff* are all types of what?
Anchor
40. Which city was UK City of Culture in 2017?
Hull

Theme is parts of a boat [see pedantic note 3](#)

Second Verbal Round

41. What is the name for the dot on top of a letter i?
A tittle
42. Which is the only country to have a flag of only one colour and nothing else on it?
Libya
43. What was the first of the twelve labours of Hercules?
Slay the Nemean Lion [see note 4](#)
44. Which English king was married to Eleanor of Castille?
Edward I
45. In which English county was the Battle of Naseby fought?
Northamptonshire
46. In Churchill's *Iron Curtain* speech he cited one end as Stettin and the other where?
Trieste
47. Which rock star's 2018 autobiography is called *Thanks a Lot Mr Kibblewhite*?
Roger Daltrey
48. Which amendment to the US Constitution abolished slavery?
Thirteenth
49. In what make of plane did Alcock and Brown make the first transatlantic non-stop flight?
Vickers Vimy
50. Who was *New York Times Man of the Year* in 1938? [see note 5](#)
Adolf Hitler
51. The National Trust property Woolsthorpe Manor is in which English county?
Lincolnshire

52. What is the formula for the surface area of a sphere?
 $4\pi r^2$ (four pi r squared) **see note 4**
53. In TV's *Game of Thrones* who plays Tyrion Lannister?
Peter Dinklage
54. The last words of which film are '*The way we're swimming, old girl*'?
The African Queen
55. Who was female *Rear of the Year 2018*?
Michelle Keegan **see note 4**
56. What's the name for the plastic or metal tag on either end of a shoelace?
Aglet
57. What is the only country to have a flag that is not rectangular?
Nepal
58. What was the final labour of Hercules?
The capture of Cerberus **see note 4**
59. Which English King was married to Eleanor of Aquitaine?
Henry II
60. In which English county was the Battle of Sedgemoor fought?
Somerset
61. Route 66 in America runs from Santa Monica to which city?
Chicago
62. Which rock stars recent autobiography is called *I Talk Too Much*?
Francis Rossi
63. Which amendment to the US Constitution introduced prohibition?
Eighteenth
64. In which make of plane did Lindbergh make his first solo Atlantic crossing?
Ryan Monoplane
65. Who was the *New York Times Man of the Year* in 1939? **see note 5**
Joseph Stalin
66. The National Trust Property Sissinghurst Castle and Gardens is in which English county?
Kent
67. What is the formula for the volume of a sphere?
 $\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$ (four thirds pi r cubed) **see note 4**
68. In *Game of Thrones* who plays Jon Snow?
Kit Harington
69. The last words of which film are '*For a minute I thought we were in trouble*'?
Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid **see pedantic note 6**
70. Who was male *Rear of the Year 2018*?
Aidan Turner **see note 4**

Second Written Round

71. Charles II was nicknamed *Old Rowley*. Who or what was Old Rowley that the name came from?
A horse
72. *Ange ou Démon* is a perfume by which parfumeur?
Givenchy
73. How many players are on each team in the Ryder Cup?
Twelve
74. On which day of the week was President J. F. Kennedy shot?
Friday
75. Which Welsh town was awarded city status in 2012 to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee?
St. Asaph
76. Which TV detective had a manservant called Magersfontein Lugg?
Albert Campion
77. What was the name of Dan Dare's co-pilot, in *The Eagle* comic adventures?
Digby
78. In Norse mythology Fenrir, a child of the god Loki, took the form of what animal?
Wolf
79. Who was dubbed 'the thinking man's crumpet' by Frank Muir?
Joan Bakewell
80. Who, after the release of a film, was dubbed 'the sinking man's crumpet'?
Kate Winslet (after *Titanic*)

Spares

1. *Portrait of the Artist as a Young Girl* is an autobiography of which British artist?
Grayson Perry
2. Which piece of sporting equipment can be *square*, *macon* or *cleaver*?
Oars
3. Which six-letter word can mean 'a bundle of sticks bound together as fuel' and also 'a ball of seasoned meat and offal'?
Faggot
4. Which Damon Runyon character is also the title of a Mercury Prize-winning album by Elbow?
The Seldom Seen Kid
5. The five youngest men to win a Nobel Prize all did so in which category?
Physics
6. What is the official residence of the First Minister of Scotland?
Bute House

Notes

1. Eliot's book is correctly known as *Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats*, rather than just *Cats*.
2. 'Taxi' is an abbreviation of 'taxicab' or 'taximeter cab'. 'Taximeter' refers to the device that records the distance and fare.
3. The draft is not **part** of a ship—it is the depth to which a ship displaces water—and the boatswain/bosun is a member of crew, rather than a part of a ship.
4. All question setters are reminded of the guideline that states '*Don't be too 'obvious' with pairings as this can give an unfair advantage to the team getting the second of a pair, allowing them to 'predict' the question they are likely to receive.*'
5. The *Man of the Year* title was awarded by *Time* magazine, rather than by the *New York Times*. In 1999 the award's name was changed to *Person of the Year*.
6. The actual words are '*For a **moment there** I thought we were in trouble*'

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