

**LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 17 JANUARY
QUESTIONS BY WANDERING STAR**

First Verbal Round

1. How many times was Tammy Wynette, co-author and performer of *Stand By Your Man*, herself married?
Five
2. Who presented the first women's suffrage petition to the House of Commons in 1832?
Henry 'Orator' Hunt
3. Which German composed the opera *Hansel and Gretel*?
Englebert Humperdinck
4. In which Australian State is Kangaroo Island?
South Australia
5. Which Scottish engineer and inventor designed the steam hammer?
James Nasmyth
6. In bingo calling, which number is sometimes called *monkey's cousin*?
Twelve (rhymes with 'dozen')
7. Which Premiership football club was founded in 1878 under the name of St Domingo?
Everton
8. Which musical is the song *Thank Heaven for Little Girls* from?
Gigi
9. Identify the year: the death of William Gladstone, the birth of C. S. Lewis and the Curies' discovery of radium.
1898
10. As of 5 January 2019, who is the Spanish Prime Minister? He took office in June 2018.
Pedro Sánchez
11. Mount McKinley, the highest mountain in North America, was renamed in 2015 after a campaign by the local indigenous people. What is its official name now?
Denali
12. There are two stable elements that are liquid at a comfortable room temperature. One is mercury; what is the other?
Bromine
13. How many time zones are there in Canada?
Six (Eastern, Newfoundland, Atlantic, Central, Mountain, Pacific)
14. What is the brand name of the gin made by Toby Fairbrother in *The Archers*?
Scruff
15. In semaphore, what letter is signalled when the left and right arms are both horizontal?
R
16. How many times was Dolly Parton, who recorded a version of the song *D.I.V.O.R.C.E.*, herself divorced?
Never

17. Who presented a women's suffrage petition to Parliament in 1866, in connection with the second Reform Bill the following year?
John Stuart Mill
18. Which Russian composed the opera *Christmas Eve*?
Nikolai Rimsky Korsakov
19. Off the coast of which English county is Coquet Island?
Northumberland
20. The Scottish blacksmith Kirkpatrick MacMillan invented which revolutionary transport innovation in the late 1830s?
The (rear wheel) pedal-driven bicycle
21. In bingo calling, which number is sometimes called *Sherwood Forest*?
Thirty three ('all the trees')
22. Established in 1883, Stockport County F.C. was formed under what name?
Heaton Norris Rovers
23. Which musical is the song *Sit Down, You're Rocking the Boat* from?
Guys and Dolls
24. Identify the year: the birth of Benjamin Britten, the publication of DH Lawrence's *Sons and Lovers*, and Hans Geiger's invention of his counter for measuring radioactivity. **see note 1**
1913
25. Mauricio Macri became President of which South American country in December 2015?
Argentina
26. Which is the highest mountain in South America?
Aconcagua
27. Which element, number 104, has the longest name at 13 letters?
Rutherfordium
28. Name one of the four French overseas territories that use Atlantic Standard Time – the same as Halifax, Nova Scotia, for example.
One from: **Saint Martin, St Barthélemy, Martinique, Guadeloupe**
29. In which classic 20th century novel does the fictional Victory Gin appear?
1984
30. How is the letter R signalled in Morse Code?
Dot dash dot

First Written Round **THERE IS A THEME**

31. What is the stage name of singer/songwriter Damon Michael Gough?
Badly Drawn Boy
32. For which Welsh striker did Liverpool pay a then English record fee of £2.9 million in July 1991?
Dean Saunders
33. The songs *A Groovy Kind of Love* and *Two Hearts* feature on the soundtrack of which 1988 film?
Buster

34. Who, in the 19th century, is thought to have been Britain's first black Shakespearean actor and black theatre manager?

Ira Aldridge

35. What is defined as 'stony waste matter separated from metals during the smelting or refining of ore'?

Slag

36. Which jazz and blues singer, born in Liverpool in 1926, also had a career as a critic and art expert?

George Melly

37. Which British TV comedy, which ran from 1991 to 1995, featured 'Edward and Richard, best buddies living off the government doing nothing more than having a good time and breaking stuff'.

Bottom

38. The UK's first wooden roller-coaster to be built in 20 years opened at Alton Towers in March 2018. What is its name?

Wicker Man

39. In terms of volume collected, which waste management company with its headquarters in High Wycombe is the UK's largest?

Biffa

40. The following lyrics are from which song? It charted on its release in 1980 and again in January 2016.
'If you like to gamble, I tell you I'm your man
You win some, lose some, all the same to me'

Ace of Spades (by Motörhead)

Theme is each answer contains the name (or part thereof) of a character from Viz comic

(Badly Drawn Man; Finbarr Saunders; Buster Gonad; Aldridge Prior; The Fat Slags; Roger Mellie; The Bottom Inspectors; Paul Whicker; Biffa Bacon; Eight Ace)

Second Verbal Round

41. To the nearest mile, how long is the Suez Canal?

120 miles

42. What is Norway's parliament called?

The Storting

43. Which bird of prey, re-introduced into England and Scotland over the past few years, has the Latin name *Milvus milvus*?

Red Kite

44. In which modern-day country would you find the historical country of Moravia?

Czech Republic

45. Oscar-winning film director Katherine Bigelow was married to which other Oscar-winning film director?

James Cameron

46. The *Oxford Book of Modern Verse* published in 1936 was edited by which poet and Nobel prize-winner?

W. B. Yeats

47. What famous address would you be at if you went to the postcode SW1A 1AA?

Buckingham Palace

48. Which Spanish painter was born in Malaga in 1881?

Pablo Picasso

49. Which two rivers exit into the North Sea at Aberdeen?
River Dee and River Don
50. In which century did the main settlement of Polynesian Maori people in New Zealand take place?
Thirteenth (1250-1300)
51. On which planet did the Daleks originate?
Skaro
52. Which Welsh writer and actor wrote two volumes of autobiography, the first titled *George*, the second *Emlyn*?
George Emlyn Williams (usually known as just 'Emlyn Williams')
53. Which brewery is named after the village it's based in, near Llanelli in Carmarthenshire?
Felinfoel
54. Which book follows the four gospels in the King James version of the *New Testament*?
Acts of the Apostles (frequently referred to as just 'Acts', which is also an acceptable answer)
55. To which section of a modern orchestra would the ancient Egyptian instrument the *sistrum* belong?
Percussion (similar to a tambourine) **see note 2**
56. To the nearest mile, how long is the Panama Canal?
51 miles
57. What is Sweden's parliament called?
The Riksdag
58. Which British bird of prey is the smallest and has the scientific name *Falco columbarius*?
Merlin
59. Known as the *City of the Immortals*, Amarapura is a former capital of which modern-day country?
Myanmar or Burma
60. Actress Nicole Kidman married which country music singer in 2006?
Keith Urban
61. The *Oxford Book of Twentieth-Century English Verse*, published in 1973 was edited by which poet, who later turned down the position of Poet Laureate?
Philip Larkin
62. What famous address would you be at if you went to the postcode SW1A 2AA?
10 Downing Street
63. Which Dutch painter was born in Leiden in 1606 and died in Amsterdam in 1669?
Rembrandt
64. Aberdeen International Airport is located in which Aberdeen suburb?
Dyce
65. By what name is the Treaty of 1840 known that defined the relationship between the Maoris and Europeans in New Zealand?
The Waitangi Treaty
66. Which troublesome species is native to the planet Iota Geminorum IV?
Tribbles

67. Which footballer's autobiography was titled *Crazy Horse*?
Emlyn Hughes
68. *Storm Brewing* is a brewery based in which Cheshire town?
Macclesfield
69. Which is the fifth of the books of Moses which open the Old Testament?
Deuteronomy
70. To which section of a modern orchestra would the ancient Middle Eastern instrument the *Ney* belong?
Woodwind (similar to a flute)

Second Written Round

71. As of 5 January 2019, there have been three Brexit Secretaries in Theresa May's government. Name them.
David Davis, Dominic Raab and Stephen Barclay
72. 'Call me Ishmael' is famously the first line of *Moby Dick*. Who were the parents of the original, biblical Ishmael?
Abraham and Hagar
73. Which Nobel prize-winning author wrote the novels *The Grass is Singing* and *The Golden Notebook*?
Doris Lessing
74. In 2016 Joseph Schooling won his country's first ever Olympic gold medal, for the 100 metres butterfly. Which country?
Singapore
75. Which country is the most recent to have joined the EU, in 2013?
Croatia
76. In botany what is a *peduncle*?
A stalk or stem
77. What was the name of Charles the First's elder brother, who died at the age of 18?
Henry Frederick (accept either or both)
78. Which aircraft manufacturer produced the Trident, which came into service in the 1960s?
Hawker Siddeley
79. Give a year in the life of Alexander the Great.
356–323 BC
80. Who, in 1915, wrote the poem that begins 'In Flanders fields the poppies blow, Between the crosses, row on row'?
John McCrae

Spares

1. Which American physicist, who died in 1988, was awarded the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1965?
Richard Feynman
2. Which British writer created the TV drama *Blue Remembered Hills*?
Dennis Potter

3. Who was the wife of James I (of England, and VI of Scotland)?
Anne of Denmark
4. Who is the holder of the women's 100m record, of 10.49 seconds?
Florence Griffith-Joyner
5. '*The course of true love never did run smooth*' is a line from which Shakespeare play?
A Midsummer Night's Dream
6. Which album by Blur features the tracks *Coffee & TV*, *Tender* and *Caramel*?

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Notes

1. Geiger introduced the first successful detector of individual alpha particles in 1908.
2. The sistrum used 'jingles' to produce its sound, but that's where [the similarity to a tambourine ends](#).

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