

**LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 25 APRIL 2019  
QUESTIONS BY WANDERING STAR**

**First Verbal Round**

1. As of 10 April, frequently referred to as Theresa May's deputy, who holds the posts of Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office?  
**David Lidington**
2. If Edward I was 'Longshanks', which King of England was 'Curtmantle'?  
**Henry II**
3. Give the name of the facility used to hold master criminals in the *Batman* series of comics.  
(Elizabeth) **Arkham Asylum**
4. Which part of Birmingham was the location for the fictional gang, the *Peaky Blinders*?  
**Small Heath**
5. In what ship did John Cabot cross the Atlantic in 1497, making the first recorded landing in Newfoundland?  
**Matthew**
6. In which city are the IAAF World Athletics Championships to be held later this year?  
**Doha**
7. What is the title of the BBC podcast about quizzing, hosted by Lucy Porter and Jenny Ryan?  
**Fingers on Buzzers**
8. Which living English artist, born in 1931, is a major exponent of the Op Art style of abstract painting?  
**Bridget Riley**
9. What does the acronym of the TV show *TISWAS* stand for?  
**Today is Saturday, Watch and Smile** [see note 1](#)
10. Which year saw the birth of Levi Strauss, the success of Stephenson's Rocket in the Rainhill trials and the premiere of Rossini's opera *William Tell*?  
**1829**
11. As from April 2019 what is the cost of a single prescription item?  
**£9.00**
12. Appointed in 2013, what position in public life in the UK is held by Ephraim Mirvis?  
**Chief Rabbi**
13. Which 19th century designer wrote '*Have nothing in your houses that you do not know to be useful, or believe to be beautiful*'?  
**William Morris**
14. Violetta Valéry is the main character in which Verdi opera?  
**La Traviata**
15. What is the longest river in Scotland?  
**The Tay**
16. As of 10 April, frequently referred to as a candidate to succeed Theresa May as leader of the Tory Party, who is the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs?  
**Michael Gove**

17. Henry II was the grandson of Henry I. Who was his mother, Henry I's daughter?  
**Matilda**
18. The small publishing company Arkham House was set up in 1939 to publish the work of which American writer of weird fiction, who used 'Arkham' as the fictional name for Salem?  
**H. P. Lovecraft**
19. In which London district is the TV series *Call the Midwife* set?  
**Poplar**
20. What was the name of the boat that in 1822 foundered in bad weather, resulting in the death by drowning of the poet Shelley?  
**Don Juan**
21. In what city will the UEFA Europa League Final be held towards the end of May?  
**Baku**
22. What is the title of the BBC podcast about cycling, usually hosted by Tom Fordyce and Rob Hales?  
**BeSpoke**
23. A major influence on Bridget Riley was Georges Seurat. For what technique of painting was he renowned? An example is *A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte*.  
**Pointillism**
24. *TISWAS* was hosted by Chris Tarrant and Sally James. Name two of the other regular presenters.  
Two from: **John Gorman, Bob Carolgees, Lenny Henry** **see note 2**
25. Which year saw the birth of Margot Fonteyn, the death of Auguste Renoir and the premiere of Elgar's *Cello Concerto*?  
**1919**
26. As of the new tax year in 2019, what is the income threshold for higher rate tax?  
**£50,000**
27. Bishop of Liverpool at the time, who chaired the Hillsborough Independent Panel which reported in 2012, paving the way for fresh inquests?  
**James Jones**
28. To which 20th century designer is the quote "A woman is as young as her knees" attributed?  
**Mary Quant**
29. Which of Mozart's operas features the Count and Countess Almaviva?  
**The Marriage of Figaro**
30. What is the longest river wholly within Spain?  
**The Ebro**

**First Written Round** **THERE IS A THEME**

31. Which battle in the War of Spanish Succession gave its name both to an English palace and the main town in a New Zealand wine region?  
**Blenheim**
32. Which National Trust property in Nottinghamshire was originally enclosed as a deer park for the Dukes of Newcastle?  
**Clumber Park**

33. What is now the largest digital publishing house in Europe, its eponymous founder having been a figure of hate to left wing students in the 1960s and '70s?

**Axel Springer**

34. What is the third name of the tower on the north-east corner of Chester's city walls, also known as the Phoenix or Newton Tower?

**King Charles Tower**

35. Which is the oldest English county cricket club, founded in 1839?

**Sussex**

36. Which modern European region occupies the main (western) part of what the Romans called *Tractus Armoricanus*?

**Brittany**

37. Which privatised utility company was founded by its country's government in July 2013, in accordance with the terms of an EU bailout?

**Irish Water**

38. What was the title of Henri Charrière's largely fictional 1970 autobiography, followed in 1973 by a film of the same name?

**Papillon**

39. Name the small river which flows into the Lune estuary south of Lancaster, and at whose mouth is an Abbey, founded in the 12th century and named after the river.

**River Cocker** (Cockersands Abbey)

40. Which US girl group had a hit in 1965 that used the melody from *Minuet in G Major*, once thought to have been composed by J. S. Bach?

**The Toys** (*A Lover's Concerto*)

**Theme is breeds of spaniel:**

Blenheim, Clumber, Springer, King Charles, Sussex, Brittany, Irish Water, Papillon, Cocker and Toy

## Second Verbal Round

41. For its last 550 km before it meets the Atlantic Ocean, the Orange River forms the southern border of which African country?

**Namibia**

42. Who won Best Supporting Actress at this year's Oscars?

**Regina King**

43. The 1598 decree from Henry VI of France giving freedom of worship to Protestants is known by what name?

**The Edict of Nantes** [see note 3](#)

44. Where, in 1872, was the first FA Cup Final held?

**Kennington Oval**

45. What is the name of the pollen-producing part of a flower?

**The anther**

46. Which poet wrote these lines?

*'Be advised my passport's green. No glass of ours was ever raised to toast the queen.'*

**Seamus Heaney**

47. What is the Maori name for New Zealand?  
**Aotearoa**
48. The Montreal Protocol, an international treaty that came into force in 1989, has the aim of preventing what?  
**Depletion of the ozone layer** (or words to that effect)
49. The Pompidou Centre in Paris was the work of two architects. Richard Rogers is one; who is the other?  
**Renzo Piano** **see note 4**
50. Give a year in the life of John James Audubon, ornithologist and painter.  
**1785–1851**
51. *The Good Beer Guide* has been published annually since the mid-70s, under eight different editors. Which beer writer has edited the most editions?  
**Roger Protz**
52. The new £20 note will be issued next year. Whose portrait will appear on it - apart from the Queen's?  
**J. M. W. Turner** **see note 5**
53. Who played Villanelle in the TV series *Killing Eve*?  
**Jodie Comer**
54. What is the name of the single symbol used in written Old English for the sound 'th'?  
**Thorn**
55. Who wrote the poem sung in Beethoven's *Ninth Symphony*?  
**Friedrich Schiller**
56. The Orange River rises in the Drakensburg mountains in which African country?  
**Lesotho**
57. For what role in the film *Green Book* did Mahershala Ali win his Best Supporting Actor Oscar this year?  
**Don Shirley**
58. Which king of England issued a decree in 1290 expelling all Jews from the country?  
**Edward I**
59. How many FA Cup finals were played at the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff?  
**Six** (seasons 2000–01 to 2005–06)
60. What is the name of the fungal infection that causes swelling on the roots of brassicas, such as cabbages and cauliflowers?  
**Clubroot**
61. Which historical character refers to her '*salad days, when I was green in judgement*', according to Shakespeare?  
**Cleopatra**
62. Give either the Greek or the Turkish name for Nicosia, the capital of Cyprus.  
**Lefkosia or Lefkosa**
63. The ozone-depleting substances controlled by the Montreal Protocol all contain one of two specific elements – atomic numbers 17 and 35. Name either element.  
**Chlorine or Bromine**
64. Renzo Piano was the architect of which London building, completed in 2012, and largely owned by the state of Qatar?  
**The Shard**

65. Give a year in the life of Gerardus Mercator, the cartographer after whom the Mercator Projection is named.  
**1512–1594**
66. Which north of England cartoonist is responsible for cartoon strips such as *The Cloggies* in *Private Eye*, *The Fosdyke Saga* which began in *The Mirror*, and *Kegbuster* for CAMRA's *What's Brewing* magazine?  
**Bill Tidy**
67. The polymer £5 note features Winston Churchill. Who was on the note it replaced, the last paper £5?  
**Elizabeth Fry**
68. What role is played by the actress Sandra Oh in the US TV series *Gray's Anatomy*?  
**Cristina Yang**
69. If the single symbol for 'th' is 'thorn', what is the name for the single symbol that concatenates the letters 'a' and 'e'?  
**Ash**
70. Elgar's *Dream of Gerontius* is a musical setting of a poem by whom?  
**(Cardinal) John Henry Newman**

**Second Written Round** **THERE IS A THEME**

71. Which 1979 Dennis Potter TV play, whose title was a quotation from A. E. Housman, featured adult actors playing 7-year-olds?  
***Blue Remembered Hills***
72. What is the common name of *Polygonia c-album*, an orange-and-brown butterfly primarily found in woodland?  
**Comma**
73. Which Welsh band had a top five hit in 1969 with *Hello Susie*?  
**Amen Corner**
74. In the nursery rhyme, how much wool did the black sheep say he had?  
**Three bags full**
75. The 'D' in the acronym USDAW stands for Distributive; for what do the rest of the letters stand?  
**Union of Shop, (Distributive) and Allied Workers**
76. The French Open is the only Grand Slam tournament to use which type of tennis court, constructed of crushed shale, stone or brick?  
**Clay court**
77. What single word could be an album by the band New Order, a section of a piece of music or the mechanism of a clock?  
**Movement**
78. Which song, originally a hit for the band Traffic, did Nigel Planer take to number two in the charts in 1984?  
***Hole in my Shoe***
79. In which county is the southernmost point of Northern Ireland?  
**Down**
80. What is the title of Angela Carter's penultimate novel, featuring the winged woman Sophie Fevvers?  
***Nights at the Circus***

**Theme is all answers contain a word that can be preceded by 'Oxford':**

Blue, comma, corner, bags, union, clay, movement, shoe, down, circus

## Spares

1. Whose 1992 album was called *Fear of the Dark*?

**Iron Maiden**

2. Who was Emperor of Rome when Boadicea ruled the Iceni?

**Nero**

3. In which organ of the body would you find Betz cells (also known as Bevan-Lewis cells)?

**The brain**

4. Which wood did Thomas Chippendale use for his finest furniture?

**Mahogany**

5. *Porcupine*, *Crocodiles* and *Dancing Horses* are all animals associated with which Liverpool band?

**Echo and the Bunnymen**

6. Which Greek mountain was sacred to Apollo and the Muses?

**Mount Parnassus**

## Notes

1. According to some sources it stands for 'Today is Saturday, **Wear a** Smile'. There appears to be no definitive answer, so either is acceptable.
2. The programme had several other, less-well-known regular presenters throughout its history, including Peter Tomlinson, John Asher, Trevor East, Fogwell Flax and David 'Shades' Rappaport.
3. The Edict of Nantes was signed by Henry IV, not Henry VI.
4. Gianfranco Franchini also collaborated on the design.
5. This is the third time that this question has been asked this season.

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