

INTER-DIVISIONAL MATCHES THURSDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2020
QUESTIONS BY THE ALEXANDRA

First Verbal Round

1. Who directed the films *It Happened One Night*, *Mr Smith Goes to Washington* and *It's A Wonderful Life*?
Frank Capra
2. What is the name of Paddington's aunt, who lives in a home for retired bears in Peru?
Lucy
3. Which university, one of the oldest in England, is a collection of sixteen colleges including John Snow, Hatfield, Collingwood and Ustinov?
Durham
4. How many carbon atoms are there in a molecule of glucose?
Six
5. Which British group's albums include *Nobody Else*, *Beautiful World* and *Wonderland*?
Take That
6. The ore cinnabar is the principal source of which metal?
Mercury
7. Best known for its art deco hotel and an association with Agatha Christie, which privately-owned island off the south coast of Devon is only accessible at high tide by sea tractor?
Burgh Island (correctly pronounced 'Burr', but obviously also accept 'Burg')
8. Which year saw the Bank of England issue the first £5 note, George Washington sworn in for his second term as President and the executions in France of Louis XVI and Marie-Antoinette?
1793
9. The Isle of Purbeck is a peninsula in which English county?
Dorset
10. Which US city is the largest in area and most populous city in the state of Florida? It is home to an NFL team, but does **not** have a major league team in baseball, ice hockey or basketball.
Jacksonville
11. Lying on the border with Scotland, this Northumberland coastal hamlet is the most northerly inhabited place in England. What is its alliterative two-word name?
Marshall Meadows
12. Which British Olympian, who won gold in 2012 and 2016, is married to television natural history presenter Steve Backshall?
Helen Glover
13. Three riders have had a win expunged from the official records of the Tour de France following a failed drugs test. One is Lance Armstrong, name **either** of the other two.
Floyd Landis or Alberto Contador see note 1
14. What first took place in the Blossom Ballroom of the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel, Los Angeles in May 1929?
The Academy Awards (Oscars) ceremony
15. Who has held the British record for the men's 400 metres hurdles since the Barcelona Olympics of 1992?
Kriss Akabusi

16. We are currently living in the Quaternary period of which geological era? Also known as *The Age of Mammals* it began around 66 million years ago and followed the Mesozoic Era, or *Age of Reptiles*.

Cenozoic (era)

17. Which village with a racecourse and a Michelin-starred restaurant is known as the home of sticky toffee pudding?

Cartmel

18. First hosted by Michael Aspel and later by Michael Parkinson, *Give Us A Clue* was a Charades-based game show that ran on ITV from 1979 to 1992. The programme's original theme tune—*Chicken Man*—was shared with which children's television programme of the same era?

Grange Hill

19. Three horizontal bands of green, white and blue comprise the national flag of which west African country?

Sierra Leone

20. Which former England international is the head coach of the Manchester United women's team?

Casey Stoney

21. Which title that originated in the late seventh century was last held by Ludovico Manin, who was forced from office by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1797?

Doge of Venice

22. Jasper National Park and Banff National Park can both be found in which Canadian province?

Alberta

23. What is the usual subject of the David Squires cartoon that appears every Tuesday in *The Guardian*?

Football

24. Which fell on the south-western shore of Bassenthwaite Lake has a four-letter name that can also be the result of feeling unwell?

Barf

25. Which meat is the principal ingredient of the traditional Lincolnshire dish Haslet?

Pork

26. Name **either** of the films for which British director Christopher Nolan has been nominated for the Best Picture award at both the Oscars and the BAFTAs.

Inception or **Dunkirk**

27. Nihonium is a synthetic chemical element with atomic number 113 that was discovered in 2004. After whom or what is it named?

Japan

28. Which station comes next in this sequence?

Manchester Airport, Heald Green, Gatley, East Didsbury...

Burnage

29. Which number is considered particularly unlucky in Italy? It is their equivalent of our number thirteen.

Seventeen

30. As at 20 January 2020, who is President of South Africa?

(Matamela) **Cyril Ramaphosa**

First Written Round

THERE IS A THEME (as usual the link to the theme may be 'hidden' within a longer word or phrase)

31. Which German utility company acquired the UK company Powergen in 2002?

E.ON

32. Which uninhabited granite island in the Firth of Clyde is nicknamed 'Paddy's Milestone', as it lies roughly halfway between Belfast and Glasgow?

Ailsa Craig

33. What other name is given to the A34 between Albert Square and Deansgate in Manchester city centre?

John Dalton Street

34. Which edible vegetable in the genus *Brassica* has cultivars that include *Belstar*, *Blue Wind*, *Coronado Crown*, *Green Goliath*, and *Romanesco*?

Broccoli

35. What nine-letter colloquial name may be given to an inhabitant of Wiltshire?

Moonraker

36. Which 1948 John Huston-directed film stars Humphrey Bogart as army veteran Frank McCloud, Edward G. Robinson as gangster Johnny Rocco and Lauren Bacall as Nora Temple? The storyline sees Florida hotel guests seeking shelter from an approaching hurricane.

Key Largo

37. On 8 December 1998, whilst at their lowest ebb, Manchester City famously (or infamously) lost against Mansfield Town in the Auto Windscreens Shield, watched by their smallest-ever crowd for a first team home game. What was the official attendance?

3007

38. Of which best-selling novel of 1974 is this the opening line?

The great fish moved silently through the night water, propelled by short sweeps of its crescent tail.

Jaws

39. Who partnered John McEnroe to four Wimbledon Men's Doubles titles between 1979 and 1984?

Peter Fleming

40. Which former member of the BBC *Test Match Special* team, renowned for his references to pigeons, aircraft and buses, had a highly promising cricket career cut short after he was knocked off his bicycle at the age of eighteen by—rather appropriately—a bus?

Henry Blofeld

Theme is James Bond

EON (film production company); Daniel **Craig**; Timothy **Dalton**; Albert 'Cubby' **Broccoli** (film producer); **Moonraker**, Emilio **Largo** (*Thunderball* villain); **007**; **Jaws**; Ian **Fleming**; Ernst Stavro **Blofeld**

Second Verbal Round

41. A favourite destination of the artist, which walled coastal town in north east England is home to *The Lowry Trail*?

Berwick-upon-Tweed

42. Who is the British author of the best-selling novels featuring the Brighton-based detective Roy Grace?

Peter James

43. In July which actor will celebrate 25 years as Roy Cropper in *Coronation Street*?

David Neilson

44. Prideaux Place is a Grade 1 listed Elizabethan country house in which Cornish town?

Padstow

45. Why was Anthony van Dyck in the news on Saturday 1 June 2019?

He was the horse that won the Epsom Derby

46. Name this country. It has a population of around 3.5 million and a national anthem called *Freedom or Death*. It is divided into nineteen regions that include Florida, Canelones, Salto and San José. Luis Lacalle Pou was elected President in December 2019. **see note 2**

Uruguay

47. BBC TV's *Top Gear* has three main presenters. Andrew Flintoff and Paddy McGuinness are two; which journalist and racing driver is the third?

Chris Harris

48. Name **either** of the countries that share a land border with Equatorial Guinea.

Cameroon or Gabon

49. Which US aircraft manufacturer produced the iconic World War 2 fighter, the P-51 Mustang?

North American (Aviation)

50. Which football team was the last to win the FA Cup at the old Wembley Stadium? Seven years later they were the first team to win it at the new Wembley.

Chelsea (beat Aston Villa 1-0 in 2000; beat Man Utd 1-0 in 2007)

51. The rivers that flow through Kidderminster in Worcestershire, Blandford Forum in Dorset, Manningtree in Essex and Canterbury in Kent all share which name?

Stour

52. Mining more than 5000 tonnes per year, which country in the Americas is the world's leading producer of silver?

Mexico

53. The Pattonair County Cricket Ground on Nottingham Road is the home of which English county cricket club?

Derbyshire

54. Which architect designed the cenotaph in St Peter's Square, Manchester?

Sir Edwin Lutyens

55. Succumbing to typhoid in April 1841 after serving only 31 days, who was the first US President to die in office?

William Harrison

56. In which year did the following events happen?

- Manchester's world-famous *Haçienda* nightclub closed its doors for the last time.
- Jacques Cousteau, Robert Mitchum and John Denver died.
- Channel 5 began broadcasting on UK TV.
- Publication of the first in the series, *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*.

1997

57. The system of World War II defensive fortifications known as the Gothic Line was in which country?

Italy

58. The 2010–2011 Golden Boot award for leading goal scorer in the English Premier League was shared by a Manchester City and a Manchester United player. Name either.

Carlos Tevez (City) or **Dimitar Berbatov** (United)

59. What is the principal flavour of the liqueur Triple Sec?

Orange

60. Which coarse fish, found widely throughout the UK and Europe, has the scientific name *Squalius cephalus*?

Chub

61. Which six words complete this American children's rhyme?

*Vintery, mintery, cutery, corn,
Apple seed and apple thorn,
Wire, briar, limber lock
Three geese in a flock...
One flew East, One flew West and...*

One flew over the cuckoo's nest

62. In which city did Aldi open its first UK supermarket in 1990?

Birmingham

63. Opened by David Bellamy in 1985, which linear park runs for 11 miles between Marple and Macclesfield, along the course of the former Macclesfield, Bollington and Marple railway?

Middlewood Way (accept any answer containing 'Middlewood')

64. As at 20 January 2020, who is the King of Belgium?

Philippe

65. Who was lead singer of the group that had 1980s UK top ten hits with *I Want Your Love* and *Baby I Don't Care*?

Wendy James (of Transvision Vamp)

66. In the Caribbean island group known as the ABC Islands, if 'A' is Aruba and 'C' is Curaçao, what is 'B'?

Bonaire

67. Previously known as 'emphysema' or 'smoker's lung', what is the full four-word name of the medical condition now referred to as 'COPD'?

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

68. What was the title of Pink Floyd's 1967 debut studio album?

Piper at the Gates of Dawn

69. The Cabot Circus shopping centre, the Tobacco Factory and the Watershed are visitor attractions in which UK city?

Bristol

70. A life-size, bronze statue of which iconic television character sits on a bench overlooking the Little Ouse river in the Norfolk town of Thetford?

Captain Mainwaring (most of *Dad's Army's* outdoor scenes were filmed in and around Thetford)

Second Written Round

71. In John Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath*, which drought-affected state does the Joad family leave to travel to California in search of work?

Oklahoma

72. As at 20 January 2020, what is the standard prize for getting three numbers in the UK National Lottery's main *Lotto* draw on Saturday or Wednesday?

£30

73. Which is the most populous city in Belgium?

Antwerp

74. Which colourful accompaniment to Saturday nights in Manchester was seen for the last time in August 2000?

The Football Pink (accept any answer containing 'Pink')

(switched to a Sunday-only edition in 2000 and finally ceased publication in 2007)

75. *Furmint, Juhfark* and *Pearl of Csaba* are grape varieties most closely associated with wine production in which country?

Hungary

76. The Victoria Cross was first awarded to recognise acts of valour during which conflict?

The Crimean War

77. Which iconic baseball venue is home to the Chicago Cubs?

Wrigley Field

78. Who has held the post of Leader of Manchester City Council since 1996?

Sir Richard Leese

79. Which European country will host the Winter Olympic Games in 2026?

Italy (Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo)

80. The RHS Chelsea Flower Show is traditionally held in which month?

May

Spares

1. In which year did *Atlantis* complete the 135th and final mission of America's space shuttle programme?

2011

2. What name is shared by a Canadian actor, best known for his comic roles, who died in 2010, and the system used to determine television viewing figures in the USA?

Nielsen (Leslie Nielsen and Nielsen ratings)

3. Which three types of animal appear on the 'heraldic achievement' (i.e. coat of arms) of the city of Manchester.

Lion, Bee, Antelope

4. Which county finished runner-up in five of the first seven seasons of English cricket's County Championship?

Lancashire

5. Who was the only **solo** female artist to perform at the Wembley Live Aid concert in July 1985?

Sade

6. Castries is the capital of which Caribbean island?

Saint Lucia

Notes

1. Lance Armstrong (ironically) never actually failed a drug test – he was stripped of his titles after a United States Anti-Doping Agency investigation concluded that he had used performance-enhancing drugs over all of his career.

2. *Freedom or Death* is the country's **motto**, rather than national anthem. The Uruguayan anthem is *Orientales, la Patria o la Tumba*, which translates as *Easterners, the Country or the Tomb*, or *Orientals, our nation or the grave*.