

LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER 2019
QUESTIONS BY HORSE AND FARRIER

First Verbal Round

1. Peter Mark Roget, famous for his Thesaurus, was the first Secretary of which Manchester institution that opened in 1806?
The Portico Library (on Mosley Street)
2. *Operation Chariot* was the codename of which raid carried out by allied forces during WWII?
Raid on St Nazaire docks (accept any answer containing 'St Nazaire')
3. *HMS Zealous*, *HMS Goliath* and *HMS Leander* were British ships involved in which famous eighteenth century naval battle?
Battle of the Nile (also known as the Battle of Aboukir Bay)
4. Sir Arnold Lunn was pioneer of which Olympic sport?
Ski racing (accept all skiing-related answers; he invented the modern slalom ski race, at Mürren in 1922)
5. Mr Thomas Gradgrind and Josiah Bounderby are characters in which Charles Dickens novel?
Hard Times
6. Nuku'alofa is the capital of which Commonwealth nation?
Tonga
7. Which famous Welsh Rugby Union club plays home matches at The Gnoll?
Neath RFC
8. In which 1980 horror film did The Timberline Lodge, in Oregon play a significant part?
The Shining
9. *The Golden Road to Samarkand*, by James Elroy Fletcher, is a poem that has a strong connection to which British Army regiment?
SAS (22nd Special Air Service Regiment) **see note 1**
10. First shown in 1953, what is the longest-running current affairs programme produced by the BBC?
Panorama
11. Under what name is the ship *Amazon*, launched in Nova Scotia in 1871, better known?
Mary Celeste
12. After the mutiny on 27 June 1905 to which port did the battleship *Potemkin*?
Odessa
13. Which children's TV programme features a toad called Gabriel?
Bagpuss
14. Which Australian player had that country's second-highest batting average in the 2019 men's Ashes?
Marnus Labuschagne
15. In the year that Roger Bannister ran the first sub 4-minute mile, who was the BBC *Sportsworld Personality of the Year*?
Chris Chataway
16. In what place did Roger Bannister finish in the 1952 Olympic 1500 metre race?
Fourth (behind Josy Bartel of Luxembourg, although setting a British record)

17. Which Australian, who played in only one test match, had the best bowling average in the 2019 men's Ashes series?

Mitchell Marsh

18. Pippin Fort features in which children's TV programme?

Camberwick Green [see note 2](#)

19. After the *Potemkin* mutiny, which country offered asylum to the mutineers, but only if they disarmed and surrendered the ship?

Romania

20. Between which two cities was the *Mary Celeste* travelling on her ill-fated voyage in 1872?

New York and Genoa

21. On which channel is the BBC's longest-running TV soap opera shown, with the character of Megan Harries still played by the same actor?

S4C: accept any answer related to BBC Welsh language channel

(*Pobol y Cwm* or *People of the Valley* first aired on BBC Wales in 1974) [see note 3](#)

22. *Heart of Oak*, composed by William Boyce with words by David Garrick, is the official march of which branch of the British military?

Royal Navy

23. In which 1969 British film did the Lingotto Building play a significant part?

The Italian Job

24. Which famous Scots Rugby Union club plays home matches at Netherdale?

Gala RFC

25. Suva is the capital of which Commonwealth nation?

Fiji

26. Nathaniel Winkle and Augustus Snodgrass are characters in which Charles Dickens novel?

Pickwick Papers

27. What name did J. Jaques & Son trademark in 1901, for a parlour game that is now an Olympic sport?

Ping-pong

28. *HMS London*, *HMS Intrepid*, *HMS Shrewsbury*, *HMS Princessa* and *HMS Terrible* were British ships involved in which famous eighteenth century naval battle?

Battle of The Chesapeake (also known as battle of the Virginia Capes, or the Battle of the Capes)

29. *Operation Torch* was the codename of which invasion by allied forces during World War II?

Invasion of French North Africa (also accept Morocco or Algeria)

30. A blue plaque in Manchester credits Peter Mark Roget as being a co-founder of which educational institution?

Manchester Medical School (incorporated into Owens College in 1874)

First Written Round **There is a theme**

31. Which singer's first solo live album was entitled *Spotify Singles*?

Harry Styles [see note 4](#)

32. What name was given to the train service that ran from 1886 to 2003 between Calais and the French Riviera?

The Blue Train (*Le Train Bleu*)

33. What city had walls named *Kufa*, *Basra*, *Khurasan* and *Syria*?

Baghdad

34. What event takes place annually in the first week of July on a stretch of the River Thames in Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire? **see note 5**

Henley (Royal) Regatta

35. What name was given in the UK to a row of stables with living quarters above them, built behind large city houses?

Mews

36. Which entertainment entrepreneur, with a passion for horses, started off washing down coaches in the family funeral business? Full name needed.

Bertram Mills

37. From which tree do we obtain the drug Taxol?

The Pacific Yew (accept 'Yew')

38. What significant event, other than possibly Brexit, do we celebrate today?

Hallowe'en **see note 6**

39. Which city in the state of Hesse is the fifth largest by population in Germany?

Frankfurt

40. In which nursery rhyme does '*The clock struck one*' appear?

Hickory Dickory Dock

Theme is Agatha Christie novels or short stories:

The Mysterious Affair at Styles; The Mystery of the Blue Train; The Mystery of the Baghdad Chest; Poirot and the Regatta Mystery; Murder in the Mews; At Bertram's Hotel; The Rose and the Yew Tree; Hallowe'en Party; Passenger to Frankfurt; Hickory, Dickory, Dock.

Second Verbal Round

41. Which two cities are the termini of the Trans-Siberian railway?

Moscow and Vladivostok

42. At its mouth the Guadalquivir forms the border between two Spanish provinces. Name either.

Cádiz or Huelva

43. Who played the title role in the 1984 film *Supergirl* and went on to star in *City Slickers*?

Helen Slater

44. Which central Asian republic shares borders with Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Afghanistan and Iran?

Turkmenistan

45. For which band was John Coghlan the drummer until 1981?

Status Quo

46. To whom was Donald Trump married between 1993 and 1999?

Maria Maples

47. In the Marvel *Avengers* movies, what is the name of the supervillain who seeks, in *Infinity War*, to eliminate half the population of the Universe?

Thanos

48. Which west of England town is twinned with Annecy in France, Gottingen in Germany and Sochi in Russia?
Cheltenham
49. What is the highest numbered platform at Manchester Piccadilly station?
14
50. In the film *Some Like it Hot*, what is the name of the mobster chief played by George Raft
Spats Columbo
51. Why was Simon Martin in the news earlier this month?
He is the head chef at the Manchester restaurant, Mana, which has been awarded a Michelin Star – Manchester's first in many years
52. Which actor was the first to play *Dr Who*?
William Hartnell **see pedantic note 7**
53. Who was the first performer at the Woodstock Music Festival in 1969?
Richie Havens
54. How many cities are there in Scotland?
Seven (Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Inverness, Perth, Stirling)
55. Who is the only UK Prime Minister to have been born in Glasgow?
Henry Campbell-Bannerman [Note: Gordon Brown was born in Giffnock in Renfrewshire, not in Glasgow.]
56. Who is the only UK Prime Minister to have been born in Edinburgh?
Tony Blair [Note: Arthur Balfour was born in East Lothian, not in Edinburgh.] **see note 8**
57. How many cities are there in the Republic of Ireland?
Five (Cork, Dublin, Galway, Limerick, Waterford)
58. Who headed the bill at the 1969 Isle of Wight pop festival?
Bob Dylan
59. Which actor played Dr Who most recently?
Jodie Whittaker **see pedantic note 7**
60. Prior to the Michelin Star awarded this month to Mana, what was the last restaurant in the city of Manchester to hold a Michelin Star?
The French (also accept 'The Midland Hotel) (1974-1977)
61. In the film *Some Like it Hot* what instrument does Jack Lemmon's character, Jerry, play?
Double Bass
62. What is the highest-numbered platform at London Euston mainline station?
18
63. Which west of England city is twinned with Aix en Provence in France, Alkmaar in The Netherlands and Braunschweig (Brunswick) in Germany?
Bath
64. In the Marvel *Avengers* movies what is the civilian name of Captain America, played by Chris Evans?
Steve Rogers
65. Who is the only child of the relationship between Donald Trump and Marla Maples? First name required!
Tiffany Trump

66. For which band was Bill Ward the drummer until 1980?
Black Sabbath
67. Which central Asian republic shares borders with China, Afghanistan, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan?
Tajikistan
68. Who played Lois Lane opposite Christopher Reeve in the *Superman* films
Margot Kidder
69. In which Spanish province does the river Ebro discharge into the Mediterranean?
Tarragona
70. When the service began in 1883, which two cities were the termini of the Orient Express?
Paris and Constantinople (Istanbul) [This was not a direct service until 1889.]

Second Written Round

71. Which fourteen US states constitute the country's Eastern Seaboard and border the Atlantic Ocean?
Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida **see note 9**
72. There have only been two Scottish-born leaders of the Conservative Party. One was Arthur Balfour, who was the other?
Iain Duncan Smith
73. Reg Watson died earlier this month, aged 93. Which long-running TV show did he create?
Neighbours **see note 10**
74. Whose body lay in state in Manchester Town Hall for four days after his death in 1844?
John Dalton
75. Which Kenyan athlete broke the World Marathon Record earlier this month?
Brigid Kosgei **see note 11**
76. Who is the only British person to win a Nobel Prize in the 2019 Awards?
Stanley Whittingham (for Chemistry) **see note 12**
77. Which Liberal MP called Margaret Thatcher 'Attila the Hen'?
Clement Freud
78. Of what crime was Christine Keeler found guilty at her trial in 1963?
Perjury
79. Who wrote '*Who controls the past controls the future*'?
George Orwell
80. Who is the only Welsh-born politician to have been leader of the Conservative Party?
Michael Howard

Spares

1. With which Italian region is the Nebbiolo grape most associated?
Piedmont
2. In the 2018 World Whiskies Awards which country was home to the world's best single malt?
Australia (Sullivans Cove, produced in Hobart, Tasmania)

3. How many children did Queen Victoria have?

Nine

4. Which Prime Minister was born in Glasgow in 1815?

Sir John McDonald (first Prime Minister of Canada in 1867)

5. Which European cathedral is home to the bell nicknamed *Big Peter*?

Cologne

6. Rotterdam handles the greatest cargo tonnage of European ports, but what is Europe's second ranked port in terms of cargo tonnage?

Antwerp

Notes

1. The poem is also known as *The Golden Journey to Samarkand* and the poet's correct name is James Elroy **Flecker**.
2. The soldier boys from Pippin Fort also appear in several episodes of the 'sister' programme *Chigley*.
3. It is a bit of a stretch, and not a little confusing/misleading, to call *Pobol y Cwm* the **BBC's** longest-running soap, as it has not been broadcast by the corporation since 1982. It is *produced* by BBC Wales, but is *shown* on the independent Welsh language channel S4C.

The longest-running soap broadcast on a BBC channel is *EastEnders*, which first appeared in 1985.
4. *Spotify Singles* is a two-track EP, rather than an album.
5. The Henley Regatta course is also partly in Berkshire
6. All Souls Eve, All Saints Eve, All Hallows Eve and Allhalloween are acceptable alternative answers (although they don't necessarily fit the theme). Depending on where 'we' are in the world, there are [numerous other events](#) on 31 October that might be 'celebrated today'.
7. The programme is *Dr Who*, but the character is correctly referred to as 'The Doctor'.
8. There are two other acceptable answers. John Stuart, 3rd Earl of Bute (PM 1762-63) and George Hamilton-Gordon, 4th Earl of Aberdeen (PM 1852-55) were both born in Edinburgh.
9. Although teams can 'work on it' during the rest of the round, asking for a fourteen-part answer in (nominally) 30 seconds is rather excessive. At least it was asked as question 1, rather than question 10!
10. Reg Watson's television output also includes the creation of *Prisoner (Cell Block H)* and *Sons & Daughters*. It is debatable whether these count as long-running, as they ran for seven and five years respectively (not including repeats).
11. Also in October, and perhaps more prominently, Kenya's Eliud Kipchoge became the first person to break the two-hour mark for the marathon. However this has not been recognised as a world record by the IAAF as it wasn't an open event and rules on pacing/provision of drinks etc were not followed. Adding the word 'official' to 'World Marathon Record' would remove any possible ambiguity.
12. An equally acceptable answer is Peter J. Ratcliffe, who is a co-recipient of this year's Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine.