

INTER-DIVISIONAL LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 5 DECEMBER 2019
QUESTIONS BY THE RAILWAY

First Verbal Round

1. Which institution has the motto '*My word is my bond*'?
(London) **Stock Exchange**
2. Which sports equipment company's name is an acronym for a Latin phrase that can be translated as '*healthy soul in a healthy body*'?
Asics (from *anima sana in corpore sano*)
3. Which medical condition is characterised by an inflammation of the outermost layer of the white part of the eye and the inner surface of the eyelids?
Conjunctivitis (also known as 'pink eye')
4. Who resigned as Defence Secretary in 1986 over the Westland affair?
Michael Heseltine
5. Which celebrity chef was caught stealing cheese and wine from a shop in Henley-on-Thames in January 2012?
Anthony Worrall Thompson
6. The musician Ric Ocasek died in September. With which band was he the lead singer?
The Cars
7. Laurie Anderson, who had a UK number two hit in 1981 with *O Superman*, was married to which iconic rock star until his death in 2013?
Lou Reed
8. In which modern country did the Great Trek take place between 1836 and 1846?
South Africa
9. Which brand of confectionery is marketed with the slogan '*Taste the rainbow*'?
Skittles
10. Name either of the English cathedral cities linked by the 24-mile walking route known as the Clarendon Way?
Winchester or **Salisbury**
11. Who wrote the *Vampire Chronicles* series of books?
Anne Rice
12. What Provençal name is given to the spread made of olives, capers and olive oil?
Tapenade
13. Uhuru Peak at 19,341 feet is the highest point of which mountain?
Kilimanjaro
14. The economist Kristalina Georgieva succeeded Christine Lagarde as head of which organisation on 1 October 2019?
The International Monetary Fund (accept 'IMF')
15. What is the parliamentary constituency of the new Speaker of the House of Commons, Sir Lindsay Hoyle?
Chorley
16. *Ready Steady Go* presenter Cathy McGowan is the partner of which singer and presenter?
Michael Ball

17. Name any of the three British towns that were given city status for the diamond jubilee in 2012.
One from: **Chelmsford, Perth and St Asaph**
18. In which year was the Geneva Convention first formulated?
1864 (accept 1861 to 1867)
19. What 'first' did *Glamorous Glennis* achieve on 14 October 1947?
It was the plane in which Chuck Yeager became the first person to break the sound barrier
(accept any answer that refers to breaking the sound barrier)
20. In which English county is Twycross Zoo?
Leicestershire
21. Which act of Parliament formally recognised the independence of the dominions within the Empire in 1931?
The Statute of Westminster
22. Paul McCartney has been confirmed as one of the main headliners at Glastonbury next year, but who is booked to headline the Sunday afternoon 'Legends' spot?
Diana Ross
23. *All Time High* sung by Rita Coolidge was the theme to which Bond movie?
Octopussy
24. The sulphate of which element is used as a contrast agent for gastro-intestinal X-rays?
Barium
25. Which Chancellor of the Exchequer presented his only budget in 1990?
John Major
26. Who was the first woman to win an Olympic gold medal for boxing?
Nicola Adams
27. What Italian name is given to the waterbuses in Venice?
Vaporetti (singular vaporetto)
28. Who wrote the line '*Was this the face that launched a thousand ships*'?
Christopher Marlowe (in *Doctor Faustus*)
29. The planet of Azeroth is the main setting for which series of video games?
Warcraft
30. Assuming it is completed on schedule, the new trans-London line Crossrail will be known by what name from 2021?
Elizabeth Line

First Written Round **THERE IS A THEME**

Two first names are needed to 'solve' the theme, but are not required for a correct answer

31. Beethoven's *Piano Sonata No. 14 in C# minor* is popularly known in English by what name?
Moonlight Sonata
32. Which comedian, who died in 1982, co-wrote the first three series of *Round the Horne* with Barry Took?
Marty Feldman
33. In 2008, who became the first British swimmer to win two Olympic gold medals since 1908?
Rebecca Adlington

34. What event of the twentieth century lasted five days, running from 'Black Thursday' until 'Black Tuesday'?
- The Wall Street Crash (of 1929)** (also accept 'Stock Market Crash (of 1929)' or 'the Great Crash')
35. The murderer portrayed on film by Burt Lancaster, who died the day before Kennedy's assassination after 54 years in prison, is generally known by what nickname?
- The Birdman of Alcatraz**
36. Which African city hosted the Anfa Conference in 1943, at which Winston Churchill and Franklin D. Roosevelt met to discuss the progress of the war?
- Casablanca** [see pedantic note 1](#)
37. What is defined as 'a military unit consisting of two or more squads or sections and a headquarters'?
- A platoon**
38. According to his Wikipedia page, who is the second-best-selling British author, behind J. K. Rowling, and the best-selling British non-fiction author since records began?
- Jamie Oliver** [see note 2](#)
39. If a creature is described as *alate* this means it has what sort of body parts?
- Wings**
40. Which legendary ship was steered by Tiphys?
- The Argo**
- Theme is (single-word title) winners of the Best Picture Oscar:**
Moonlight, Marty, Rebecca, Crash, Birdman, Casablanca, Platoon, Oliver!, Wings, Argo

Second Verbal Round

41. Which mammal is the largest member of the weasel family and is also known as the glutton?
- Wolverine** (also accept 'carcajou', 'skunk bear' or 'quickhatch')
42. Who defeated Brian Lenihan in 1990 to become the Republic of Ireland's first female president?
- Mary Robinson**
43. In October 2019 what did David Atherton become the tenth person to do?
- He won *The Great British Bake Off***
44. What name was given to a hypothetical planet, proposed in the nineteenth century by the French mathematician Urbain le Verrier to exist in orbit between Mercury and the Sun?
- Vulcan**
45. What is the county town of Derbyshire?
- Matlock**
46. The Spanish name Paco is a diminutive of which forename?
- Francisco**
47. For which country did Vanessa-Mae, better known as a violinist, compete at the 2014 Winter Olympics?
- Thailand**
48. In series 3 of *The Crown*, currently being broadcast on Netflix, who plays Princess Margaret?
- Helena Bonham Carter**
49. Who was the Republican party candidate defeated by John F. Kennedy in the 1960 US presidential election?
- Richard Nixon**

50. In chess what name is given to the only move where two pieces can be moved?

Castling

51. In Greek mythology who was the first mortal woman?

Pandora (also known as Anesidora)

52. Which famous bandleader was born in Bremen in 1929 and has the real first name Hans?

James Last

53. Zener cards are used in experiments to test for what?

Extra sensory perception (ESP) (also accept 'clairvoyance' or anything similar)

54. Created in the 1890s, *The Card Players* is a series of five paintings by which artist?

Paul Cézanne

55. The La Liga football club Real Betis is based in which city?

Seville

56. Which liqueur is named after the monastery in eastern France where it has been made since 1737?

Chartreuse

57. The American volcano Mount St Helens is in which range of mountains?

The Cascades

58. In biology what specifically is an *angiosperm*?

A flowering plant

59. What word is used to describe full-cream milk that's been processed in a way that stops the cream from rising to the top?

Homogenised

60. Which politically unaware sportsman recently said: '*I don't even know who the Prime Minister is any more. I haven't got a clue. I follow the golf, that's about it.*'?

Gareth Bale

61. Agatha Christie took the title of her novel *By the Pricking of My Thumbs* from which Shakespeare play?

Macbeth

62. What is the northernmost point of the Australian mainland?

Cape York

63. Which country is the setting for Georges Bizet's opera *The Pearl Fishers*?

Ceylon (also accept 'Sri Lanka')

64. What does the prefix *chrys*, as in chrysanthemum and chrysalis, mean?

Gold or golden

65. At the World Gymnastics Championships in October, Joe Fraser won Britain's first ever gold medal on which apparatus?

Parallel bars

66. In a Gilbert & Sullivan opera, who sings the line '*let the punishment fit the crime*'?

The Mikado

67. What's the name of the Cornish pie that traditionally has fish protruding through the crust?

Stargazy pie

68. Who was the first protestant Archbishop of Canterbury?
Thomas **Cranmer**
69. Born in Texas in 1907 with the forenames Orvon Grover, which performer was known as *The Singing Cowboy*?
Gene Autry
70. In which sport is the Commissioner's Trophy awarded?
Baseball (to the winners of the World Series)

Second Written Round

71. Which African capital city has eleven letters in its name, only three of which are consonants?
Ouagadougou (capital of Burkina Faso)
72. Which dance gave the Spanish band Los del Río their only UK chart success?
Macarena
73. How many rows of stars are there on the flag of the United States of America?
Nine
74. Which actor once finished second in the Le Mans 24-hour race?
Paul Newman
75. Which book of *The Bible* has most chapters, most verses and (in English) most words?
Psalms
76. What links verbs, heartbeats and troops?
They can all be regular or irregular
77. Who is currently Master of the Queen's Music?
Judith Weir
78. Starfish and sea urchins belong to which phylum, which derives its name from the Greek for 'hedgehog skin'?
Echinodermata (also accept 'echinoderm')
79. Ironically, in which year did Richard Burton die?
1984 (also the title of his last film)
80. What name is shared by a Greek physician of the second century AD and one of the apes in the 1968 film *Planet of the Apes*?
Galen

Spares

1. What's the more familiar name for a *dactylogram*?
Fingerprint
2. What was the title of Hilary Mantel's sequel to *Wolf Hall*, which won the Booker Prize in 2012?
Bring Up the Bodies
3. Which country's capital stands on the island of Zealand?
Denmark
4. Which Pink Floyd album is named after the means of calling MPs to vote in the House of Commons?
The Division Bell

5. Which silent film actor was born with the first name Roscoe?

'Fatty' Arbuckle [see note 3](#)

6. Who won the BBC Sports Personality of the Year award in 1984 - the only time it's been shared between more than one person?

Torvill and Dean

Notes

1. 'Anfa' is the name of the hotel that hosted the conference. It is usually referred to as the 'Casablanca Conference' (admittedly using this name would have made the question fairly easy).

2. For those surprised (and possibly outraged) that J. K. Rowling and Jamie Oliver are the first and second in the all-books list, 'best-selling' refers to the total monetary value of book sales. Both are still some way behind the likes of Shakespeare, Agatha Christie and Barbara Cartland in terms of the number of books sold.

3. ['Roscoe Karns'](#), who began his career in the silent era, is also an acceptable answer.

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