

LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 10 OCTOBER

QUESTIONS BY THE RAILWAY

First Verbal Round

- Which leader of his country is buried in the Valley of the Fallen?
(General) Francisco Franco
- Which meteorological phenomenon is named after Saint Erasmus of Formia, the patron saint of sailors?
St Elmo's Fire see note 1
- What is the name of the Jack Russell-cross puppy adopted by Boris Johnson in September?
Dilyn
- Both Orson Welles and Yul Brynner died on this day (10 October) in which year?
1985 (allow one year either way)
- What item of clothing takes its name from a prosperous area of New York state, where it was popularised in the 1880s?
Tuxedo
- Miu Miu is a clothing brand from which fashion house?
Prada
- In Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew*, what is the name of Katharina's sister?
Bianca
- The Northern Ireland city of Derry (aka Londonderry) stands on which river?
The Foyle
- In 1626 Nicholas Lanier was the first person to be appointed to what position?
Master of the King's Music
- Which High Street chain was founded in Seattle in 1971 by Jerry Baldwin, Gordon Bowker and Zev Siegl?
Starbucks
- Who was the Foreign Minister in post-revolutionary France, whose name became a byword for a crafty, cynical diplomat?
Charles-Maurice de Talleyrand-Périgord (accept just 'Talleyrand')
- Which French politician and philosopher is known as the *Father of Anarchy* and asserted that 'property is theft'?
Pierre-Joseph Proudhon
- The 1999 film *Tea with Mussolini* is the semi-autobiographical work of which film director?
Franco Zeffirelli
- In football, who is Wales's most-capped player with 96 caps, having passed Neville Southall's record in November 2018?
Chris Gunter
- Which Osmonds cover was Boyzone's first top ten hit?
Love Me for a Reason
- Which Israeli-born chef has published the cookery books *Plenty*, *Jerusalem* and *Simple*?
Yotam Ottolenghi

17. Which US state has two Ivy League universities?
New York (Cornell and Columbia)
18. Forming part of the University of London, what does the acronym SOAS stand for?
School of Oriental and African Studies
19. Which acclaimed London restaurant was founded by Ruth Rogers and Rose Gray?
The River Café
20. Under what names did Michael Coleman and Kevin Parrot top the UK singles charts in 1978?
Brian and Michael
21. With 50 goals from 102 games, who is the record goal scorer for the Netherlands national football team?
Robin van Persie
22. Who directed and co-wrote (with his brother) the 2014 film *Interstellar*?
Christopher Nolan
23. Sheryl Sandberg is the Chief Operating Officer of which major company?
Facebook
24. In 1952, General Hastings Ismay was the first person to be appointed to what position?
Secretary General of NATO
25. Which Australian city stands on the River Derwent?
Hobart
26. In Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*, what is the name of Caesar's wife?
Calpurnia
27. Both Nicholas Parsons and commentator Murray Walker were born on this day in which year?
1923 (allow one year either way)
28. Why was Labour party supporter Omar Salem in the news last month? .
He confronted Boris Johnson about the NHS at Whipps Cross Hospital
29. What is *brontophobia* a fear of?
Thunder
30. At which royal residence did Queen Victoria die?
Osborne House

First Written Round (There is a theme, which requires one first name) **see note 2**

31. Which temple complex in south-east Asia is the largest religious monument in the world?
Angkor Wat
32. Which organisation is the only one to have been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize three times?
(The International Committee of the) **Red Cross**
33. Which film and TV awards are bestowed by the 93 members of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association?
The Golden Globe Awards
34. Which Swedish singer is best known in the UK for the 1997 hit *Save Tonight*?
Eagle-Eye Cherry

35. Which 1975 film stars Robert Redford as a CIA researcher whose colleagues are murdered?
Three Days of the Condor
36. Which Russian, who died in 2013, said '*Blame the Nazi Germans for making me become a gun designer...I always wanted to construct agriculture machinery.*'?
Mikhail Kalashnikov
37. Which musical has been running continuously at London's Lyceum theatre since 1999?
The Lion King
38. According to *The Bible*, when building his house what wood did Solomon use for the pillars, beams and roof?
Cedar
39. The recently appointed Children's Laureate, Cressida Cowell, is best known for what series of books?
How to Train Your Dragon
40. Which is the smallest of the 88 constellations in the night sky?
The Southern Cross (accept 'Crux')

Theme: all the answers contain a symbol that can be found on at least one national flag

Angkor Wat - Cambodia; Red Cross – e.g. Georgia; Globe - Brazil; Eagle – e.g. Albania; Condor -Ecuador; Kalashnikov - Mozambique; Lion – e.g. Sri Lanka; Cedar - Lebanon; Dragon - Bhutan; Southern Cross – e.g. Papua New Guinea.

Second Verbal Round

41. Which 20th century British Prime Minister's real first name was Leonard?
James Callaghan
42. Who wrote the poem that contains the lines '*To see a world in a grain of sand, And a heaven in a wild flower*'?
William Blake (*Auguries of Innocence*)
43. The Pulitzer and Nobel-prize-winning author born Chloe Ardelia Wofford died in August 2019. By what name was she better known?
Toni Morrison
44. Which chemical element with the atomic number 27 gives its name to a blue pigment, which contains its aluminate?
Cobalt
45. Which comedian has been presenting his *Imaginary Sandwich Bar* on BBC Radio 4?
Alexei Sayle
46. Which National Trust property is the former home of the Dukes of Newcastle and features a lime tree avenue that is the longest of its type in Europe?
Clumber Park
47. In July 2019 Egan Bernal became the first person from South America to do what?
Win the Tour de France
48. Which moon of Jupiter was named after the maiden who, in Greek mythology, was loved by Zeus and turned into a heifer by Zeus's wife Hera?
Io
49. Which African country is now the only country in the world whose currency is the Escudo?
Cape Verde [see pedantic note 3](#)

50. In the Beatles song, what was the only thing that *Rocky Raccoon* found in his hotel room?

Gideon's Bible

51. Which former BBC TV presenter believes that human beings originated in a breeding programme run by a race of reptilians called Anunnaki from the constellation Draco?

David Icke

52. In Hindu tradition and in yoga, what word (from the Sanskrit word for 'a wheel') refers to the energy points in the body?

Chakra

53. According to the *Guinness Book of Records*, specifically, what is the world's smallest species of bird? (two-word answer required)

Bee hummingbird

54. Who was the first Danish king of England, ruling from 1013 to 1014, and the father of Cnut?

Sweyn Forkbeard

55. Who was the only British monarch of the House of Blois?

Stephen

56. What is the name of the sculpture that sits on the bonnet of Rolls-Royce cars?

The Spirit of Ecstasy

57. Which car brand is the Japanese name for the Pleiades star cluster, although only six stars appear in its logo?

Subaru

58. Which bird, with a name derived from the Gaelic for 'wood horse', is the largest member of the grouse family?

Capercaillie

59. How does the name of the TV network *Al Jazeera* literally translate into English?

The Island

60. Which former children's TV presenter chose to become Baroness of Beckenham when she entered the House of Lords in 2010?

Floella Benjamin

61. Which ABBA song begins with the line '*Where are those happy days, they are so hard to find?*'?

SOS see note 4

62. Which European country is now the only country in the world whose currency is the Mark?

Bosnia-Herzegovina

63. In Greek mythology who was conceived when Zeus came to his mother as a shower of gold?

Perseus

64. Bianca Andreescu became the first person from which country to win a Grand Slam tennis singles title when she won at this year's US Open?

Canada

65. After the death of its original owner in 1608, which National Trust property belonged to the Earls, then Dukes, of Devonshire, who used it as a secondary residence to Chatsworth?

Hardwick Hall

66. Who plays the title role in Radio 4's *Clare in the Community*?

Sally Phillips

67. Which chemical element with the atomic number 40 takes its name from a Persian word meaning 'gold-like'?
Zirconium **see pedantic note 5**
69. The celebrity whose real name was Tardar Sauce died in May 2019. By what name was she better known?
Grumpy Cat **see note 6**
69. Which well-known poem ends with the line '*If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?*'?
Ode to the West Wind (by Shelley)
70. What is Buzz Aldrin's real first name?
Edwin **see note 7**

Second Written Round

71. In the context of transport, what does the acronym ULEZ stand for?
Ultra-Low Emission Zone
72. What is the nominal output voltage of the commonly used A and AA batteries?
1.5 volts
73. William Barr currently holds what position in the United States?
Attorney General
74. The Hen and Chicken Islands lie off the north coast of which country?
New Zealand
75. Which public figure is married to the Mexican businesswoman Laura Álvarez?
Jeremy Corbyn
76. What specifically links the following four people? Herbert Hoover, Alf Landon, Wendell Wilkie and Thomas Dewey.
(Republican candidates) **defeated by Franklin D Roosevelt**
77. Which member of NASA's original Mercury team flew in a space shuttle in 1998, at the age of 77?
John Glenn
78. What is the name of Ed Sheeran's most recent album, which features guest appearances by artists including Justin Bieber, Eminem and Stormzy?
No. 6 Collaborations Project
79. In what year was Apple's first iPhone released?
2007
80. Which TV series, which ran from 2013 to 2017, originally centred around the murder of 11-year-old Danny Latimer?
Broadchurch

Spares

1. In Egyptian mythology, the god Sobek is usually represented as what creature?
Crocodile
2. Which US state makes up just over half of the land area of New England?
Maine

3. In Australia, what type of food is a 'lamington'?

Cake

4. Who is the patron saint of television?

St Clare

5. What was the name of the spacecraft in which Yuri Gagarin became the first man in space?

Vostok I

Notes

1. 'St. Elmo's light' is also an acceptable answer.
2. It might have been preferable to specify the requirement for a first name in the actual question (Q34).
3. '(The Republic of) Cabo Verde' is also an acceptable answer.
4. The correct lyric is '*...they **seem** so hard to find*'
5. Zirconium is actually named after the mineral zircon. According to *Chambers*, zircon derives its name from the Arabic *zarqun*, which in turn comes from the Persian *zargun* meaning 'gold-like'.
6. For those unfamiliar with her work, Grumpy Cat was the subject of many 'humorous' viral internet memes.
7. In 1988 Edwin Eugene Aldrin Jr legally changed his name to Buzz Aldrin, so his 'real' first name is Buzz. If looking for the answer 'Edwin' it would be better to ask for his *birth* name. Our thanks go to Les Williams (Flying Coach) for pointing this out.

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