

LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 9 JANUARY 2020
QUESTIONS BY THE WANDERING STAR

First Verbal Round

1. Mark Carney's successor as Governor of the Bank of England will take over the role on 16 March. What is his name?
Andrew Bailey
2. Established in the first century BC as Augusta Treverorum, which modern-day German city was the birthplace of Karl Marx?
Trier
3. There are two national parks in Scotland; one is the Cairngorms, what **exactly** is the other called?
Loch Lomond and The Trossachs
4. Which film won the Academy Award for Best Picture in 2018?
The Shape of Water
5. Who was the UK's Prime Minister for most of the duration of the Crimean War?
George Hamilton Gordon, Earl of Aberdeen (accept either)
6. Which gas has the molecular structure C₂H₄?
Ethane see note 1
7. Who was the first editor of *Private Eye*? He died last year.
Christopher Booker
8. In the recent film version of *Cats*, which actor plays Macavity?
Idris Elba
9. On which Greek island in the Eastern Aegean, was the mathematician and philosopher Pythagoras born?
Samos
10. Which company is responsible for the computer system used in many Post Office branches? It has come under suspicion as a factor in 'accounting errors' for which several postmasters have been unjustly prosecuted.
Fujitsu
11. What is the capital of the Basilicata region of Italy?
Potenza
12. The county flag of Lancashire consists of a red rose, on what colour background?
Yellow
13. What is the current National Living Wage hourly rate, for workers aged 25 or over?
£8.21
14. Give a year in the life of the Japanese artist and printmaker Katsushika Hokusai.
1760–1849
15. Completed in 1886 and designed by a pupil of Gustav Eiffel, the Dom Luís I bridge spans which European river?
Douro
16. Which country's currency is the *Hryvnia*?
Ukraine

17. Which Beatles song, on the *White Album*, is addressed to Paul's pet sheepdog?

Martha, My Dear

18. What is the common name of the woodland bird *Sitta europaea*? It is an occasional garden visitor, and is described by the RSPB as 'a plump bird about the size of a great tit that resembles a small woodpecker'.

Nuthatch

19. Mary Renault's trilogy covering the life of Alexander the Great begins with *Fire from Heaven*. Name either of the two subsequent books.

The Persian Boy or **Funeral Games**

20. Whereabouts in the body is the piriformis muscle?

Deep in the buttock/behind the gluteus maximus/connects the lower spine to the femur see note 2

21. What is the name of the British-flagged tanker captured in the strait of Hormuz in July 2019?

Stena Impero

22. In which twentieth century play is Stanley Kowalski a major character?

A Streetcar Named Desire

23. In which country is the Battenberg Mausoleum, which hold the remains of Alexander I, who abdicated in 1886?

Bulgaria

24. The TV series *Episodes* shown on BBC2 between 2011 and 2015, starred Matt LeBlanc, and which two British actors as TV scriptwriters in Hollywood?

Tamsin Greig and Stephen Mangan

25. In which Shakespeare play does Glendower boast that he can 'call the spirits from the vasty deep'?

Henry IV Part 1

26. Who is the main character in the series of detective novels by Peter Robinson? The first book was *Gallows View* in 1987.

Alan Banks

27. Alexander Hamilton appears on which denomination of US banknote?

\$10

28. Which is the largest moon of Uranus?

Titania

29. The 2019 *Christmas University Challenge* featured the actor Carole Boyd for Birmingham City University. She plays Lynda Snell in *The Archers* and provides voices for many characters in which children's TV series?

Postman Pat

30. East Kent Golding, Endeavour, Epic and Fuggle are UK-grown varieties of which plant?

Hop

First Written Round

THERE IS A THEME (one answer has a letter 's' that should be ignored for the theme)

31. Who won the 1971 US Open and 1972 Wimbledon Men's Championships?

Stan Smith

32. Voiced by Morwenna Banks, what is the name of the guitar-playing teacher at Peppa Pig's playgroup?

Madame [Gigi] Gazelle

33. Which Bundesliga team signed Kevin Keegan in 1977?
(S.V.) Hamburg
34. Which novelty single of 1967, which reached number five in the UK charts, was credited to 'Whistling Jack Smith'?
I Was Kaiser Bill's Batman
35. The Egyptian god Horus is usually depicted with the head of which animal?
Falcon
36. What Latin American dance is also used as the name of a free software package for file and print services?
Samba
37. Which founder of the production duo Neptunes, also lead singer of N*E*R*D, had an annoyingly "Happy" chart success in 2014?
Pharrell Williams
38. Name the Arnold Schwarzenegger film from 1987 that was basically *Hide and Seek* set in the Central American Jungle.
Predator
39. What do the Spanish call the football World Cup?
Copa Mundial
40. Which artist opened Woodstock, with the song *Minstrel from Gaulf*?
Richie Havens

Theme is Adidas trainers and boots

(Stan Smith, Gazelle, Hamburg, Kaiser, Falcon, Samba, Pharrell Williams, Predator, Copa Mundial, Haven)

Second Verbal Round

41. "Ooh, you are awful...but I like you" was a catchphrase of which comedian?
Dick Emery
42. In poetry, what is the name of the metrical foot that consists of one long (or stressed) syllable, followed by two short (or unstressed) syllables?
Dactyl
43. What was Thomas Hardy's profession before literary success allowed him to write full time?
Architect
44. Brother and sister Brian Souter and Ann Gloag announced in December that they are to step back from the business they founded in the 1980s. What is the name of that company?
Stagecoach
45. The small brewery Storm Brewing is located in which Cheshire town?
Macclesfield
46. In the big parade, 76 trombones were followed by how many of which instrument?
110 cornets
47. Who interviewed Prince Andrew for the programme broadcast on the BBC in mid-November 2019?
Emily Maitlis
48. In which building lie the remains of St Cuthbert of Lindisfarne?
Durham Cathedral

49. Henry VII's sister, Margaret Tudor, married which King of Scotland?

James IV

50. Which pub chain's first outlet was opened in Oldham in 1884?

Yates Wine Lodge

51. In Greek mythology Pandora, the first human woman, was created by the god of fire and metalworking. What was his name?

Hephaestus

52. Currently what is the cost of a colour TV licence if you're under 75?

£154.50

53. As of the end of 2019, who is the number one female tennis player as ranked by the WTA?

Ashleigh Barty

54. Which UNESCO World Heritage site is mostly owned by the National Trust and (as of 2018) had the most paying visitors of any NT site?

Giant's Causeway

55. The Marvin Gaye hit single *Sexual Healing* appeared on which of his albums?

Midnight Love see pedantic note 3

56. In which English county is Blandings Castle, the seat of Lord Emsworth?

Shropshire

57. To the nearest whole pint, how many pints are there in 20 litres?

35 (35.1951)

58. According to Plutarch the famous phrase '*veni vidi vici*' was used by Julius Caesar after victory in the Battle of Zela. In which modern-day country is Zela?

Turkey

59. '*The lark's on the wing; The snail's on the thorn: God's in His heaven— All's right with the world!*'

...is a quotation from which poet?

Robert Browning (from the verse drama *Pippa Passes*)

60. At what venue is CAMRA's Manchester Beer and Cider Festival 2020 taking place later this month?

Manchester Central (the former name 'GMEX' is also an acceptable answer)

61. Which songwriters wrote *The Loco-Motion* for Little Eva?

Carole King and Gerry Goffin

62. In what decade was Mozart's *Don Giovanni* first performed?

1780s (1787)

63. Published in June 2013, *The Quarry* was the last novel by which British author?

Iain Banks

64. Who played June Carter to Joaquin Phoenix's Johnny Cash in the film *Walk the Line*?

Reese Witherspoon

65. Which organisation won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2017?

ICAN (International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons)

66. What is the name of the RHS's garden in Devon?

Rosemoor

67. For what purpose would someone working with wood use a *froe*?

To split the wood along the grain

68. In geological terminology which era followed the Paleozoic?

Mesozoic

69. There are four 'wake words' that you can use for your Amazon Echo device. The default is 'Alexa'; give two of the other three words.

Two from: **Amazon, Echo, Computer**

70. How many pieces does each player have in a game of backgammon?

Fifteen

Second Written Round

71. Only three footballers have captained and later managed their nation to victory in the world cup. Name two of them.

Two from: **Franz Beckenbauer, Mário Zagallo, Didier Deschamps**

72. As of 1 January 2020, there are three MPs in the House of Commons who are the only representative of their party. Caroline Lucas (Green, Brighton Pavilion) is one; name either of the other two.

Neale Hanvey (Independent, Kircaldy & Cowdenbeath) **or** **Stephen Farry** (Alliance, North Down)

73. All parts of the yew tree *Taxus baccata* are poisonous – except one. Which bit of the yew is safe to eat?

The flesh surrounding the seeds **see note 4**

74. Which artist painted the 1954 portrait of Churchill, presented to him on his 80th birthday? It was never shown again publicly, and was destroyed some time later.

Graham Sutherland

75. The Cheshire town of Northwich lies at the confluence of which two rivers?

The Weaver and the Dane

76. Metformin is a drug used in the treatment of polycystic ovary syndrome and which other condition?

(Type 2) **diabetes**

77. Who played the lead role of Jack Malik in the 2019 film *Yesterday*?

Himesh Patel

78. Which Canadian astronaut performed and filmed a version of *Space Oddity* while Commander on board the International Space Station in 2013?

Chris Hadfield

79. The men's Olympic pole vault record of 6.03 metres was set in 2016 by which Brazilian athlete?

Thiago Braz da Silva

80. Which sculptor created the winged sphinx on Oscar Wilde's grave in the Père Lachaise cemetery?

Jacob Epstein

Spares

1. As of January 2020, how many Labour MPs are there in the House of Commons?

202 **see note 5**

2. Manchester Town Hall in Albert Square closed two years ago for refurbishment. In which year is it due to reopen?

2024

3. Who was the character played by Kevin Spacey in 1995 film *The Usual Suspects*?
Keyser Söze see note 6, with a spoiler alert
4. How many weeks' rent is a landlord allowed to take as a security deposit when letting a property, as from June 2019?
Five weeks
5. The playwright Samuel Beckett wrote most of his plays in which language, before translating them into English?
French
6. Which North American city hosted the XXI Olympiad?
Montreal see pedantic note 7

Notes

1. C_2H_4 is the formula for ethene (also known as ethylene). The formula for ethane is C_2H_6 .
2. This sort of question is best avoided as the answer is open to interpretation. This puts unfair pressure on the QM, most of whom have few if any qualifications in anatomy. The piriformis muscle connects the sacrum to the femur, so there are several other possible answers that are (at least partially) correct, e.g. within the pelvis, in the spine/sacrum, in the leg, in the hip etc.
3. *Sexual Healing* has also appeared on several compilation albums, which are arguably also correct answers, e.g. *The Marvin Gaye Collection* (1990) and *Marvin Gaye: The Love Songs* (2000). Including the word 'originally' would have resolved any ambiguity.
4. The botanical name—*aril*—is also a correct, and arguably better, answer.
5. Labour won 203 seats in the election, but Sir Lindsay Hoyle (elected as Labour MP for Chorley) renounced any party affiliation on his appointment as Speaker of the House.
6. Roger 'Verbal' Kint is also an acceptable answer.
7. An Olympiad is not hosted, as it is a period of four years between games. It is more correct to say that Montreal hosted the **games of the** XXI Olympiad.

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