

LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 21 OCTOBER 2021
QUESTIONS BY SMART ALEX (on behalf of HMRUFC) see note 1

First Verbal Round

1. Who presents *Last Word*, the obituary programme on Radio 4?
Matthew Bannister see note 2
2. Which country has the world's largest Muslim population?
Indonesia
3. Name the year: Pink Floyd released *Dark Side of the Moon*; Princess Anne married Mark Phillips; W. H. Auden died.
1973
4. In which German federal state is the headquarters of Volkswagen?
Lower Saxony (Wolfsburg)
5. Which Shakespeare play's first spoken line is "*Who's there?*"?
Hamlet
6. In physics, which elementary particle exists in six types called flavours, which group together to form larger particles such as protons and neutrons?
Quark
7. Which herb, which is a main ingredient of pesto, is named after the Greek for 'royal'?
Basil
8. Three Brazilian footballers have won the World Cup, the Champions League and the Ballon d'Or in their careers. Name one of them.
Any one of: **Rivaldo, Ronaldinho or Kaká**
9. In 1976 near Seveso in Italy, a major chemical-plant accident released a quantity of the highly toxic chemical TCDD onto local townships. By what name is this chemical commonly known?
Dioxin
10. What name is given to the popular chess defence in which white opens with king's pawn to e4 and black responds with bishop's pawn to c5?
Sicilian
11. In *The Three Musketeers* by Alexandre Dumas which character has the title of *Comte de la Fère*?
Athos
12. Which were the two opposing armies at the Battle of Gaugamela (aka the Battle of Arbela) in 331 BC?
Greek (also accept Macedonian) **and Persian**
13. Which cosmetics company launched the classic perfume Youth Dew in 1953?
Estée Lauder
14. Which actress, a granddaughter of Sir Michael Redgrave, died from complications arising from a skiing accident in Québec in 2009?
Natasha Richardson

15. Which cricketing brothers had the nicknames 'Junior' and 'Tugga'?
- Mark and Steve Waugh**
16. Which golfer holds the record for the most runners-up finishes in majors (five) without ever winning one?
- Colin Montgomerie**
17. Doria Ragland is the mother of which well-known former actress?
- Meghan Markle** (Duchess of Sussex)
18. Which cosmetics company launched the classic perfume Blue Grass in 1934?
- Elizabeth Arden**
19. Which commander is considered to have won the decisive battle against Spartacus and his followers, in the slave revolt against Rome in the early first century BC?
- (Marcus Licinius) **Crassus**
20. In *The Three Musketeers*, what is the profession of Aramis before he joins the King's regiment?
- Priest** see (very pedantic) note 3
21. As at March 2020, the world's most valuable postage stamp is the so-called 'one cent black on magenta', which was auctioned in 2014 for over \$9 million. The stamp was produced for which former British colony? The country's current name is also acceptable.
- British Guiana or Guyana**
22. The chlorophyll molecule contains an atom of which metal?
- Magnesium**
23. Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi have won the *Ballon d'Or* the most times, but three players have won it three times, all in the last century. Name one of them.
- Any one of: **Johann Cruyff, Michel Platini or Marco van Basten** see note 4
24. Which herb of the ginger family, used often in curries, is named after the Latin for 'deserved earth'?
- Turmeric**
25. The name of the group of composite particles that are made up of quarks is included in the name of which piece of very expensive machinery located in Europe?
- The Large Hadron Collider**
26. Which Shakespeare play ends with "We came into the world like brother and brother, and now let's go hand in hand, not one before another"?
- The Comedy of Errors**
27. In which German federal state is the headquarters of Mercedes-Benz?
- Baden-Württemberg** (Stuttgart)
28. Name the year: Bruce Springsteen released the album *Born in the USA*; the space shuttle *Discovery* took off on its maiden voyage; John Betjeman died.
- 1984**
29. Which country has the world's largest Catholic population?
- Brazil**
30. Who presents the biography programme *Great Lives* on Radio 4?
- Matthew Parris**

First Written Round **There is a theme**

31. What is the state capital of Missouri?

Jefferson City

32. Which character was played by Bill Nighy in a film of 2016 and by Robert Bathurst on TV in 2019?

Sergeant Wilson (in *Dad's Army*)

33. Who was hanged on 30 December 2006 at Camp Justice?

Saddam Hussein

34. Who spent nearly four years in an Italian prison for the murder of Meredith Kercher before being acquitted in 2015?

Amanda Knox

35. Which fictional animal was created by Robert May in 1939 for a department store chain and whose story was published as a book to be given to children in the store at Christmas?

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer

36. Which footballer, born in 1984, made his debut for Wigan Athletic in 2002, and then signed for Everton in 2007? Between 2010 and 2015 he played 30 times for England.

Leighton Baines

37. Which building on William Brown Street was opened in 1877 by the Earl of Derby and is home to the painting *And When Did You Last See Your Father?* by William Yeames?

Walker Art Gallery

38. Which pop group formed in 1999 had their first hit with *Bring It All Back*, which was the theme tune to their CBBC TV series?

S Club 7

39. Which arid area covers parts of Northern Territory, South Australia and Queensland and is home to Dalhousie Springs and Poeppel Corner?

Simpson Desert

40. Who wrote the short story *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*, which was made into a film?

F. Scott Fitzgerald

Theme is the second forenames (aka middle names) of US Presidents

(Clinton, Reagan, Obama, Polk, Ford, Lyndon Johnson, George W Bush, Truman, Grant, Kennedy)

Second Verbal Round

41. Who composed the *Nelson Mass*?

Joseph Haydn

42. The novel *Wolf Hall* is named after the seat of which family?

Seymour

43. What is the capital city of the Spanish autonomous community of Castile and León? The city is 72 miles from Burgos as the crow flies and has a football team in La Liga.

Valladolid

44. In botany, what name is given to the plant tissue that transports sugar, produced by photosynthesis in leaves, to other parts of the plant? In trees it forms the inner layer of the bark.

Phloem

45. Derived from the Greek words for 'to steal' and 'water', what is the name for the ancient water clock which used the flow of water in or out of a vessel to measure time?

Clepsydra

46. Which artist of the Neoclassical style, whose output documented the Revolutionary period in France, painted *The Death of Marat*?

(Jacques-Louis) **David**

47. Who is the new Head Coach of Ireland's national Rugby Union team?

Andy Farrell

48. Which TV comedy series has characters named Moss, Roy and Jen?

The IT Crowd

49. The luxury brand LVMH is a conglomerate of three luxury brand names. Louis Vuitton is one. Give the name of either of the other two brands.

Moët or Hennessy

50. Who is the male star of the recent film *Dark Waters*, playing the part of Rob Bilott?

Mark Ruffalo

51. Which nineteenth-century Scottish physicist's theory of electromagnetic radiation unified electricity, magnetism and light as a single phenomenon, from which he predicted the existence of radio waves?

James Clerk Maxwell

52. In which town was Hilary Mantel born?

Glossop

53. Which Native American won both the decathlon and pentathlon at the 1912 Stockholm Olympics, but was subsequently stripped of his medals for violating the rules of amateurism?

Jim Thorpe

54. In Shakespeare's *The Winter's Tale*, what is the name of the wife of King Leontes?

Hermione

55. Which National League football team plays its home games at Holker Street?

Barrow

56. Which National League football team plays its home games at The Hive?

Barnet

57. In Shakespeare's *Henry V*, on which saint's day was the Battle of Agincourt fought?

St. Crispin

58. Who was commissioned by the Nazi party to film the 1936 Olympics in Berlin, the result being the documentary *Olympia*?

Leni Riefenstahl

59. In which town was Sara Cox born?

Bolton see note 5

60. Which physicist, born in Todmorden, was awarded a Nobel Prize in Physics in 1951 jointly with Ernest Walton for splitting the atomic nucleus? The filters that he insisted were fitted to the Windscale reactor prevented a disaster during the fire of 1957.

John Cockroft

61. Who is the female star of the recent film *The Invisible Man*, playing the part of Cecilia Kass?

Elisabeth Moss

62. Paul Bocuse, Joel Robuchon and Helene Darroze are associated with which sphere of activity?

They were/are chefs (accept any answer indicating this profession, e.g. cooking, haute cuisine)

63. In the comedy series *Dad's Army*, what is the name of the character who marries Lance-Corporal Jones?

Mrs Fox

64. Jonny Wilkinson played first-class club rugby for only two clubs; name either.

Newcastle (Falcons) or Toulon

65. Which artist, considered one of the founders of Impressionism in France, and associated with bronzes which were cast posthumously, painted *The Absinthe Drinker* between 1875 and 1876?

Edgar Degas

66. In the avoirdupois, or imperial, system of weights, the ounce is divided into how many drams?

Sixteen

67. Excepting sperm and ova, normal human cells contain how many pairs of chromosomes in their nuclei?

Twenty three

68. What is the capital city of the Spanish autonomous community of Aragon? The city lies on the Ebro and the football team is now in Division 2 of the Spanish league, although traditionally it has been a La Liga side.

Zaragoza

69. Who wrote books including *Behind the Scenes at the Museum*, *Big Sky* and *Started Early Took My Dog*?

Kate Atkinson

70. Who composed *A German Requiem*?

Johannes Brahms

Second Written Round

There is a theme. Each answer contains a homophone relating to the theme and which may be part of a longer word

71. Which airport has the IATA code ORD? It has four passenger terminals, numbered 1, 2, 3 and 5.

(Chicago) **O'Hare**

72. Which horse racing venue that holds both flat and national hunt events is close to the River Esk? It features a nine-hole golf course in the middle.

Musselburgh

73. What is the name of the parrot in the *Doctor Dolittle* stories?

Polynesia

74. Which walled town is the wine capital of Burgundy and is renowned for its annual charity wine auction?

Beaune

75. Which member of the pop group Steps reached the final of *Strictly Come Dancing* in 2018?

Faye Tozer

76. Which poem contains the phrase 'I will show you fear in a handful of dust'?

The Waste Land

77. Which building is the ancestral home of the Earls of Derby?

Knowsley Hall

78. At which club did Brian Clough begin his managerial career? They currently play in the National League at Victoria Park.

Hartlepool United

79. Which fictional mystery writer is tried for poisoning her lover Philip Boyes? She ends up marrying the aristocratic amateur detective who proves her innocence and with whom she appears in a number of novels.

Harriet Vane (she marries Lord Peter Wimsey)

80. Which country's flag consists of a red background with a white rectangle on the upper left corner bearing a red Greek Cross in the centre?

Tonga

Theme is (homophones of) parts of the body

(Hair, muscle, knees, bone, toes, waist, nose, heart, vein, tongue)

Spares

1. Which philosopher, just prior to his death, stated "*The unexamined life is not worth living*"?

Socrates

2. Which river rises in Colorado and flows for 1450 miles in a south-easterly direction through four states including Kansas and Oklahoma? The river eventually flows into the Mississippi.

Arkansas River

3. On 20 March 1852 the book that sold the most copies in the 19th century was written in the USA with the alternative title *Life Among the Lowly*. What was it called?

Uncle Tom's Cabin **see note 6**

4. Featuring the name of a Galway town, what is the title of the folk ballad popularly sung by Irish sports supporters, that tells of Michael and Mary, a couple to be separated through transportation to Botany Bay?

The Fields of Athenry

5. Give the precise date and year of the Battle of Waterloo.

18 June 1815

Notes

1. These questions were produced in March 2020 for matches that were cancelled due to the first Covid lockdown. The original setters, Smart Alex, kindly allowed HMRUFC to use the questions for this week's matches. The questions seem to have stood the test of time rather well.

2. Matthew Bannister is the **regular** presenter. Occasional presenters such as Kirsty Wark, Julian Worricker and Datshiane Navanayagam are also acceptable answers.

3. Aramis was a novice undergoing training for the priesthood when he killed a man in a duel, so technically he wasn't a priest when he joined the Musketeers. In later books he emerges as successively the Abbé d'Herblay, the Bishop of Vannes and the Superior General of the Jesuits.

4. The words 'all in the last century' are superfluous; every win has been in the last century as the first award was in 1956. The phrase was also possibly misleading: at least one team (incorrectly) interpreted it to mean since the beginning of the 21st century.
5. The question obviously refers to the BBC radio and TV presenter. However, there is another Sara Cox: the world's first female professional Rugby Union referee, who was born in Exeter.
6. *Uncle Tom's Cabin* was the **second** best selling book of the 19th century, after *The Bible*.