

LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2021
QUESTIONS BY THE WANDERING STAR

First Verbal Round

1. What is the largest freshwater lake in New Zealand?
Lake Taupo
2. What was the first name of the landscape gardener known as Capability Brown?
Lancelot
3. Which 19th century poem refers to 'a painted ship upon a painted ocean'?
The Rime of the Ancient Mariner (by Samuel Taylor Coleridge)
4. Give a year in the life of the artist usually known as El Greco.
1541 to 1614
5. Which South American country's coat of arms features a vicuña?
Peru
6. Excluding any intervals, how long is a netball match?
60 minutes
7. In which decade was Stockport Town Hall officially opened, by the then Prince and Princess of Wales?
1900s (1908)
8. Released in January 1977, what was the title of Buzzcocks' first EP?
Spiral Scratch
9. What is the largest city in Nebraska?
Omaha
10. London's Ultra Low Emissions Zone, introduced late October this year, enforces charges for vehicles that do not meet the emissions standard. What is the daily charge for a non-compliant motorcycle or car?
£12.50
11. In which English county is Mersea Island?
Essex
12. Which year did the Queen refer to as an '*annus horribilis*'?
1992
13. In the early 20th century which Italian physician developed an educational system which bears her name?
Maria Montessori
14. As of 13th November who is the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport?
Nadine Dorries
15. Who is the oldest male artist to top the UK album chart?
Tom Jones (aged 80yrs 10months, end April 2021)

16. In which Australian state is the Great Lake, the largest freshwater lake in the country?
Tasmania **see note 1**
17. What is the surname of the cricketer whose first names are Isaac Vivian Alexander?
Richards
18. The first line of *The Red Flag* is '*The people's flag is deepest red*'. What is the second line?
'It shrouded oft our martyred dead'
19. Give a year in the life of the Spanish writer Miguel de Cervantes, author of *Don Quixote*.
1547 to 1616
20. As well as a vicuña, the Peruvian coat of arms also features the cinchona tree, which is the original source of which medicine?
Quinine
21. Excluding any intervals, how long is a basketball match (NBA rules)?
48 minutes
22. The Wurlitzer organ in the Stockport Town Hall ballroom was installed in 1999; from which iconic Manchester building—closed in 1996—was it relocated?
The Free Trade Hall
23. Released in March 1963, what was the name of The Beatles' first LP?
Please Please Me
24. Dakar is the capital of which African country?
Senegal
25. Greater Manchester's Clean Air Zone will impose charges on some categories of vehicles that don't meet modern emissions standards. When will it be introduced?
30 May 2022
26. Isle of Wedmore, which is not actually an island, is in which English county?
Somerset
27. What is the title of the Philip Larkin poem which begins '*Sexual intercourse began in nineteen sixty-three*'?
Annus Mirabilis
28. Which UK school was founded in 1934 by the German educationalist Dr Kurt Hahn?
Gordonstoun
29. As of 13 November who is the current Director-General of the BBC?
Tim Davie
30. Whose 2019 hit album is called *Divinely Uninspired to a Hellish Extent*?
Lewis Capaldi

First Written Round **THERE IS A THEME, (which may be explicit, a word or part word, or a homophone)**

31. Which giant medical corporation headquartered in New Jersey began in 1886 selling surgical dressings? In the UK it is perhaps more associated with items for babies.

Johnson & Johnson

32. Which supermarket chain, headquartered in Bradford and recently the target of a private equity takeover, is the fourth largest in the UK?

Morrisons

33. Who composed *The Entertainer* and *Maple Leaf Rag*?

Scott Joplin

34. Who named his daughter Frances Bean?

Kurt Cobain

35. The mass murder/suicide in 1978 of over 900 members of the People's Temple cult at their commune in Guyana is known by what name?

Jonestown Massacre

36. Whose career as a musical artist took off after collaboration with producer Mark Ronson?

Amy Winehouse see note 2

37. Name the US artist associated with street art and primitivism, who sold his first painting to Debbie Harry, collaborated with Andy Warhol (among others), and whose painting *Untitled (Skull)* sold for over \$100m in 2017.

Jean Michel Basquiat

38. Launched in 1999, what is the brand of gin distilled in Girvan, Scotland by William Grant and Sons?

Hendricks

39. Which Welsh musician disappeared on 1 February 1995?

Richey Edwards

40. Which patriotic English war poet, who is buried on the Greek island of Skyros, was described by W. B. Yeats as '*the most handsome man in England*'?

Rupert Brooke

Theme is the so-called '27 Club' of creative people who died at the age of 27.

Robert Johnson, Jim Morrison, Janis Joplin, Kurt Cobain, Brian or Linda Jones, Amy Winehouse, Jean-Michel Basquiat, Jimi Hendrix, Richey Edwards, Rupert Brooke.

Second Verbal Round

41. Edmund Tudor, Earl of Richmond, born 1430, was the father of which English monarch?
Henry VII
42. Which seaside resort, where Tracy Emin grew up, is home to the Turner Contemporary Art Gallery?
Margate
43. Last month the American musician Kanye West officially changed his name; what is his new name?
Ye
44. Which element in the periodic table is the most dense, at 22.59 grams per cubic centimetre?
Osmium
45. Who is the current Archbishop of York, following the retirement of John Sentamu?
Stephen Cottrell
46. Which actor, born in Marple, has played Lyle Anderson in the TV series *Kingdom* and Robert Sugden in *Emmerdale*?
Karl Davies
47. Who wrote the 2005 novel *No Country for Old Men*, later made into a film directed by the Coen brothers?
Cormac McCarthy
48. Which is the only country in Africa that has Spanish as an official language?
Equatorial Guinea
49. In which decade was the Edinburgh International Festival founded?
1940s (1947)
50. In which Italian region is Barolo wine produced?
Piedmont
51. Hwang Dong-Hyuk is the writer and director of which hit Netflix series?
Squid Game
52. The River Xingu can be found in which country?
Brazil
53. Currently a visitor attraction in Bristol harbour, in which decade was the *SS Great Britain* launched?
1840s (1843)
54. What are the two colours of the flag of St David, the patron saint of Wales?
Black and yellow
55. A statue of which former Manchester resident stands in Tony Wilson Place, just off Whitworth Street?
Frederick Engels
56. Henry II, born in 1207, was the father of which King of England? **see note 3**
Edward I

57. Which English city was named as UNESCO's first City of Film in 2009 and is also the birthplace of the artist David Hockney?

Bradford

58. Mary Isobel Catherine Bernadette O'Brien, who died in 1999, was better known by what name?

Dusty Springfield

59. The density of a solid element is expressed as grams per cubic centimetre; how is the density of a gaseous element expressed?

Grams per litre, or kilograms per cubic metre [see note 4](#)

60. Who was the most recent Archbishop of Canterbury to have previously been Archbishop of York?

Frederick Donald Coggan

61. Which actor, born in Stockport, has played Anne Boleyn in the mini-series *Wolf Hall* and the young Queen Elizabeth in *The Crown*?

Claire Foy

62. Who wrote the 1976 novel *Ordinary People*, later made into a film directed by Robert Redford?

Judith Guest

63. What is the main language of Cape Verde, the archipelago off North Africa?

Portuguese

64. Which year saw the first performance of Tom Stoppard's *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead* at the Edinburgh Festival?

1966

65. In which Italian region is Valpolicella wine produced?

Veneto

66. An early Netflix success was an adaptation of the BBC series *House of Cards*, which starred Ian Richardson. Who played the lead role in the Netflix series?

Kevin Spacey

67. Which river rises east of Madrid, passes by Toledo, and flows into the Atlantic just south of Lisbon?

The River Tagus [see note 5](#)

68. Where was the SS *Great Britain* scuttled, in 1937, before being re-floated and brought back to Bristol?

The Falkland Islands

69. The flag of which island—a popular holiday destination—is a white saltire on a blue field, the same flag as Scotland?

Tenerife

70. *B of the Bang*, the now-dismantled sculpture which once stood in Beswick, was commissioned to mark which sporting event in Manchester?

2002 Commonwealth Games

Second Written Round

71. Who was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 2019?

Peter Handke

72. The Marisco Tavern, managed by the Landmark Trust, is the only pub on which British island?

Lundy

73. As of 13th November 2021, who is the mayor of New York City?

Bill de Blasio

74. In a production at the Theatre Royal, Windsor this year, which eminent actor took on the role of Hamlet at the age of 82?

Sir Ian McKellen

75. Found in the wild across Asia, what type of creature is a *tragopan*?

A bird

76. Which position in the musical life of Manchester is currently vacant, following the retirement of Lyn Fletcher in May 2019?

Leader of the Hallé Orchestra

77. Gruoch was the queen of which 11th century Scottish king?

Macbeth

78. What are the first ten amendments to the US Constitution collectively known as?

The Bill of Rights

79. Who was Britain's first heavyweight world boxing champion, in the late 19th century?

Bob Fitzsimmons

80. What is the name of the order of mammals which lay eggs?

Monotremata* or *monotremes

Spares

1. What is the name of the main square in the city of Munich, which houses the Old and New Town Halls?

Marienplatz

2. The English Football League Cup competition is currently the Carabao Cup. What sort of product does the Carabao company make?

Drinks (especially energy drinks)

3. Mount Hekla, an intermittently active volcano, is in which country?

Iceland

4. What is the cost of a single car journey through the Birkenhead tunnel?

£1.80

5. What is the centre of the house in a curling target called?

The button

6. What is the commonly used name for events that led to the restoration of independence of the Baltic states of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania from the Soviet Union at the end of the Cold War?

The Singing Revolution

Notes

1. There are several freshwater lakes in Australia that are larger than Great Lake, though some of these (e.g. Lake Pedder) are man-made and others (e.g. Lake Carnegie) are ephemeral – they only fill up/exist during times of heavy rainfall. So it may have been more accurate to describe Great Lake as the largest natural, permanent, freshwater lake in Australia. And even that might not suffice, as Great Lake has been increased from its original natural size to ‘convert’ it into a reservoir.
2. ‘Lily Allen’ is an equally acceptable answer to this question, but obviously wouldn’t fit the theme.
3. The question should have said Henry III, not Henry II.
4. Density is defined as mass per unit volume, so density can be measured using **any** unit of mass per **any** unit of volume. This results in numerous possible, if in many cases unlikely, permutations of units. It would have been better to include the word ‘commonly’ or ‘usually’ in the question, in which case the most likely answers would be the SI unit (kilograms per cubic metre, kg/m^3) or the cgs unit (grams per cubic centimetre, g/cm^3).
5. As the city stands **on** the river it may be slightly confusing to say “just south of Lisbon”.