

**CUP SEMI-FINALS THURSDAY 9 MARCH 2023**  
**QUESTIONS BY THE ALEXANDRA & FLYING HORSE**

**First Verbal Round**

1. *Playing Under the Piano* is a 2022 memoir by which British actor?  
**Hugh Bonneville**
2. Which composer's *Symphony No. 1 in D major* is known as *The Titan*?  
**Gustav Mahler**
3. Who is the female star of the 2022 film *Tár*?  
**Cate Blanchett**
4. Who is the regular presenter of the weekday 9 a.m. to noon show on Classic FM?  
**Alexander Armstrong**
5. Which group's studio albums include *More*, *Meddle* and *Animals*?  
**Pink Floyd**
6. Which Oldham-born actress plays Clare Cartwright in the critically acclaimed BBC TV drama *Happy Valley*?  
**Siobhan Finneran**
7. Who composed the ballets *Coppélia* and *Sylvia*?  
**Léo Delibes**
8. Matt Weston from Surrey is the current European and World champion in which winter sport?  
**Skeleton**
9. What is the nationality of former world number one-ranked golfer Jon Rahm?  
**Spanish**
10. Movie character Indiana Jones has a particular fear of which animals?  
**Snakes**
11. Which is the most easterly of the islands that make up the West Indies?  
**Barbados**
12. Played by Hugh Laurie, what is the first name of the title character in the US TV drama series *House*?  
**Gregory** (accept 'Greg')
13. Former Manchester City player Pablo Zabaleta is currently Assistant Head Coach to which national football team?  
**Albania**
14. In December 2022 who succeeded Ian Blackford as Leader of the Scottish National Party in the House of Commons? He is the MP for Aberdeen South.  
**Stephen Flynn**
15. Which seven-letter word connects motor racing and a hand without trumps in bridge?  
**Chicane**
16. In 1986 whom did Ian Hislop succeed as editor of the satirical magazine *Private Eye*?  
**Richard Ingrams**
17. Who was the chief designer of the iconic World War 2 aircraft, the Supermarine Spitfire?  
**Reginald Mitchell**

18. According to most accounts of the Trojan War, who fired the arrow that was guided by Apollo to mortally wound Achilles?  
**Paris**
19. In 1781 which astronomer discovered the planet Uranus from his garden in Bath?  
**William Herschel**
20. Who had the first of his *Doctor Dolittle* books published in 1920?  
**Hugh Lofting**
21. Which two European countries are connected by the Brenner Pass?  
**Austria and Italy**
22. Naas (pronounced 'nace') is the county town of which Irish county?  
**Kildare**
23. The Battle of Stamford Bridge, fought three weeks before the Battle of Hastings in 1066, took place about five miles east of which English city?  
**York**
24. The prefix *thio-* in a chemical name denotes the presence of which element?  
**Sulphur**
25. Who directed the films *The French Connection* and *The Exorcist*?  
**William Friedkin**
26. In which year did the Treaty of Paris end the Crimean War?  
**1856**
27. Which golf course will host the 2023 Open Championship in July?  
**Royal Liverpool** (also accept 'Hoylake')
28. In which work by Charles Dickens would you find the characters Jarvis Lorry, Jerry Cruncher and Miss Pross?  
**A Tale of Two Cities**
29. What is the nationality of UN Secretary-General António Guterres?  
**Portuguese**
30. What do Americans usually call the practice that we refer to as 'ticket touting'?  
**Scalping**

### First Written Round

**THERE IS A THEME** (note: the link to the theme may be 'hidden' within a longer word)

31. Which George Bernard Shaw comedy that premiered in 1894 is set during the Serbian-Bulgarian War of 1885? It was later adapted as the operetta *The Chocolate Soldier*.  
**Arms and the Man**
32. Art Garfunkel has had two solo number one UK hit singles. Which word appears in the title of both?  
**Eyes** (*I Only Have Eyes for You* and *Bright Eyes*)
33. The Vietnam War film *Apocalypse Now* was adapted from which 1899 Joseph Conrad novella set in Africa?  
**Heart of Darkness**
34. By what stage name is Irish musician John Moylett better known? He was the pyjama-wearing pianist for the Boomtown Rats from 1975 to 1986.  
**Johnnie Fingers**

35. What breed of dog was former *Blue Peter* favourite Shep? A two-word answer is required.

**Border Collie**

36. What surname is shared by a founder member of the 1970s band Vinegar Joe, a former professional golfer nicknamed *The King*, and a current member of Manchester City's first-team squad?

**Palmer** (Robert, Arnold and Cole)

37. What comes next in this sequence?  
The Go-Jos, Pan's People, Ruby Flipper...

**Legs & Co**

38. In the US cartoon series *Top Cat* what was the three-word name of the youngest gang member and TC's right-hand cat? The character was inspired by and had a vocal resemblance to Private Duane Doberman in *The Phil Silvers Show* (aka *Bilko*).

**Benny the Ball**

39. Which 1993 film stars Clint Eastwood as a Secret Service agent who tries to prevent John Malkovich's character assassinating the US President?

**In the Line of Fire**

40. Which river flows north-east for around 50 miles from the Apennine mountains to enter the Adriatic Sea about ten miles north-west of Rimini? Although relatively minor in geographical terms, it is of much greater significance historically.

**The Rubicon**

**Theme: each answer contains something that may be 'crossed'**

(arms, eyes, heart, fingers, border, palm, legs, ball, line, Rubicon)

## Second Verbal Round

41. Who was General Secretary of the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs (ASTMS) between 1969 and 1988?

**Clive Jenkins**

42. Which brand of British sports cars included the models 100, 100-6, 3000 and Sprite?

**Austin Healey**

43. Boney M released a double A side in 1978. One side was *Rivers of Babylon*, what was the other?

**Brown Girl in the Ring**

44. What was the name of the border collie that featured in *The Dandy* from 1944 to 1982?

**Black Bob**

45. From which book does the quote '*Everybody has won and all must have prizes*' come?

**Alice in Wonderland**

46. The UK's first drive-thru McDonald's was opened where in Manchester in late 1986?

**Fallowfield**

47. Invar is an alloy of iron and which other metal?

**Nickel**

48. The Lari, which is divided into 100 tetri, is the currency of which Eurasian country?

**Georgia**

49. Who was captain of the Australia cricket team in the 1981 Ashes series?

**Kim Hughes**

50. The jazz musician Wayne Shorter, who died on 2 March 2023, played which instrument?  
(Tenor/Soprano) **Saxophone**
51. Who drew the strip cartoons *The Cloggies* and *The Fosdyke Saga*?  
**Bill Tidy**
52. In which English county are the headquarters of the conservation body The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)?  
**Bedfordshire (Sandy)**
53. Who had a top ten hit in 1965 with the song *Mirror Mirror*?  
**Pinkerton's Assorted Colours**
54. Which Premier League football club's badge features a red stag's or hart's head?  
**Watford** **see note 1**
55. In Greek mythology, who was the wife of Hector?  
**Andromache**
56. Charles Dickens' novel, *Barnaby Rudge*, is set at the time of what insurrection of 1780?  
**The Gordon Riots**
57. Which one is missing from this group of well-known Lake District summits: Loft Crag, Thorn Crag, Pavey Ark, Harrison Stickle?  
**Pike o'Stickle** (They are the Langdale Pikes)
58. Which layer of the atmosphere lies between the mesosphere and the exosphere?  
**Thermosphere**
59. In which Olympic sport might a player's equipment include a bib, a button and a martingale?  
**Fencing**
60. Which island is separated from the mainland by The Swale?  
**Isle of Sheppey**
61. The song *Cara Mia* spent ten weeks at number one in 1954. Who was its singer, who was born in Hull?  
**David Whitfield**
62. What is the common name for the medical condition known as *insolation*?  
**Sunstroke**
63. Which 1911 novel is set in Misselthwaite Manor and is centred around the characters Mary Lennox and her sickly cousin Colin Craven?  
**The Secret Garden**
64. Manchester Docks had two sections. Docks 6, 7, 8 and 9 were the larger and were called Salford Docks. What were docks 1 to 5 called?  
**Pomona Docks**
65. According to *Monty Python*, what did the highwayman Dennis Moore demand from his victims?  
**Lupins**
66. Which pair of lovers met making the film *To Have and Have Not*?  
**Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall**
67. Which African country has Algeria to the north, Niger to the east, and Mauritania to the west?  
**Mali**

68. What are the three colours on the Hungarian flag?

**Red, White and Green**

69. Complete this group's line-up from 1976: Scott Gorham, Brian Robertson, Brian Downey and...who?

**Phil Lynott** (Thin Lizzy)

70. Central to the storyline in one of the television comedy *Red Dwarf* episodes, what Greek name is given to the ancient symbol of a snake eating its own tail, representing the cycle of life?

**Ouroboros**

## Second Written Round

71. How many games does a Major League Baseball team play in the regular season (i.e. excluding play-offs)?

**162**

72. What name is given to Felix Mendelssohn's *Symphony No 3 in A minor*?

**The Scottish**

73. What do the initials P. D. stand for in the name of the author P. D. James

**Phyllis Dorothy**

74. PNG is a bit-mapped image format; what do the initials stand for?

**Portable Network Graphics**

75. In which James Bond film did Indian tennis star Vijay Amritraj appear in a cameo role?

**Octopussy**

76. Who played the Deputy Head Doris Ewell in *Please Sir!* and the selectively deaf Mrs Richardson in an episode of *Fawlty Towers*?

**Joan Sanderson**

77. In which West Yorkshire town would you find Timothy Taylor's Brewery

**Keighley**

78. Which opera, set on board HMS Indomitable, includes characters called Edward 'Starry' Vere and John Claggart?

**Billy Budd** (by Benjamin Britten)

79. National Rail gives all railway stations a three-character code, like airports. What is the code for Stockport?

**STP**

80. Which Stockport-born actor has appeared in *Coronation Street*, *Rome* and *A Great Night Out*?

**Lee Boardman**

## Spares

1. Fiddler's Elbow, Hobgoblin and Goliath are beers made by which brewery?

**Wychwood**

2. The patrons of many painters, the Gonzaga family ruled which Italian city

**Mantua**

3. In what year did Value Added Tax (VAT) replace Purchase Tax in the UK?  
**1973**
4. The National Botanical Garden of Wales is situated in which county (English name)?  
**Carmarthenshire**
5. Which Latin writer wrote the *Amores* and the *Metamorphoses* collections of poetry?  
**Ovid** (Publius Ovidius Naso)
6. Which actor played the role of Aragorn in the *Lord of the Rings* film trilogy?  
**Viggo Mortensen**

### Third Written Round (for use as a tie-breaker, if required)

1. Which decimal number is represented by the binary code 101010?  
**42**
2. Which US city is known as *The Big Easy*?  
**New Orleans**
3. In *The Sound of Music*, how many of the seven Von Trapp children were boys?  
**Two** (Friedrich and Kurt)
4. Serra Gaúcha is a wine-producing region in which country?  
**Brazil**
5. Buckminsterfullerene is a regular, three-dimensional molecular structure consisting of 60 atoms of which chemical element?  
**Carbon**
6. What is the country of origin of the sausage *kabanos*?  
**Poland**
7. In 1901 which club became the first non-league team to win the FA Cup?  
**Tottenham Hotspur**
8. What is the name of the organelle that is the site of photosynthesis in plant cells?  
**Chloroplast**
9. In the cartoon strip *Peanuts* which character appears surrounded by a cloud of dust?  
**Pigpen**
10. What is the name of the second-highest mountain in the United Kingdom?  
**Ben Macdhui**

### Nearest-the-bull tie-breaker

1. You may remember that England won the UEFA Women's Euro 2022 Football Championship in July 2022. What was the total attendance at the 31 matches played during the tournament?  
**574,865**

### Notes

1. Watford currently play in The Championship, not the Premier League.