

**KNOCKOUT ELIMINATOR MATCHES THURSDAY 5 JANUARY 2023  
QUESTIONS BY THE ALEXANDRA**

**First Verbal Round**

1. When Dennis Waterman left the ITV programme *Minder* in 1991, which actor replaced him - appearing as Arthur Daley's nephew Ray?  
**Gary Webster**
2. In 1963 which song was a top ten UK hit for Kenny Ball & His Jazzmen in January and for Kyu Sakamoto in June?  
**Sukiyaki**
3. Which four-letter word connects a type of sparkling wine and the largest vein in the human body?  
**Cava** (largest vein is the vena cava)
4. What name is usually given to the cocktail that contains Whisky, Baileys and Malibu?  
**BMW**
5. *Glevum* was the Roman name for which UK city?  
**Gloucester**
6. Which British city has been referred to as *The City of a Thousand Trades* and *The Workshop of the World*?  
**Birmingham**
7. *If You Go Away* and *Seasons in the Sun* are songs written by Rod McKuen. They are English language versions of songs by which Belgian singer-songwriter?  
**Jacques Brel**
8. Since first appearing in 1996, which TV soap opera character has been played by Matthew Silver, Morgan Whittle, Charlie Jones, Joshua Pascoe, Harry Reid and, currently, Max Bowden? **Full** name required.  
**Ben Mitchell** (in *EastEnders*)
9. Name the year. A ban on fox hunting came into force in the UK; new licensing laws allowed for 24-hour opening of pubs in England and Wales; Pope John Paul II died.  
**2005**
10. Which Dickens title character was the son of Edwin Leeford and Agnes Fleming?  
**Oliver Twist**
11. Name any two of the three US states that share a border with California.  
Any two from: **Oregon, Nevada, Arizona**
12. Of which animals would you be afraid if you suffered from *ranidaphobia*?  
**Frogs and toads** (accept either or both)
13. Which chemical element, named after a twentieth century physicist, has the atomic number 100?  
**Fermium**
14. Who married American actress Kate Capshaw in 1991?  
**Steven Spielberg**
15. Larissa, Thalassa and Proteus are moons of which planet?  
**Neptune**

16. Which Cheshire river flows through Nantwich, Winsford and Northwich before joining the Mersey near Runcorn?  
**River Weaver**
17. Fanny Price is a central character in which Jane Austen novel?  
**Mansfield Park**
18. Who designed the Cenotaph in Whitehall?  
**Edwin Lutyens**
19. In Morse Code what is represented by five dashes?  
**Zero**
20. Which Pre-Raphaelite painted *The Scapegoat* and *The Light of The World*?  
**William Holman Hunt**
21. In which year did Bing Crosby, Marc Bolan and Elvis Presley all die?  
**1977**
22. Which country is home to the telecommunications company Nokia?  
**Finland**
23. Pilot Hill is the highest point in which county in southern England?  
**Hampshire**
24. Which fictional British football team is managed by the title character in the television comedy-drama *Ted Lasso*?  
**AFC Richmond** (accept just 'Richmond')
25. Ping, Pang and Pong are characters in which opera?  
**Turandot**
26. Which fruit is produced by the tree *Prunus armeniaca*?  
**Apricot**
27. Which country is home to the volcano Cotopaxi?  
**Ecuador**
28. Which British submarine sank the *General Belgrano* in 1982?  
**HMS Conqueror**
29. In *The Bible* who was the wife of Abraham and mother of Isaac?  
**Sarah**
30. By what name was singer Ellen Naomi Cohen better known?  
**Mama Cass** (also accept 'Cass Elliot')

**First Written Round NO THEME**

31. Which former hospital porter has been lead singer of the Human League since the 1970s?

**Philip Oakey**

32. Which team beat Manchester City in the 1933 FA Cup final and lost the 1985 final to Manchester United?

**Everton**

33. The ITV drama series *Midsomer Murders* is based on the works of which novelist?

**Caroline Graham**

34. '*I thought the king had more affected the Duke of Albany than Cornwall*' is the opening line of which play?

**King Lear**

35. What did Mark Twain famously describe as "a good walk spoiled"?

**Golf**

36. Which gas has the chemical formula  $C_3H_8$ ?

**Propane**

37. What is the only station name which can be found on both the London and Paris underground systems?

**Temple**

38. How many years of marriage are celebrated by a china wedding anniversary?

**Twenty**

39. Which word goes before 'Canada' to make the name of its national anthem?

**O**

40. Which group's albums include *Autoamerican*, *Eat to the Beat* and *Plastic Letters*?

**Blondie**

## Second Verbal Round

41. Who won his one and only Men's Singles title at Wimbledon in 1987?

**Pat Cash**

42. Which two colours are found on the national flag of Nigeria?

**Green and white**

43. How many sides does an *enneadecagon* have?

**Nineteen**

44. Who performed the theme tune to the 2002 James Bond film *Die Another Day*?

**Madonna**

45. Who wrote the novel *Jaws*, later turned into a hugely successful film by Steven Spielberg?

**Peter Benchley**

46. What was the surname of George and his son William, who both held the office of British Prime Minister?

**Grenville**

47. How many pieces are there in a standard set of dominoes?

**Twenty-eight**

48. How do we know the herb that Americans call *cilantro*?

**Coriander**

49. Inhabitants of which English county are known colloquially as *moonrakers*?

**Wiltshire**

50. Played by Penelope Keith on radio and Ashley Jensen in the television adaptation, which PR agent turned private detective is the central character in the humorous crime novels of M.C. Beaton?

**Agatha Raisin**

51. The Spanish city of Barcelona is named after the father of which historical figure?

**Hannibal** (son of Hamilcar Barca)

52. Which British King was married to Caroline of Ansbach?

**George II**

53. Which composer's operas include *Lucia di Lammermoor*, *Don Pasquale* and *Emilia di Liverpool*?

**Gaetano Donizetti**

54. With nine goals who was top scorer during the 1966 FIFA World Cup tournament played in England?

**Eusébio**

55. Name the two horse racing courses in West Yorkshire.

**Wetherby and Pontefract**

56. Released in July 2020, *Hate for Sale* is the eleventh and most recent studio album by which band?

**The Pretenders**

57. Who played Manchester music figure Tony Wilson in the 2002 film *24 Hour Party People*?

**Steve Coogan**

58. How are Doctors Peter Venkman, Egon Spengler and Raymond Stantz collectively known?

**Ghostbusters**

59. Who composed six *Haydn Quartets* during the 1780s?

**Mozart**

60. In which year was Julius Caesar assassinated?

**44 BC**

61. In 1903 British MP Randal Cremer became the first Briton to be awarded what?

**A Nobel Prize (Peace)**

62. Which 1964 *Carry On* film was the last of the series to be made in black-and-white and saw the first appearance by Barbara Windsor?

***Carry On Spying***

63. In which organ of the body would you find the Circle of Willis?

**Brain**

64. The inscription *IEKYF ROMSI ADXUO KVKZC GUBJ* can be found on whose memorial in Manchester?

**Alan Turing**

(inscription is supposedly 'Founder of Computer Science' as it might appear when encoded using Enigma)

65. Who connects Cal Trask, Jett Rink and Jim Stark?

**James Dean** (his three major film roles)

66. In Radio 4's *The Archers*, what is the name of the largest town or city in the county of Dorsetshire?

**Felpersham**

67. What is the chemical formula of sodium bicarbonate?

**NaHCO<sub>3</sub>**

68. Which is the third most abundant gas in the Earth's atmosphere?

**Argon**

69. In which month is *The Last Night of the Proms* traditionally held?

**September**

70. In 1968 in Swansea Garry Sobers famously hit six sixes from an over bowled by Glamorgan's Malcolm Nash. Nine years later which Lancashire batsman scored a mere 34 runs off an over by the same bowler at the same venue?

**Frank Hayes**

## Second Written Round **NO THEME**

71. Starting with the largest put these planets in order by size: Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars.  
**Earth, Venus, Mars, Mercury**
72. Which British comedian released his second memoir, *Rising to the Surface*, in September 2022?  
**Sir Lenny Henry**
73. What name is shared by the author of the 1998 novel *The Last King of Scotland*, an English Premier League footballer and one of the world's best brass bands?  
**Foden** (Giles, Phil and Foden's Band)
74. Which British singer-songwriter's studio albums include *Flaming Pie*, *Flowers in the Dirt* and *Egypt Station*?  
**Sir Paul McCartney**
75. Which Bible character sold his birthright to his younger brother for a 'mess of pottage'?  
**Esau**
76. Which is the longest muscle in the human body?  
**Sartorius** (in the thigh)
77. The sport that originated in the 1890s as *mintonette* is nowadays known as what?  
**Volleyball**
78. The Rowley Mile Course at Newmarket is named after Old Rowley, a favourite racehorse of which British monarch?  
**Charles II**
79. Which railway station lies between Hazel Grove and Disley on the Stockport to Buxton line?  
**Middlewood**
80. For which 1988 film did Tom Hanks receive the first of his five Oscar nominations for Best Actor? The film features a memorable scene involving an oversized piano keyboard.  
**Big**

## Spares

1. Which spirit is added to honey syrup and lemon juice to make a Bee's Knees cocktail?  
**Gin**
2. Which driver's final Formula One victory was at the 1994 Australian Grand Prix?  
**Nigel Mansell**
3. Big Fat Noises and Starfish are former names of which UK band?  
**Coldplay**
4. Name the two horse racing courses in Cumbria.  
**Carlisle and Cartmel**
5. The semi-precious stone Blue John found in the Peak District is a rare form of which mineral?  
**Fluorite** (also accept 'fluorspar')

### Third Written Round (for use in the event of a draw)

71. Name the year. Sri Lanka won the cricket World Cup, Dolly the cloned sheep was born at Scotland's Roslin Institute and Oasis played two historic concerts at Manchester City's Maine Road ground.
- 1996**
72. NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg is a former Prime Minister of which country?
- Norway**
73. Which US state is home to the Adirondack mountains?
- New York**
74. What name is shared by a northern delicacy associated with a particular night of the year, and an ITV television newsreader of the 1970s to 1990s?
- Parkin** (eaten on bonfire night, and ITN's Leonard Parkin)
75. Which diocese did Justin Welby leave to become Archbishop of Canterbury in 2013?
- Durham**
76. Which canal flows for just over 26 miles between Marple and Kidsgrove?
- Macclesfield Canal**
77. Francis Pakenham, who died in 2001, was the last Labour politician to hold the office of First Lord of the Admiralty, a position he occupied in 1951. How was he better known to the British public?
- Lord Longford**
78. Which carnivorous marsupial has the scientific name *Sarcophilus harrisii*?
- Tasmanian devil**
79. In terms of UK film classification, for what do the initials 'PG' stand?
- Parental Guidance**
80. In which 1933 film does Groucho Marx play Rufus T. Firefly, President of Freedonia?
- Duck Soup**

### Tie-breakers

1. What is the area (in square miles) of Greater Manchester?
- 493**
2. At the funeral of the late Queen in September 2022 how many naval ratings transported the gun carriage that bore the coffin?
- 138**