

LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 2 MARCH 2023

QUESTIONS BY THE RAILWAY

First Verbal Round

- At 3,563ft above sea level, Maclear's Beacon marks the highest point of which southern hemisphere mountain?
Table Mountain
- Born on this day in 1904, under what pen name did Theodor Geisel achieve fame?
Dr Seuss
- Which other novelist is the sister of Booker-prize winning author A. S. Byatt?
Margaret Drabble
- Who is the regular host of Radio 4's *The Moral Maze*?
Michael Buerk
- Which British sitcom, which ran from 2011 to 2020 on Channel 4, centred on the Goodman family?
Friday Night Dinner
- What type of geological landform are the Old Man of Hoy and The Needles off the Isle of Wight?
(Sea) **stacks**
- What name was given to the 1820 plot to assassinate the entire British cabinet, including Prime Minister Lord Liverpool, and instigate a French-style Committee of Public Safety?
The Cato Street Conspiracy
- In Greek mythology, which Phoenician princess was seduced and carried to Crete by Zeus in the form of a bull?
Europa
- Who is referred to in *Private Eye* as the Dirty Digger?
Rupert Murdoch
- According to *Wikipedia*, which Yorkshire town is known as the 'Lesbian capital of the UK'?
Hebden Bridge
- Which American jazz fusion band, founded in 1970 by Joe Zawinul, also included the musicians Wayne Shorter and Jaco Pastorius?
Weather Report
- Which chemical element has a name that comes from the Greek word for violet, after the colour of its gaseous phase?
Iodine
- The characters Link Larkin and Corny Collins appear in which musical?
Hairspray
- Published in October last year, *A Heart full of Headstones* is the 24th and latest novel to feature which central character?
John Rebus
- Which team was promoted four times in five seasons, reaching EFL Division Two in 2019, where they have remained ever since?
Salford City

16. Which team was the first to win promotion from every division in the football league via the play-offs?
Blackpool
17. Published in August last year, *1989* is the latest novel in the Allie Burns series written by which author?
Val McDermid
18. The characters Princeton and Mrs. Thistlewat appear in which musical?
Avenue Q
19. Which chemical element gets its name from the Latin name for Paris?
Lutetium
20. Which English supergroup, a side project for Arctic Monkeys' Alex Turner, released the album *The Age of the Understatement* in 2008?
The Last Shadow Puppets
21. Which Gloucestershire town is known as the 'Capital of the Cotswolds'?
Cirencester
22. By what name does *Private Eye* refer to our dear departed Queen Elizabeth II?
Brenda
23. Named after the Roman goddess of hearth and home, what is the second largest object in the main asteroid belt (after Ceres)?
Vesta
24. The Rye House plot was a plan to assassinate which English king?
Charles II
25. The Dorset sea-stacks *Old Harry Rocks* form the most easterly point of which World Heritage Site?
The Jurassic Coast
26. Which British sitcom, first broadcast on BBC4 in 2014, is set in the fictional Essex town of Danebury?
Detectorists
27. Since 2019 who has been the regular host of Radio 4's *Gardeners' Question Time*?
Kathy Clugston
28. Richard Osman is the younger brother of the bassist in which alternative rock band?
Suede (he is Mat Osman)
29. Born on this day in 1963, what political position does Anthony Albanese currently hold?
Prime Minister of Australia
30. What name did explorer Bartolomeu Dias give to the point now known as the Cape of Good Hope? You may answer in English or Portuguese.
Cape of Storms or **Cabo das Tormentas**

First Written Round **There is a theme**

Round includes two sound-alikes; first names are not required for the points, but may be required for the theme

31. Which opera, the best-known work of Engelbert Humperdinck, premiered in Weimar in 1893?
Hansel and Gretel
32. On which Beatles album did the songs *Octopus's Garden* and *Here Comes the Sun* first appear?
Abbey Road

33. Who wrote the novel *Little Women*?
Louisa May Alcott
34. Which architect, who died in 2021, is famous for his work on the Pompidou Centre and the Millennium Dome?
Richard Rogers
35. Which song by the Boomtown Rats is described on Wikipedia as the first single by a punk or new-wave act to reach number 1 in the UK?
Rat Trap
36. Which winner of five tennis Grand Slams was suspended after failing a drugs test at the 2016 Australian Open?
Maria **Sharapova**
37. Which is the lowest female rank of the UK peerage?
Baroness
38. The phrase 'what does not kill me makes me stronger' is attributed to which philosopher, born near Leipzig in 1844?
Friedrich Nietzsche
39. In the classic children's story *Heidi*, what is the occupation of Heidi's friend Peter?
Goatherd
40. In which European city could you visit the Mirabell Gardens and Mozart's birthplace?
Salzburg

Theme is *The Sound of Music*

(Maria; von Trapp family; Gretel, Louisa and Friedrich are some of the children; Maria is a nun at the Abbey; the Baroness is one of the characters; *The Lonely Goatherd* is one of the songs; composer Richard Rodgers; setting is in/around Salzburg)

Second Verbal Round

41. In the acronym for the United Nations agency, what does UNESCO stand for?
United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation
42. Which annual event was first held in 1891 at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington?
Crufts
43. Which 1871 painting by John Everett Millais depicts a scene on the sea front at Budleigh Salterton, Devon?
The Boyhood of Raleigh
44. The King has three official UK residences. Buckingham Palace is one; name the other two.
Windsor Castle and Holyrood House
45. In which century was Hadrian's Wall built?
Second century AD (approximately 122 to 128)
46. In which country is the ancient city of Samarkand?
Uzbekistan
47. In which city, the seventh largest in Mississippi, is the Elvis Presley Birthplace Museum?
Tupelo
48. Edward Heath was the last UK Prime Minister to be unmarried while in office. Who was the last before him?
Arthur Balfour
49. Which English golfer is nicknamed the Postman 'because he always delivers'?
Ian Poulter

50. Which novel by Mikhail Bulgakov, first published in 1967, did Mick Jagger cite as having partly inspired the song *Sympathy for the Devil*?

The Master and Margarita

51. Who recently replaced Nancy Pelosi as Leader of the House of Representatives in the USA?

Kevin McCarthy

52. What first name was shared by the Edinburgh body-snatchers Burke and Hare?

William

53. Which country was formerly known as Nyasaland?

Malawi

54. Which German inventor and industrialist gave his name to the SI unit of electrical conductance?

Werner von Siemens

55. Which band released an album of mainly covers in 2004 entitled *Golddiggas, Headnodders and Pholk Songs*?

The Beautiful South

56. Which band released an album of covers in 1987 entitled *Through the Looking Glass*?

Siouxsie & the Banshees

57. Born William Thomson in 1824, who gave his name to an SI unit and a bridge used to measure electrical resistors?

Lord Kelvin

58. Which African capital city was known until 1975 as Lourenço Marques?

Maputo

59. What middle name is shared by Princess Anne and Madonna?

Louise

60. Who recently replaced Nadhim Zahawi as chairman of the Conservative party?

Greg Hands

61. What was the title of the book that inspired the film *Lawrence of Arabia*?

The Seven Pillars of Wisdom

62. The various nicknames of which snooker player include the Pocket Rocket and the Pocket Dynamo?

Graeme Dott

63. Which 19th century US president was the only one to be unmarried?

James Buchanan

64. In which 1956 film, named after a song, did Elvis Presley make his big-screen debut?

Love Me Tender

65. Košice is the second largest city in which European country?

Slovakia

66. In which year was the Roman emperor Caligula assassinated?

AD 41 (accept 2 years either way: 39 to 43)

67. The Potala Palace was one of the residences of the holder of which position until 1959?

The **Dalai Lama**

68. Which stately home in County Durham gave its name to Velasquez's *The Toilet of Venus*, which was displayed there from 1813 to 1906?

Rokeby Park (aka Rokeby Hall)

69. At which venue in the south of England has a major RHS garden festival been held in July each year since 1990?

Hampton Court

70. In the acronym for the United Nations agency, what does UNHCR stand for?

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (also accept 'Commission')

Second Written Round **There is a theme**

71. What is the name of the piano piece that comprises the third movement of Debussy's *Suite Bergamasque*?

Clair de Lune

72. What type of snake has four species: green, yellow, darkly-spotted and Bolivian?

Anaconda

73. Of the four Renaissance artists who gave their names to the *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*, which was born first?

Donatello

74. In Greek mythology, which sea monsters lived on opposite sides of the Straits of Messina?

Scylla and Charybdis

75. What's the nickname of the team that has won the Women's Rugby League World Cup on the last three occasions?

The Jillaroos

76. What's the name of the genus of flowering plants that includes carnations, pinks and sweet William?

Dianthus

77. In which country was the winner of this year's Australian Open tennis tournament Aryna Sabalenka born?

Belarus

78. Which cosmetics company began in 1914 in Chicago and was named after its founder's sister?

Maybelline

79. What is the largest city in Kazakhstan and has been its capital on three separate occasions?

Almaty aka **Alma-Ata**

80. F. Murray Abraham won a Best Actor Oscar for his portrayal of which real person in the 1984 film *Amadeus*?

Antonio Salieri

Theme is each answer begins, or sounds as if it begins, with a girl's name

Spares

1. What is the only US state that Maine has a border with?

New Hampshire

2. What is a *cynophobe* afraid of?

Dogs

3. Born in 1988, by what name is the singer Robin Fenty better known?

Rihanna (it's her middle name)

4. Which naval base on the Firth of Clyde is the Royal Navy's headquarters in Scotland and the home of the submarines that carry Britain's nuclear weapons?

Faslane

5. Which organisation took over from the Greater London Council in 1986 as the administrator of London's blue plaque scheme?

English Heritage

6. In which children's TV programme does the Iron Chicken appear?

Clangers