

# LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 26 JANUARY 2023

## QUESTIONS BY SMART ALEX

### First Verbal Round

1. What is the two-word common name of *Diomedea exulans*, which has the longest wingspan of any bird?  
**Wandering Albatross** (also accept 'snowy albatross' or 'white-winged albatross')
2. Which high-profile prisoner was released on 15 December 2022 and deported to Germany?  
**Boris Becker**
3. Guadalcanal belongs to which island country?  
**Solomon Islands**
4. Taken from the initial of the German word for "to count", which upper-case letter is used in mathematics to represent the set of integers?  
**Z**
5. In the *Old Testament* how were Bildad, Zophar, and Eliphaz collectively known?  
**Job's comforters**
6. The suspected fraudster Sam Bankman-Fried is the founder of a collapsed cryptocurrency exchange and an associated trading firm. Name either the exchange or the firm.  
**FTX or Alameda Research**
7. In which year of the 16th century were there three English monarchs?  
**1553**
8. Which work by Agatha Christie consists of twelve short stories with a mythological theme?  
**The Labours of Hercules**
9. In the European Rugby Champions Cup (known as the Heineken Champions Cup for sponsorship reasons) of 2022-23, three teams are taking part for the first time: Cell C Sharks, DHL Stormers and Vodacom Bulls. Which country do they represent?  
**South Africa**
10. In Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*, what is Darcy's first name?  
**Fitzwilliam**
11. In chemistry, isotopes are identified by an atomic weight placed after the element name, e.g., radium-226. What is the atomic weight of the commonest natural isotope of uranium?  
**238**
12. New Caledonia in the Pacific is an overseas territory of which country?  
**France**
13. Miles Davis's 1959 album *A Kind of Blue* features John Coltrane and which other saxophonist? The pair also played on Davis's 1958 album *Milestones*.  
**Julian 'Cannonball' Adderley**
14. In the *Old Testament* what is the name of the King who throws Daniel into the lions' den?  
**Darius**
15. Who was the winner of the 2022 series of *Strictly Come Dancing*?  
**Hamza Yassin**

16. What is the common name of *Otis tarda*, the heaviest flying bird, and often referred to as 'the flying fortress'?

**Great Bustard**

17. In statistics, what term is used to indicate the most frequent value in a data set?

**Mode**

18. Home to Mount Fuji, which is the largest of the Japanese islands?

**Honshu**

19. What are the names of TV's 'Hairy Bikers'?

**Dave Myers and Si King**

20. William Adelin, the heir to the English throne, drowned 15 years before his father died when the White Ship sank. In which year did it sink?

**1120**

21. Which of Jane Austen's novels features Anne Elliot and Captain Wentworth?

***Persuasion***

22. The jazz pianist Oscar Peterson released an album in 1974 with which American-born trumpeter, noted for playing a bent trumpet?

**John Birks 'Dizzy' Gillespie**

23. Which President was overheard during negotiations with Margaret Thatcher saying "What more does this housewife want? My balls on a plate"? After his last term as President he was convicted of embezzlement.

**Jacques Chirac**

24. Who created the TV series *Happy Valley*?

**Sally Wainwright**

25. Sint Eustatius, and Saba in the Caribbean are overseas territories of which country?

**The Netherlands**

26. The 2010 Nobel Prize in Physics was awarded to two University of Manchester researchers, Geim and Novoselov, for their work on a material with unusual and useful properties. It consists of just a single layer of carbon atoms. Name this material.

**Graphene** (do not accept 'graphite')

27. Which of Agatha Christie's novels is the longest?

***Death on the Nile***

28. What is the name of the Rugby Union player who died on 26 November 2022? He had suffered from Motor Neurone Disease and set up a foundation to raise funds for research into the condition.

**Doddie Weir**

29. John Caudwell, the billionaire businessman from Stoke-on-Trent, established which now-defunct telecommunications business in 1996?

**Phones4U**

30. Who was selected as the Conservative candidate for Whitechapel and St. Georges in 1927, died less than a month before the Representation of the People Act (1928), and is commemorated with a statue in Victoria Tower Gardens?

**Emmeline Pankhurst**

## First Written Round **There is a theme**

31. Blenheim Palace is the principal residence of which Dukedom?

**Marlborough**

32. Which London Underground line is coloured dark blue (officially 'Corporate Blue') on the Tube map?

**Piccadilly**

33. Which Roxy Music song of 1973 contains the lyric "Tired of the Tango, Fed up with Fandango"?

***Do the Strand***

34. The coulomb is the SI unit for which property?

**Electric charge**

35. By what descriptive name was Joseph Mengele known, due to the experiments he performed on the inmates of Auschwitz?

**Angel of Death**

36. Which film of 2017 directed by Guillermo del Toro won the Oscar for Best Picture?

***The Shape of Water***

37. Which ABBA song was their final UK number one of the 1970s and was covered by Erasure?

***Take a Chance on Me***

38. The building nicknamed 'The Walkie-Talkie' is located at number 20 on which thoroughfare?

**Fenchurch Street**

39. In which London building were Hawley Crippen and John Christie executed?

**Pentonville Prison**

40. Who played the dim-witted Hugo Horton in the TV sitcom *The Vicar of Dibley*?

**James Fleet**

**Theme is the board game *Monopoly*™**

## Second Verbal Round

41. Which English king was known as 'FitzEmpress'?

**Henry II**

42. Who was the leader of the disastrous Arctic expedition which departed England in 1845 aboard two ships, HMS *Erebus* and HMS *Terror*? Its objective was to chart the North-West Passage.

**John Franklin**

43. Rye whiskey, sweet vermouth and angostura bitters are the principal ingredients of which cocktail?

**Manhattan**

44. Which state of the USA consists of two discontinuous landmasses called the Upper Peninsula and the Lower Peninsula?

**Michigan** (divided into two by Lake Michigan)

45. Which Frenchman was forced to leave France and lived between 1851 and 1870 in the Channel Islands?

**Victor Hugo**

46. Whose 2017 live album is entitled *Wembley or Bust*?

**ELO** (now officially called 'Jeff Lynne's ELO', but accept just 'ELO')

47. Who is the English band leader and trumpeter whose albums include *Bad Penny Blues*?  
**Humphrey Littleton**
48. Which subspecies of spotted jellyfish inhabits Jellyfish Lake on Eil Malk island in Palau?  
**Golden jellyfish**
49. Which philosopher, on being sentenced to death, said “the unexamined life is not worth living”?  
**Socrates**
50. Vodka, orange juice and Galliano liqueur are the principal ingredients of which cocktail?  
**Harvey Wallbanger**
51. Name the German geologist who is credited with the first proposal of continental drift theory in 1912.  
**Alfred Wegener**
52. Which Frenchman was forced to leave France in 1898 and lived in South Norwood, London, before returning to France in 1899?  
**Émile Zola**
53. *The Endless River* released in 2014 was the fifteenth and last studio album for which band?  
**Pink Floyd**
54. How in the world of rock and roll music is Richard Penniman better known?  
**Little Richard**
55. Whom did Rocky Marciano knock out to become World Heavyweight Champion for the first time?  
**Jersey Joe Walcott**
56. The wife of which 14th century English king was known as the 'she-wolf of France'?  
**Edward II**
57. What was the name of the businessman and amateur sailor who entered the *Sunday Times* round-the-world yacht race in October 1968 and whose abandoned vessel, the *Teignmouth Electron*, was discovered the following July? His body was never found.  
**Donald Crowhurst**
58. What is the last service station on the M1 southbound?  
**London Gateway**
59. On which organelle in the living cell does protein synthesis from amino acids take place, using information encoded in messenger RNA?  
**Ribosome**
60. What is the name of the winner of the Academy Award for the best original song in 1948 sung in a western by Jane Russell?  
**Buttons and Bows**
61. Which film directed by Steven Spielberg won the 2023 Golden Globe award for Best Picture: Drama?  
**The Fabelmans**
62. Who wrote the novel *The Bride of Lammermoor*?  
**Walter Scott**
63. Which class of more than 50 species of jellyfish, includes the sea wasp and common kingslayer?  
**Box jellyfish**
64. What is the name of the philosopher who was tutor to the Roman emperor Nero?  
**Seneca The Younger** (accept just ‘Seneca’)

65. What is the last service station on the M6 southbound?

**Rugby**

66. In biology what term means an increase in an organism's black pigmentation, for example as an adaptation to industrial pollution?

**Melanism** (do not accept 'melanosis')

67. What is the name of the winner of the Academy Award for the best original song in 1953 sung in a western by Doris Day?

**Secret Love**

68. Awarded the 2023 Golden Globe for Best Actor in a Motion Picture: Drama, who played Elvis in the recent Baz Luhrmann film of the same name?

**Austin Butler**

69. Who wrote the *Mapp and Lucia* series of novels?

**E. F. Benson**

70. Which team won Cricket's County Championship Division 1 in 2022?

**Surrey**

## Second Written Round

71. Which is the only horror film to have won the Oscar for Best Picture and is only the third film in history to win in the big five categories?

**Silence of the Lambs**

72. Which two-word English term is given to the beneficial fungal infection *Botrytis cinerea*, which infects grapes and often results in the production of fine, very sweet wine?

**Noble rot**

73. What is the name of the creature from Greek mythology, usually depicted as a fire-breathing lion merged with a goat and a snake? It is often used currently for any creature that is a hybrid of multiple animals.

**Chimera**

74. Joan of Navarre was the wife of which English monarch?

**Henry IV**

75. In which year was Alex Ferguson appointed manager of Manchester United?

**1986**

76. Consisting of about 1200 fish and derived from the Gaelic language, what was the unit of measure for the sale of fresh herring in the North Sea fishing industry?

**Cable** see note 1

77. In which town does the River Waveney meet the North Sea?

**Great Yarmouth**

78. Which scientist gave the names 'oxygen' and 'hydrogen', in 1777 and 1783 respectively, to the two elements comprising water?

**Antoine Lavoisier**

79. Which French city advertises itself as the 'Capital of the Alps' due to its size and proximity to the mountain range?

**Grenoble**

80. Who played the equivalent role of Alec Guinness in the 2004 remake of *The Ladykillers*?

**Tom Hanks**

## Spares

1. Which comedian won the award for best joke at the 2010 Edinburgh Festival Fringe with "I decided to sell my Hoover...well it was just collecting dust." He was the runner up in 2011, 2012 and 2013.

**Tim Vine**

2. Which is the first horror film to be nominated for the Academy Award for Best Picture? It won Oscars for Best Adapted Screenplay and Best Sound.

***The Exorcist***

3. Which of the ingredients of pesto sauce gives it a green colour?

**Basil**

4. Anne Neville was the wife of which English monarch?

**Richard III**

## Notes

1. The correct answer is 'cran'.