

KNOCKOUT MATCHES THURSDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2024
QUESTIONS BY SUN & CASTLE AND HMRUFC **see note 1**

First Verbal Round

1. Which famous building's postcode is SW1A 2AA?
10 Downing Street
2. What was the Oxford University Press Word of the Year 2023?
Rizz (short for 'charisma')
3. *The Narrative of Arthur Gordon Pym of Nantucket* is the only complete novel by which writer, better known as a poet and short story writer?
Edgar Allan Poe
4. Which Italian painter gives his name to a brownish-orange hair colour?
Titian
5. Former Chelsea and Arsenal goalkeeper Petr Čech made his one Elite Ice Hockey League appearance on 25 November 2023 playing for which team?
Belfast Giants
6. Which technology takes its name from the nickname of Harald Gormsson, king of Denmark (reign c.958 to c.986)?
Bluetooth
7. Which solar system planet has the most moons?
Saturn
8. The coronation of which King of England was on 1 February 1327?
Edward III
9. Monkey Harris, Sunglasses Ron and Paddy the Greek are unseen associates of the main character in which TV sitcom?
Only Fools and Horses
10. Born in 1924, how was Alfred Hawthorne Hill better known?
Benny Hill
11. In which African country would you find Mount Kilimanjaro?
Tanzania
12. Which horse won the 2023 Grand National?
Corach Rambler
13. How many chemical elements are there in the periodic table?
118
14. In a game of netball how many players on a team are allowed to score?
Two (Goal Attack and Goal Shooter)
15. Mobile hardware and software company Blackberry Limited was founded in which country?
Canada

16. Out of all of the NASA Space Shuttles, which two have been destroyed in disasters?

Challenger and Columbia

17. During which King's reign did The Great Fire Of London occur?

Charles II

18. Which band wrote songs that also served as the theme songs for *CSI*, *CSI: NY*, and *CSI: Miami* respectively?

The Who

19. The character Lady Catherine de Bourgh appears in which book?

Pride and Prejudice

20. What is the name of the Duke of Milan who casts a spell on a ship in *The Tempest*?

Prospero

21. Proboscis monkeys are found only on which island?

Borneo

22. Which islands lie at the centre of the Western hemisphere?

The Galapagos

23. In the detective show *A Touch of Frost*, what is Frost's first name?

William see note 2

24. What are the three secondary colours in the UK?

Purple, orange and green see note 3

25. Who became the first black manager of a Premiership football club in 1996?

Ruud Gullit

26. Which former Premier League and FIFA-listed referee is the lead referee in the 2024 BBC revival of *Gladiators*?

Mark Clattenburg

27. Who is the current Poet Laureate?

Simon Armitage

28. *Mycology* is the study of what?

Fungi

29. In which organ of the human body would you find the Islets of Langerhans?

Pancreas

30. How did John Bellingham make history on 11 May 1812?

Assassinated Prime Minister Spencer Perceval

First Written Round *Tenable-style question – allow maximum of five minutes*

Questions 31 to 40.

What are the ten largest ceremonial counties of England by land area?

Any county named by both teams scores a point each, and two points if only one team names it.

The conurbations of Greater London, Greater Manchester and Merseyside are not included in this list. The order is not important. **see note 4**

Answers

North Yorkshire

Lincolnshire

Cumbria

Devon

Northamptonshire **see note 4**

Norfolk

Northumberland

Somerset

Suffolk

Hampshire

Second Verbal Round

41. The Bitter Lakes are part of which waterway?

Suez Canal

42. Which former head of state was arrested in London in 1998?

General Pinochet

43. How much money is in a game of *Monopoly*? Give answer in US Dollars and allow \$600 either way.

\$20,500 **see note 5**

44. *Us & Them* is a US TV version of which British sitcom?

Gavin & Stacey

45. Which tennis venue is named after a WW1 fighter pilot?

Roland Garros

46. Which is the largest of the Canary Islands?

Tenerife

47. Which London residence did George III buy for Queen Charlotte for £21,000?

Buckingham House (accept '**Buckingham Palace**')

48. At what age is a car exempt from the MOT test?

40 years old

49. Where in London is the world's longest single span roof structure?

Wembley Stadium Arch

50. There are three types of Black Holes. Name one of the types?

Stellar Mass, Intermediate Mass and Supermassive

51. What does a Marshal Stack consist of?

Speakers and Amplifiers (accept either)

52. What legal protection dates to the 1710 Statue of Anne?

Author's Copyright

53. Which tree bark is known as 'nature's aspirin'?

Willow

54. Which was the last host nation to win the Men's Football World Cup?

France (1998)

55. Which Autumnal world championship takes place in Southwick, Northamptonshire

Conkers

56. What is the name of the UK's last surviving Cloth Hall?

Piece Hall (Halifax)

57. The Diocese of Lincoln used to stretch between which two waterways?

The Humber and the Thames

58. Which TV hit is based on the party game *Mafia*?

Traitors

59. David Cameron became Foreign Secretary last year and became only the third person to be Prime Minister then Foreign Secretary. Name either of the other two.

Arthur Balfour (1916) or **Alec Douglas-Home** (1970)

60. What is assessed by the Martindale Rub test?

Upholstery (checks for durability)

61. What was definitely established in 1921 at Newlyn, Cornwall?

Mean sea level **see note 6**

62. Which global writing system has 63 different characters?

Braille

63. The Iris Trophy is now awarded to the winner of what prize?

Booker Prize

64. What does *INSET* stand for in education?

In Service Education and Training **see note 7**

65. Which US state has hosted both the summer and winter Olympic Games?

California

Three motor car companies were founded in Bologna. Name any two of the three.

Ducati, Maserati and Lamborghini

67. Where in the body are the oval and round windows?

The ear

68. Which was the first UK TV programme to give away a £1 million prize?

TFI Friday (they beat Millionaire by about a year)

69. Only 2 GB men's athletes are currently world record holders. Name both of them.

Mo Farah (1 hour track run) and **Jonathan Edwards** (triple jump)

70. What did *wildcatters* go in search of?

Oil

Second Written Round **THERE IS A THEME (the theme word may be 'hidden' within a longer word)**

71. What alcoholic drink is made from pears?

Perry

72. What is the name of the UK's leading HIV and sexual health charity, formed in 1983?

The Terrence Higgins Trust

73. In which specific part of Liverpool were Ringo Starr, Arthur Askey and Eddie Braben born?

Dingle

74. Which market town lies on the River Ouse, 12 miles south of York?

Selby

75. What is the sixth astrological sign of the zodiac?

Virgo

76. The word *psittacine* relates to which type of birds?

Parrots

77. What is the name of the coarse woollen cloth, similar to felt but more durable?

Baize

78. Which English actor, born 1944, had a successful career as a child actor and in the 1970s and '80s was the star of many a sitcom?

Richard O'Sullivan

79. Who plays *Father Brown* in the series that started on BBC1 in 2013?

Mark Williams

80. Which fictitious supervillain was introduced in a series of novels by Sax Rohmer first published 1912? The character has featured in various media for over 90 years and became the archetype of the evil criminal genius.

Dr Fu Manchu

Theme is snooker

(the table cloth and nine players: Joe Perry, John/Alex Higgins, Ding Junhui, Mark Selby, John Virgo, John Parrot, Ronnie O'Sullivan, Mark Williams, Marco Fu)

Additional Written Round (for use in the event of a tie)

81. Five species of mammal lay eggs. Four are species of echidna, name the other egg-laying mammal.

(Duck-billed) **Platypus**

82. In the Chinese zodiac 10 February 2024 to 28 January 2025 is the year of which animal?

Dragon

83. Clemson University is located in which US state?

South Carolina

84. Whose blue plaque is located on Carrington Road, Stockport?
Fred Perry
85. Which year saw the passing of *Carry On* film regulars Kenneth Williams and Charles Hawtrey?
1988
86. Only two current men's athletics world records were set in Great Britain. Name either event.
4 x 100 metres (by Jamaica) or **800 metres** (by David Rudisha)
87. Why was Janet Young unique in UK politics from 1979-96?
Only woman appointed to the cabinet by Margret Thatcher
88. Which "Music" contest is held annually in Oulu, Finland?
Air Guitar
89. What ended on Black Tot day in 1970?
Navy Rum Rations
90. What is the world's most widely used psychoactive drug?
Caffeine

Tie-breakers (nearest-the-bull)

1. The oldest of Blackpool's three piers, how long in yards is the North Pier?
550 yards
2. What is the value of the Golden Ratio given to 3 decimal places?
1.618 (ratio between two quantities whose sum is at the same ratio to the larger one) [see note 8](#)

Spares

1. Famed as a member of the Rat Pack, who died on Christmas Day 1995?
Dean Martin
2. Where are three-digit numbers randomly generated by Cecil?
Countdown
3. Whom did Lady Caroline Lamb describe as "mad, bad and dangerous to know"?
Lord Byron

Notes

1. For the second week in succession a significant number of questions have been taken directly from, or 'inspired' by, a well-known national newspaper, with some of the questions being repeats from the previous Thursday. Several questions have also been 'acquired' from other popular online quizzes. Once again this gives any player who happens to read the same newspaper, or play the same online quizzes, a huge and unfair advantage over other players/teams.
2. It might have been better to specify that the character's *real* name is required. Although his real first name is William he is almost always referred to by his nickname 'Jack'.
3. The question should have made clear that it refers to pigments, rather than light. Also, 'violet' is an acceptable alternative to 'purple'.
4. Ceremonial counties are significantly different to the modern-day counties with which most people are familiar, so it may have been better to include a definition of the term. Also, the list appears to have been taken from populationdata.org.uk which unfortunately contains a mistake: it gives the area of each county in square miles, except Northamptonshire which is incorrectly given in square kilometres. Northamptonshire actually ranks 24th, so the list should have included Kent as the tenth largest.

5. The UK version of the game which most people are familiar with uses pounds, so the ever-changing exchange rate makes it impossible to give an exact answer in dollars. Therefore the question presumably refers to the US version of the game, in which case the correct answer is that since January 2022 the total money pool is \$118,660 (45 of each denomination note).
6. 'Definitely' should be 'definitively'.
7. According to the *Cambridge Dictionary* and most other sources, INSET simply stands for 'In-service Training'.
8. Not a great choice as a tie-breaker as this number is not unfamiliar to many people.