

CUP FINAL THURSDAY 18 APRIL 2024
QUESTIONS BY THE ALEXANDRA AND TIVIOT

First Verbal Round

1. What is the scientific (i.e. Latin) name of the family of carnivorous mammals that includes badgers, otters, stoats and weasels?
Mustelidae (also accept 'Mustelids')
2. Who wrote the music for the operas *Otello*, *Tancredi* and *La Gazza Ladra* (The Thieving Magpie)?
Gioachino Rossini
3. A piece of music known as a *voluntary* is usually played on which instrument?
Organ
4. Which artist has had four number one UK singles, the first of which was *Look What You Made Me Do* in 2017?
Taylor Swift
5. Russell Cook was in the news earlier this month after running the length of the African continent. In which country did he complete his journey?
Tunisia
6. Which English county was the site of the civil war Battle of Naseby?
Northamptonshire
7. Which British musical act released their debut studio album *Searching for the Young Soul Rebels* in 1980?
Dexy's Midnight Runners
8. Which British writer and broadcaster claims to have started the urban legends that David Bowie invented the game *Connect Four* and that Bob Holness played the saxophone solo on Gerry Rafferty's *Baker Street*?
Stuart Maconie
9. Who led the 1953 expedition that saw Tenzing Norgay and Edmund Hillary make the first confirmed ascent to the summit of Mount Everest?
John Hunt
10. *The Hell of the North*, *A Sunday in Hell* and *Queen of the Classics* are names given to which men's one-day cycle race, held in France in April?
Paris – Roubaix
11. Which European city's cathedral is the tallest twin-spired church in the world?
Cologne
12. Geoffrey of Anjou and his wife Matilda were the parents of which twelfth-century king of England?
Henry II
13. What is the nationality of the manager of the England women's football team, Sarina Wiegman?
Dutch
14. *A Taste of Honey* author Shelagh Delaney wrote the screenplay for which 1968 film that stars Albert Finney, Billie Whitelaw and Liza Minnelli? Finney plays a successful writer who returns to Manchester from London in an attempt to re-connect with his working-class roots.
Charlie Bubbles
15. In the 2023 film *Oppenheimer* which British actor plays Albert Einstein?
Tom Conti

16. Several of what sort of animal appear with the Beach Boys on the front cover of the 1966 album *Pet Sounds*?

Goats

17. In the Greek alphabet the uppercase of which letter is represented by a symbol that resembles a triangle?

Delta

18. Which part of the human brain is named after its resemblance to the shape of a seahorse?

Hippocampus

19. Which British monarch appointed the first ever Poet Laureate, John Dryden?

Charles II

20. To within two years either way, which year saw Stockport County play their first league game at Edgeley Park?

1902

21. Which singer was the guest vocalist on Take That's 1993 UK number one hit *Relight My Fire*?

Lulu

22. Which is the only one of the six counties in Northern Ireland that does not border Lough Neagh?

Fermanagh

23. The *Naked Gun* series of films, starring Leslie Nielsen as detective Frank Drebin, evolved from which earlier spoof television cop show that ran for just six episodes in 1982?

Police Squad!

24. In which Lake District town could you visit the Derwent Pencil Museum?

Keswick

25. The acronym *EGOT* is applied to someone who has won an Emmy, a Grammy, an Oscar and a Tony award. Which American composer became the first person to complete this feat, when he won an Emmy for the music for *The Valiant Years*, a 1962 US TV documentary based on Winston Churchill's memoirs?

Richard Rodgers

26. Only three men have ever managed Manchester United to the First Division/Premier League title. Two are Sir Matt Busby and Sir Alex Ferguson; who is the third, who won the league in 1908 and 1911?

Ernest Mangnall

27. From which prison did Great Train Robber Ronnie Biggs escape in July 1965?

Wandsworth

28. As featured in the Amazon Prime show, what name has Jeremy Clarkson given to his Cotswolds farm to denote its lack of productivity?

Diddly Squat

29. What comes next in this sequence?

Knutsford, Charnock Richard, Lancaster, Burton-in-Kendal...

Tebay (services when travelling north on the M6)

30. Which fictional character is the hero of the novels *The Three Hostages*, *Mr Standfast* and *Greenmantle*?

Richard Hannay

First Written Round

THERE IS A THEME (which may contain sound-a-likes or very minor variations in spelling)

31. Which large park and woodland area in North Manchester is named after the mischievous spirits that according to myth once lived there?

Boggart Hole Clough

32. A regular guest on UK radio and TV panel shows, which comedian describes himself as 'the German Comedy Ambassador in London' and has toured the UK with his stand-up show *Westphalia is Not an Option?*

Henning Wehn (pronounced *vain*)

33. Which novel by Charles Dickens features the characters Solomon Daisy, Tom Cobb and Simon Tappertit?

Barnaby Rudge

34. Which Welsh fashion designer founded the Warehouse chain in the late 1970s, was British Designer of the Year in 1979 and 1981, and is a former husband of singer Sandie Shaw?

Jeff Banks

35. Which American wrote the poems *Mending Wall*, *The Road Not Taken* and *Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening*?

Robert Frost

36. Starring Steve Martin and Daryl Hannah, the 1987 rom-com *Roxanne* is a re-telling of which 1897 verse play by French dramatist Edmond Rostand?

Cyrano de Bergerac

37. Which 1977 novel is the best-selling fictional work of all-time in Australia? In 1983 it was adapted into a hugely successful US TV miniseries whose cast included Christopher Plummer, Jean Simmons, Rachel Ward, Barbara Stanwyck and Richard Chamberlain.

The Thorn Birds

38. Television sports presenter Kelly Cates is the daughter of which former footballer?

Kenny Dalglish

39. Derry/Londonderry stands on which major river?

River Foyle

40. Which Belfast-born television presenter hosted the Friday edition of the ITV show *This Morning* from 2006 until 2020, usually co-presenting with his wife Ruth Langsford?

Eamonn Holmes

Theme is fictional detectives

(Harry Hole, Harriet Vane, Tom/John Barnaby, Alan Banks, Jack Frost, Jim Bergerac, Tom Thorne, Adam Dalgleish, Christopher Foyle, Sherlock Holmes)

Second Verbal Round

41. Ali Farka Touré, Salif Keita, and the duo Amadou and Mariam are all musicians from which country?

Mali

42. *Showtown*, a new 'museum of fun', opened in March in which UK town or city?

Blackpool

43. *Blood in the Machine* was recently the book-of-the-week on Radio 4. Which group of people was its subject?

The Luddites

44. Who was appointed Taoiseach of the Republic of Ireland earlier this month?

Simon Harris

45. Ryan 'Van' McCann is the lead singer of which current rock band?

Catfish and the Bottlemen

46. Which river flows for 1600 miles, crossing the Barotse flood plain and through the Batoka gorge into the Indian ocean?

Zambezi

47. Which word links a river in North West England, a breed of dog and a Metrolink station?

Dane (River Dane, Great Dane, Dane Road)

48. How many US states have a coastline on the Gulf of Mexico?

Five (Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida)

49. In 1784 Jonathon Thatcher made a surprising protest in Stockport against that year's horse tax. What form did this protest take?

He rode a cow to Stockport market (accept any answer that mentions riding a cow)

50. Jens Stoltenberg has held which position in public life since 2014?

Secretary General of NATO

51. Which county won the Second Division of cricket's County Championship in 2023?

Durham

52. Which famous operatic duet opens with the words '*Au Fond du Temple Saint*'?

The Pearl Fishers duet (Bizet)

53. In which country would you find what was called Lake Disappointment, until it was re-named in 2020?

Australia (now called Kumpupintil Lake - pronounced *goom-bu-pin-dil*)

54. Who is President of Brazil?

(Luiz Inacio) **Lula Da Silva** (just 'Lula' is an acceptable answer)

55. Which EFL club's former home ground was Springfield Park?

Wigan Athletic

56. What is the name of the park on the roof of the recently opened Stockport Interchange?

Viaduct Park

57. Which British freshwater fish takes its name from the four sensory organs that protrude from its mouth?

Barbel

58. Who wrote the series of novels featuring Aloysius Archer?

David Baldacci

59. What name is given to the Hebrew Bible comprising the *Torah*, *Nevi'im* and *Ketuvim*?

Tanakh (also accept 'Miqra')

60. Give the birth surname of the following brother and sister. She was an actor and baroness, married for 69 years to a famous actor and director. Her brother played the rector in the sitcom *To The Manor Born*.

Sim (Sheila and Gerald)

61. In what context is Eddie James known as *Brummie*, Victoria Godfrey as *Carpathian* and Jim Toal as *Vlad*?

Crossword compilers (in *The Guardian*)

62. Which group of British artists and writers were said to have "...lived in squares, painted in circles and loved in triangles."?

The Bloomsbury Group

63. Who sang the theme tune to Daniel Craig's first James Bond film, *Casino Royale*?

Chris Cornell (song is *You Know My Name*)

64. Jim Stewart and Estelle Axton founded Satellite records in 1957. In 1961 they changed the name into one of the most famous labels in black music history. What was this new name?

STAX (first two letters of both surnames)

65. The longest 'metre-gauge' tram line in the world runs for forty-two miles along virtually the whole length of which nation's coastline?

Belgium

66. Which Shakespeare play is set in Illyria?

Twelfth Night

67. In TV screen technology what does the 'O' stand for in *OLED*?

Organic (Organic Light Emitting Diode/Device)

68. In the ITV quiz show *The Chase* what is the **full** name of the chaser known as 'The Menace'?

Darragh Ennis

69. What is the common name for the *Hedera* genus of plants?

Ivy

70. Which king of England died, probably from dysentery, at the Château de Vincennes in Paris?

Henry V

Second Written Round **NO THEME**

71. Who is the lead singer with the current rock band Reverend and the Makers?

Jon McClure

72. Which word links the names of a Premier League football club, an EFL football club and, with a slightly different spelling, a 1986 novel and 1994 film?

Forest (Nottingham Forest, Forest Green Rovers and *Forrest Gump*)

73. Great Britain has five resident species of owl. The Barn Owl is one, name any two of the other four species.

Any two from: **Little owl, Tawny owl, Short-eared owl, Long-eared owl**

74. Hawaii was the last state to be admitted to the United States in 1959. Which state preceded it and in which year?

Alaska, also in 1959

75. Which UK sportswear and equipment brand's logo is a black panther?

Slazenger

76. Which scientist gives his name to both an SI unit and a Greater Manchester Wetherspoons outlet?

James Prescott Joule (the pub is the J. P. Joule in Sale)

77. Which British economist and politician (1772-1823) is recognised as one of the most influential classical economists alongside Adam Smith and James Mill?

David Ricardo

78. What word is used in physics for the measure of a system's thermal energy per unit temperature that is unavailable for doing useful work?

Entropy

79. What was the full name of the author of the novel *Shirley*, published in 1849?

Charlotte Brontë

80. Which European treaty was signed at the end of the Thirty Years War?

Treaty/Peace of Westphalia

Extra-time Written Round (for use in the event of a draw)

1. If Mercury is 80, Uranus is 92, Neptune is 93 and Pluto is 94, what is the Sun?

Two (helium, atomic number 2, is named after the Sun)

2. John Steinbeck's *The Moon is Down*, William Faulkner's *The Sound and the Fury* and Ray Bradbury's *Something Wicked This Way Comes* all take their titles from which Shakespeare play?

Macbeth

3. Which horse won this year's Irish Grand National?

Intense Raffles

4. Which planet in our solar system has the highest density?

Earth

5. How many times was Nick Faldo British Open champion?

Three (1987, 1990, 1992)

6. What is the name of the Unitarian Chapel on the National Trust estate at Styal?

Northcliffe (Chapel)

7. What does the 'Q' stand for in the acronym *QLED*?

Quantum-dot (Quantum-dot Light Emitting Diode)

8. What is the current political party of George Galloway, the new MP for Rochdale?

Workers Party of Britain (also accept 'Workers Party of Great Britain')

9. Which county cricket club is currently investigating the development of a new ground, as its long-standing home is increasingly prone to flooding from a nearby river?

Worcestershire (River Severn)

10. In which year did Channel 4 begin broadcasting on UK television?

1982

Spares

1. In 1964 who became the first British woman to win an Olympic gold medal in a track-and-field event, breaking the world record in doing so? She is still the only British female athlete to win three medals at a single Games.

Mary Rand

2. Which was the first of the *Carry On* films?

Carry On Sergeant

3. In 1800 which city was superseded by Washington DC as capital of the United States of America?

Philadelphia

4. Who is the current MP for the constituency of Ashton-under-Lyne?

Angela Rayner

5. Of what is *trichology* the study?

Hair

6. What is the nationality of Kristalina Georgieva, the current Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund?

Bulgarian

Nearest-the-bull tie-breakers

1. From its premiere in 1987 to its finale in 2000, how many episodes were made of the TV series *Inspector Morse*?

33

2. How many balls did Ian Botham bowl during his 102-match England Test career?

21,815