

KNOCKOUT MATCHES THURSDAY 7 MARCH 2024
QUESTIONS BY FLYING HORSE AND TIVIOT

First Verbal Round

1. Whose guitar famously had a sticker on it with the words '*This machine kills fascists*'?
Woody Guthrie
2. Which author wrote the *Flashman* series of novels, the screenplay for *Octopussy*, and *Quartered Safe Out Here* - a memoir of his experiences in Burma during World War II?
George MacDonald Fraser
3. Which New Zealand rugby player had the nickname *Pinetree*?
Colin Meads
4. During the Spanish Civil War the Communist politician Dolores Ibárruri was better known by what name?
La Pasionara
5. The African music icon Angélique Kidjo was born in which west African Country?
Benin
6. The 1956 film *A Lust for Life* is a biopic about which artist? **see pedantic note 1**
Vincent van Gogh
7. What is the name of the Post Office chairman sacked by Kemi Badenoch in 2024?
Henry Staunton
8. Who wrote the plays *Volpone*, *The Alchemist* and *Bartholomew Fair*?
Ben Jonson
9. The national cider brand *Stowford Press* is produced by which company?
Weston's Cider
10. Anthony Caro was a prominent figure in which field of the arts?
Sculpture
11. Oviedo is the capital of which Spanish autonomous region?
Asturias
12. Peter Brookes and Morten Morland are political cartoonists for which newspaper?
The Times
13. Which athlete won the 100 metres at the 1960 Olympics? He was also the first man to run 10.0sec and the last white man to hold the World Record for the event.
Armin Hary
14. Who was the chief designer of the computer programming language Pascal? He died in January 2024,
Niklaus Wirth
15. Which French author wrote the novels *Le Rouge et le Noir* and *La Chartreuse de Parme*?
Stendhal (also accept 'Marie-Henri Beyle')
16. Widely used for applications in engineering, music, science, and mathematics, what do the initials FFT stand for?
Fast Fourier Transform

17. The American poet Wallace Stevens and the composer Charles Ives both worked in what type of business?
Insurance
18. Queen Margaret University is located in which UK city/town?
Edinburgh
19. The Computing-Tabulating-Recording Company (CTR) was renamed in 1924 as what?
International Business Machines or IBM
20. The cities of Rouen and Le Havre are located in which French department?
Seine-Maritime
21. What unit used in cooking is defined as 240 millilitres or 8.45 imperial fluid ounces?
A cup (as used in American recipes)
22. Who commanded the Fourteenth Army in Burma during World War II?
Field Marshal William (Bill) Slim
23. Charlie Faulkner, Bobby Windsor and Graham Price collectively were the subject of which song by the Welsh singer Max Boyce?
The Pontypool Front Row
24. Who wrote the novel *All Quiet on the Western Front*?
Erich Maria Remarque
25. Who, as at 6 March 2024, is Greater Manchester's Deputy Mayor for Policing, Crime, Criminal Justice and Fire?
Kate Green
26. Which pop singer's real name is Peter Gene Hernandez?
Bruno Mars
27. Which popular fruit drink was originally manufactured in England by the Bristol-based food and drink company HW Carter?
Ribena
28. The National Trust property Snowhill Manor and Garden is situated in which county?
Gloucestershire
29. The Royal National College for the Blind is located in which English city?
Hereford
30. What was the pen name of the Scottish poet Christopher Grieve?
Hugh MacDiarmid

First Written Round **There is no theme** **see note 2**

31. What is the name of the vascular tissue in plants which conducts water and dissolved nutrients upwards from the root and also helps to form the woody element in the stem?
Xylem
32. What pseudonym did Derrick MacNutt use for crosswords he published in the *Observer* newspaper?
Ximenes
33. Which ancient Greek author wrote the *Anabasis*, which recounts his adventures with a Greek mercenary army while in the service of Cyrus the Younger and their return of Greek mercenaries to Greece?
Xenophon

34. What is the capital of the Republic of Cameroon?

Yaoundé

35. Which beer company closed the Ram Brewery in Wandsworth, London in 2006? Its beer is now brewed by Marston's at the Eagle Brewery in Bedford.

Young's

36. *Show Me a Hero*, a 2015 TV miniseries co-written by David Simon, the creator of *The Wire*, and William F. Zorzi, was about the building of low-income housing units in which New York neighbourhood?

Yonkers

37. Who was the purported author of a fake document published and sensationalized by the *Daily Mail* newspaper four days before the 1924 United Kingdom general election?

Grigory Zinoviev

38. Who wrote the music for the films *The Thin Red Line*, *Gladiator* and *Dunkirk*?

Hans Zimmer

39. Which animal has three living species: Grévy's, Plains and Mountain?

Zebra

40. Which fictional character was created in 1919 by American pulp writer Johnston McCulley and has been played in films by Douglas Fairbanks, Tyrone Power and Anthony Hopkins?

Zorro

Second Verbal Round

41. The settings for the *Postman Pat* books are based on the experiences of its creator John Cunliffe in and around which north-west town?

Kendal

42. Whose work is the focus of the *Music of the Mind* exhibition which has recently opened at the Tate Modern?

Yoko Ono

43. In 2023 six nations produced over 200,000 tons of tea. China, India and Sri Lanka were three of these countries. Name any one of the other three.

One from: **Kenya, Vietnam or Turkey**

44. Bechstein's, Serotine and Natterer's are species of which animal native to the UK?

Bats

45. Which cosmetic company produces the iconic highlighter *Touche Eclat*?

Yves Saint Laurent

46. The Vouvray appellation d'origine contrôlée (AOC) lies within which French wine growing region?

Loire Valley

47. What is the state capital of Maryland?

Annapolis

48. Who played Gary Sparrow in the BBC sitcom *Goodnight Sweetheart*?

Nicholas Lyndhurst

49. Which ancient Greek historian wrote a detailed account of the Peloponnesian War?

Thucydides

50. In Radio 4's *The Archers* what kind of business does Chris Carter own?

Farrier or Blacksmith

51. In which Northamptonshire town did Labour win a bye election last month with a swing of 28.5%, the second highest swing from Conservative to Labour since World War 2?

Wellingborough

52. Which word, with different spellings, can mean a musical instrument, a material for sealing joints and stolen items?

Lute/Loot

53. Which Russian author wrote the play *The Seagull*?

Anton Chekov

54. Frank Rothwell has featured in several north-west news programmes recently after becoming the oldest man to row solo across the Atlantic Ocean. Which football club does he own?

Oldham Athletic

55. '*If I hadn't seen such riches, I could live with being poor*' are lyrics from which 1991 UK top three hit?

Sit Down (by James)

56. Who, as at 6 March, is Prime Minister of Italy?

Giorgia Meloni

57. What nationality is the reigning world snooker champion?

Belgian (Luca Brecel)

58. Who wrote the scores for the films *Jaws* and *Star Wars*?

John Williams

59. The circumstellar disc or flat ring in the outer solar system beyond the orbit of Neptune is named after which Dutch astronomer?

Gerard Kuiper (Kuiper Belt)

60. In which London borough is the fee-paying Whitgift School, which has its own zoo?

Croydon

61. Which African Cup of Nations team is nicknamed 'The Stallions'?

Burkina Faso

62. Which market town in Monmouthshire hosts a famous food festival every September?

Abergavenny/Y Fenni

63. Born in Marple in 1955, which TV personality appeared on children's shows such as *The Wide Awake Club* and *Wacaday*, and featured on the 1990 UK number one single *Itsy Bitsy Teeny Weeny Yellow Polka Dot Bikini* by Bombalurina?

Timmy Mallett

64. Give any two of the three secondary colours of light.

Any two from: **yellow, magenta (purple), cyan (turquoise)** **see note 3**

65. Which group reached number five in the UK charts in 1964 with *I Think of You*?

The Merseybeats

66. What is missing from this list of attributes of the four evangelists in *The Bible*?

Angel, Lion, Eagle...

Ox (for St Luke – accept anything bovine)

67. What is the common English name of the evergreen *Vinca major* and *Vinca minor* which are creeping and climbing plants?

Periwinkle

68. *Acer pseudoplatanus* is the botanical name for which tree found widely across the UK?

Sycamore

69. What name is given to the *Era of Dinosaurs*? It covers three consecutive geological periods.

Mesozoic era

70. On 1 April 2023 some local government arrangements changed: the six district councils and Cumbria County Council were replaced by two new unitary authorities. One is called Cumberland and the other Westmorland and what?

Furness

Second Written Round **There is still no theme**

71. Who in 1993 became the first woman to win the Turner Prize? Her winning piece was a concrete cast of the internal space of an East London terraced house.

Rachel Whiteread

72. As of 7 March which former EFL team has a 17-point lead at the top of the National League?

Chesterfield

73. Which Shakespeare play focuses on the attempt of the King of Navarre and his three companions to forego the company of women in order to fast and study for three years? Their infatuation with the Princess of France and her ladies causes their attempt to fail.

Love's Labour's Lost

74. Name either of the two patrons of the Plaza in Stockport

Joan Bakewell or Dara O'Briain

75. The National Trust property Penrhyn Castle lies close to which Welsh city/town?

Bangor

76. Who won the Best Actor Oscar for the film *In the Heat of the Night* in 1968?

Rod Steiger

77. The linnet, serin and twite are members of which family of birds?

Finches **see note 4**

78. Which fort on Hadrian's Wall lies closest to the nearby vicus (village) and fort of Vindolanda?

Housesteads

79. Like many Wetherspoon pubs, the one in Llandudno is a conversion of a large, interesting building. What did it use to be?

Cinema or theatre

80. What word is used to describe a mass of rocks and sediment carried down and deposited by a glacier, typically as ridges at its edges or extremities?

Moraine

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

81. Which Briton won the Speedway world championship in 1955 and 1962?

Peter Craven

82. In which French city are the tombs of William I (the Conqueror) and his wife Matilda?

Caen

83. Benfica won their first European Cup in 1961, but who did they beat in the final?

Barcelona

84. What two countries have borders with Sierra Leone?

Guinea and Liberia

85. 'Ninepence for Fourpence' was used as a publicity slogan by an early 20th century British government to popularize which new scheme?

National Insurance (in 1911)

86. Which is the deepest English lake?

Wastwater

87. What is the full name of the senior policeman in the detective novels by Peter James, set mostly in Brighton?

Roy Grace

88. Which Gilbert & Sullivan opera has leading characters called Bunthorne and Grosvenor?

Patience

89. How many days long is a year on Mercury (five years either way)?

88 (accept 83-93)

90. The cartoon series *Wacky Races*, and later the video game of the same name, were originally inspired by which slapstick comedy film of 1965?

The Great Race

Tie-breaker (nearest-the-bull)

1. What was the population of the Indian state of Uttar Pradesh in 2021? It constitutes about 16% of India's population.

199,581,477

Spares

1. Which writer created the character Lisbeth Salander in the *Millennium* crime trilogy?

Stieg Larsson

2. Cecily Neville, who was born in Raby Castle, County Durham, was mother to two Kings of England. One was Edward IV, who was the other?

Richard III

3. Which European city is home to the Gewandhaus orchestra?

Leipzig

1. Which national newspaper political journalist failed to be selected as the Labour candidate for the recent Rochdale bye election?

Paul Waugh (from *The i*)

2. What is the state capital of Kansas?

Topeka

3. Who was the lead vocalist of the pop group Herman and The Hermits?

Peter Noone

Notes

1. The film's correct title is *Lust for Life*
2. There is no theme...or is there? A hint that there is some kind of alphabetical link between the answers may have helped teams who did not notice it.
3. The acceptance of purple as being equivalent to magenta seems rather generous.
4. The scientific name *Fringillidae* is an equally acceptable answer.