LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2023 QUESTIONS BY THE RAILWAY

First Verbal Round

1. American Claressa Shields and Briton Savannah Marshall are current female world champions in which sport?

Boxing

2. Whose recently published autobiography is entitled *The Woman in Me*?

Britney Spears

3. Which local nightclub was opened by the Beeley brothers in 1961 and is still going strong?

The Bamboo Club

4. American actor Clayton Moore is best known for playing which character on film and TV, from 1949 to 1957?

The Lone Ranger

5. What part of the human body is affected by *trachoma*?

The eye

6. Who is the leader of the French political party National Rally, formerly known as the National Front?

Marine le Pen

7. Which architecture prize, with a name derived from a comment made by the then Prince Charles, was last awarded in 2018, when the recipient was Stockport's Redrock?

The Carbuncle Cup

8. The 1977 Christmas show of which Bredbury-born entertainer was the most-watched TV programme in the UK that year?

Mike Yarwood

9. Austin, the state capital of Texas, stands on which major river?

The Colorado see note 1

10. Used in the term SIM card, what does the acronym SIM stand for?

Subscriber Identity Module see note 2

11. Who wrote and originally recorded Respect, later made more famous by Aretha Franklin?

Otis Redding

12. What type of product was originally made by the Japanese company Nintendo when it was founded in 1889? (Hanafuda) **playing cards**

13. Who was given one of her first roles by her godfather Steven Spielberg, who cast her as Wendy Darling in the 1991 film *Hook*?

Gwyneth Paltrow

14. The title of the Cormac McCarthy novel No country for old men was taken from a poem by which writer?

W. B. Yeats (Sailing to Byzantium)

15. In the forthcoming series of *Doctor Who*, which actor will be playing the fifteenth doctor?

Ncuti (pron shooty) Gatwa

16. Who plays Doctor Who's companion Donna Noble, due to reappear in special 60th anniversary episodes?

Catherine Tate

- 17. The title of the Ernest Hemingway novel For Whom the Bell Tolls was taken from a work by which writer?
 - John Donne (Meditation XVII)
- 18. Who is the mother of Johnny Depp's daughter, the actress and model Lily-Rose Depp?

Vanessa Paradis

19. Inventor Edward Craven Walker developed what item in the 1960s, after he saw an egg timer that used two immiscible fluids?

Astro lamp aka lava lamp

20. Which Bob Marley song was subsequently recorded by Eric Clapton and became a UK number two hit for Warren G?

I Shot the Sheriff

21. In the travel protection company ATOL, what does the acronym ATOL stand for?

Air Travel Organisers' Licensing (accept Licence)

22. Which US state capital stands on the Charles River?

Boston

23. Which singer, who died in September, was West Germany's best-selling act of 1977, where *Der Spiegel* newspaper described him as having 'the diligence and charisma of an accountant'?

Roger Whittaker

24. Which international architecture prize, often referred to as the Nobel Prize of architecture, was won this year by the British architect David Chipperfield?

The Pritzker Prize

25. Who is the current chancellor of Germany?

Olaf Scholz

26. Which deadly virus is named after a river in the Democratic Republic of Congo?

Ebola

27. Which fictional cowboy was created in 1907 by American short story writer O Henry? In later incarnations he rode a horse called Diablo and had a sidekick called Pancho.

The Cisco Kid

28. Which local nightclub opened in 1978 on the site of an old golf driving range, and closed in 1998 to be replaced by a Homebase superstore?

Quaffers

29. Which food writer has a podcast and now a book entitled Comfort Eating?

Grace Dent

30. 2022 marked the third appearance of the England Lionesses in the final of the UEFA Women's Championship. Which country beat them in their first final in 1984?

Sweden

First Written Round

There is a theme with is one phonetic spelling and more than one part-word

31. What was the commonly used nickname of the character played by George Cole in the original St Trinian's films?

Flash Harry

32. Which four-act play was written by George Bernard Shaw in 1903, in response to a call for him to write a play based on the *Don Juan* theme?

Man and Superman

33. Which political organisation, which advocated for class struggle, was founded in 1966 by college students Bobby Seale and Huey P. Newton in Oakland, California?

The Black Panther Party

34. Also known as the glutton, carcajou, or quickhatch, what's the largest land-dwelling species of the family Mustelidae?

Wolverine

35. Born in Suffolk in 1977, Chrissie Wellington is a four-time world champion in which specific athletic event?

Ironman triathlon

36. What term is used in the Royal Navy to denote a ship that is afloat but incapable of going to sea?

A hulk (they were often used as prison ships)

37. What term is often used to describe someone over the age of 50 who is comfortable using the internet?

Silver surfer

38. David Keel, played by Ian Hendry, was the original focus of which TV series, first broadcast in 1961?

The Avengers

39. Which major tributary of the River Tigris gives its name to a Turkish city and a province, and is crossed by the historic Malabadi Bridge near the town of Silvan?

The Batman River

40. What name is commonly used for arachnids in the genus Lactrodectus?

Black widow (spiders)

Theme is superheroes

Second Verbal Round

41. Which British fashion designer was born in Gibraltar in 1960?

John Galliano

42. Better known today for a later incident, at which public house in London did William Booth preach his first sermon, which led to the creation of the Salvation Army?

The Blind Beggar

43. In which sport is the Philip F. Anschutz trophy awarded?

Football (soccer) (it's the most prestigious trophy in US Major League Soccer)

44. In Greek mythology, who was the famous son of Jocasta and Laius?

Oedipus

45. Which historic building has been the seat of the Dukes of Northumberland since 1309?

Alnwick Castle

46. Which singer-songwriter married the actress Darryl Hannah in 2018 at the age of 72?

Neil Young

47. Gado-gado is a salad which is one of the national dishes of which Asian country?

Indonesia

48. Which 2020 film was based on a memoir by Aron Ralston entitled Between a Rock and a Hard Place?

127 Hours see note 3

49. What name is given to a wine bottle that has the capacity of eight standard bottles?

Methuselah

50. Which musical was based on a 1944 novel by Margaret Landon, which in turn was based on the memoirs of Anna Leonowens?

The King and I

51. Who replaced Stephen Barclay as Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on 13 November 2023?

Victoria Atkins

52. Famous as the birthplace of a surprise 2016 Nobel Prize-winner, what is the fourth-largest city in Minnesota and the largest on the United States shore of Lake Superior?

Duluth (birthplace of Bob Dylan)

53. Born in 1640, who was described by Virginia Woolf as 'the first female professional author in English'?

Aphra Behn

54. A nephrogram is an x-ray of the kidneys, but what is a nephogram a photograph of?

A cloud

55. What name is given to the Scottish quarter day that falls on 1 August?

Lammas

56. In the Western Christian liturgical calendar, what name is given to the first Sunday after Pentecost?

Trinity Sunday

57. What is the purpose of a thurible?

It is used to burn incense in church

58. In 1912 Harriet Quimby became the first woman to do what?

Fly across the English Channel

59. Famous as the birthplace of the Peter Pan of pop, what is the capital of the Indian state of Uttar Pradesh? **Lucknow** (birthplace of Cliff Richard)

60. Who is currently (as of 21 November) Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Deputy Prime Minister?

Oliver Dowden

61. Which musical was based on a 1910 novel by Gaston Leroux?

The Phantom of the Opera

62. In the cocktail known as a B&B, what do the two Bs stand for?

Brandy and Benedictine

63. Who won the Best Actor Oscar at the 2003 Academy Awards ceremony for his performance in the Holocaust memoir *The Pianist*?

Adrien Brody

64. What dish of raw meat or fish was invented in Venice in 1963 and named after a Venetian painter?

Carpaccio

65. Which actor, whose most recent film is entitled *About My Father*, became a father for the seventh time in April, at the age of 79?

Robert de Niro see note 4

66. Where did the 16th Earl of Shrewsbury move his family seat to in 1831, when their previous Oxfordshire home was destroyed by fire?

Alton Towers

67. In Homer's *Odyssey* who was the faithful wife of Odysseus?

Penelope

68. Marc Marquez is the most successful Spaniard to date in which sport?

MotoGP (also accept 'motorcycling')

69. At which public house in the Strand, London are the assay officers from Birmingham and Sheffield said to have decided on the symbols to be used by their respective offices?

The Crown & Anchor (Sheffield changed its mark from a crown to a rose in 1975)

70. In which country was the shoe designer Jimmy Choo born?

Malaysia

Second Written Round There is a theme

71. In which city on the shore of Lake Victoria is the official office and residence of the President of Uganda?

Entebbe

72. What creature with the Latin name Pan paniscus is sometimes known as 'the pygmy chimpanzee'?

Bonobo

73. Cabbage and radish are the most commonly used ingredients in which dish, whose name is derived from a Sino-Korean word meaning 'submerged vegetable'?

Kimchi

74 In which 1964 film did Michael Caine play Lieutenant Gonville Bromhead?

Zulu

In *Richard Osman's House of Games*, which country appears in the name of the game in which contestants have to place locations on a map?

Kazakhstan

76. What type of low-level cloud has a flat base and a fluffy, cottonwool-like appearance?

Cumulus

77. Which pop group started life as part of a Manchester skiffle band called the Rattlesnakes?

The Bee Gees

78. Which resort on the Adriatic coast is the birthplace of film director Federico Fellini?

Rimini

79. Which country's flag has a red field and a green five-pointed star?

Morocco

80. The name of what spice blend comes from the Hindustani words for 'hot spices'?

Garam masala

Theme is each answer only contains one repeated vowel. Just that.

Spares

1. Which athlete was the first winner of the BBC's Sports Personality of the Year award?

Chris Chataway

2. Which charitable organisation was formed in 1961 by a lawyer named Peter Benenson?

Amnesty (International)

3. Who played Bond girl Strawberry Fields in Quantum of Solace?

Gemma Arterton

4. In what year did the Battle of the Alamo take place, in which Davy Crockett died?

1836 (accept 1834 to 1838)

5. Which 1984 ITV drama series was based on Paul Scott's Raj Quartet?

The Jewel in the Crown

5. On which Hawaiian island is the capital Honolulu?

Oahu

Notes

- 1. This is not the same Colorado River that flows south-west from Colorado, via the Grand Canyon, to enter the sea in Mexico.
- 2. The 'I' can stand for either 'identity' or 'identification'.
- 3. The film was released in 2010, not 2020.
- 4. De Niro's most recent film is *Ezra*, which premiered at the Toronto Film Festival in September 2023. *About My Father* was released in April 2023.