

LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER 2023
QUESTIONS BY SUN & CASTLE

First Verbal Round

1. Which organization was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1917 and 1944?
The Red Cross (International Committee of the Red Cross)
2. Which herb with the scientific name *Coriandrum sativum* can also be known as Chinese Parsley?
Coriander (also accept 'Cilantro')
3. In 1841, who was the first Vice President of the United States to succeed to the Presidency? **see note 1**
John Tyler
4. What is the only bone in the human body that is not attached to another bone?
Hyoid bone
5. Name the capital of US state North Carolina?
Raleigh
6. The BBC World Service started in 1932 and was known by which name before the Second World War?
The BBC Empire Service
7. Which airline that ceased operations in 2003 took its name from the initials of Thomas Cook's son?
JMC Air (John Mason Cook)
8. Composer Ludwig van Beethoven was born in which German city in 1770?
Bonn
9. What was the previous name of Burkina Faso?
(Republic of) **Upper Volta**
10. *The Toilet of Venus* is a painting by which artist?
Diego Velázquez (also known as *The Rokeby Venus*)
11. What part of the human body is the axilla?
The armpit
12. Widely used on internet forums, what do the initials *HTH* stand for?
Hope this/that helps
13. Which part of the brain deals with hearing and language?
Temporal Lobe **see note 2**
14. Glossophobia is the medical term for the fear of what?
Public speaking
15. Which spice is derived from the flower of *Crocus sativus*?
Saffron
16. Which organization was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1954 and 1981?
UNHCR (Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees) **see note 3**

17. Widely used on internet forums, what do the initials *BRB* stand for?

Be right back

18. Dying 31 days after his inauguration, which President of the United States had the shortest presidency in US history?

William Henry Harrison

19. Composer Richard Wagner was born in which German city in 1813?

Leipzig

20. What is the name of the biggest part of the human brain?

The cerebrum

21. 0117 is the telecommunications dialling code for which UK city?

Bristol

22. Name the capital of US state Vermont.

Montpelier

23. What is the national flower of Japan?

Cherry Blossom [see note 4](#)

24. The Republic of Malawi was formerly known by what name?

Nyasaland

25. Which was the first independent radio station to open in the UK outside London?

Radio Clyde

26. 0113 is the telecommunications code for which UK city?

Leeds

27. *The Birth of Venus* is a painting by which artist?

Sandro Botticelli [see note 5](#)

28. The acronym TUI, as in the airline and travel group, represents which three words?

Touristik Union International (Tourism Union International)

29. Acrophobia is an extreme or irrational fear of what?

Heights

30. What is the national flower of Mexico?

Dahlia

First Written Round **There is a theme**

31. What job did Sidney Poitier, Morgan Freeman and Jim Carrey have in films from 1961, 1989 and 1994 respectively?

Chauffeur

32. Which song title has been a hit for Dionne Warwick, Taylor Swift and Olivia Rodriguez?

Déjà vu [see note 6](#)

33. The name for what part of a building can also mean a “deceptive outward appearance”?

Façade

34. What is the name of the supersonic fighter jet, the first model of which was launched in 1966 by Dassault aviation? Modern versions are still in common use with air forces around the world.

Mirage

35. Which 1927 novel, written by Anita Loos as a sequel to a more famous 1925 book, follows the further exploits of characters Lorelei Lee and Dorothy Shaw?

But Gentlemen Marry Brunettes

36. Mib.org.uk is the website of an agency set up in 1946 to help get compensation. What do the letters MIB stand for?

Motor Insurers' Bureau

37. Jerome Nigel McElroy is the real name of a character more commonly known by what name in a popular US animated series?

Chef (in *South Park*)

38. What is the name of the site close to Piccadilly station in Manchester that was transformed in 2019 for use as an arts, music, industry and cultural centre?

Mayfield Depot

39. Which footballer scored the final goal of the 1998 World Cup final?

Emmanuel Petit

40. Which aftershave brand, launched in 1976, was advertised with the slogan '*For men who don't have to try too hard*'?

Denim

Theme is words borrowed from French

Second Verbal Round

41. Glamis Castle, the birthplace of Princess Margaret, is in which Scottish county?

Angus

42. Ye Olde Dolphin Inne is the oldest pub in which English city?

Derby

43. Which English King died in the Jerusalem Chamber of Westminster Abbey in 1413, fulfilling a prophesy that he would die in Jerusalem?

Henry IV

44. Paul Sweedlepipe is a character in which Dickens novel?

Martin Chuzzlewit

45. Björk was the lead singer with which band?

Sugarcubes see note 7

46. In what year did the first Apple iPhone launch?

2007

47. Who plays Mr. Gilbert in *The Inbetweeners*?

Greg Davies

48. Which English King died in 1760 whilst on the lavatory at Kensington Palace?

George II

49. Which trigonometric function is the ratio between the side opposite the angle and the hypotenuse?

Sine

50. What is the name of the sweet, tangy fruit used to flavour Worcestershire sauce?

Tamarind

51. Catherine of Aragon is buried at which English cathedral?

Peterborough cathedral

52. Balmoral Castle, a residence of the Royal family, is in which Scottish county?

Aberdeenshire

53. The Forest of Dean lies entirely in the western part of which county?

Gloucestershire

54. Who is the youngest person to headline the Pyramid stage at Glastonbury?

Billie Eilish

55. Ye Olde Starre Inne is the oldest pub in which city?

York

56. Often seen on Welsh road signs, what does *gwasanaethau* mean?

Services (also accept 'fuel station')

57. Which sci-fi writer, born in Minehead in 1917, was awarded the CBE in 1989 for his cultural work in Sri Lanka?

Arthur C. Clarke

58. Which BBC programme, first aired in 1977 from Hereford and fronted then by *Nationwide* presenter Bruce Parker, is still showing now?

Antiques Roadshow

59. Serjeant Buzfuz is a character in which Dickens novel?

Pickwick Papers

60. Name two of the three counties that the National Forest spans.

Any two from: **Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Staffordshire**

61. Name the Sheffield-produced condiment, similar in appearance to Worcestershire sauce, which is approved by the Vegetarian Society?

Henderson's Relish

62. Which mathematical symbol was invented by the Welsh mathematician Robert Recorde?

The equals sign (=)

63. What does LG stand for in LG Electronics?

Lucky Goldstar

64. Which snooker player has the nickname *The Wizard of Wishaw*?

John Higgins

65. Often seen on Welsh road signs, what does *traeth* mean?

Beach

66. Who plays Jim the neighbour in *Friday Night Dinner*?

Mark Heap

67. On 17 January in which year was the UK's first ever breakfast TV show *Breakfast Time* launched?

1983

68. King Edward II is buried at which English cathedral?

Gloucester cathedral

69. Which snooker player has the nickname *The Jester from Leicester*?

Mark Selby

70. Which US citizen, born in Russia, coined the word *robotics* and penned the reference work *The Intelligent Man's Guide to Science* in 1960?

Isaac Asimov

Second Written Round **No theme**

71. What is the *Papaver rhoeas* flower better known as?

Poppy

72. Which city held the first ever 'Fashion Week'?

New York City (in 1943)

73. Caipirinha is the national cocktail of which country?

Brazil

74. Which confectionary company was founded by Hans Riegel Sr. in Bonn, Germany in 1920?

Haribo

75. Actor Leonard Rossiter, whose TV roles included Reginald Perrin and Rigsby in *Rising Damp*, was born in which English city?

Liverpool

76. Which sculpture by Thomas Heatherwick was situated next to Manchester City's Etihad Stadium from 2005 to 2009?

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77. What is the oldest recorded town in the UK?

Colchester

78. Which of Stephen King's novels was the first to be adapted as a movie?

Carrie

79. Which architect founded the Bauhaus school of design?

Walter Gropius

80. The Alan Turing Memorial is situated in which central Manchester public space?

Sackville Gardens

Spares

1. Created by, written by and starring Sian Gibson, name the comedy series about a Stockport businessman in the 1990s trying to juggle his debts, his wife and his mistress.

The Power of Parker

2. Compton Abbas airfield in Dorset was purchased and taken over in 2023 by which English film director, producer and screenwriter?

Guy Ritchie

3. What is the name of Holly Golightly's cat in *Breakfast at Tiffany's*?

Cat

4. What is the name given to a cheese connoisseur?

Turophile

5. Which is the longest and oldest of Blackpool's three piers?

North Pier

6. How many imperial gallons are there in a cask ale *firkin*?

Nine

Notes

1. The wording of this question is potentially confusing. The first Vice President (VP), John Adams, succeeded George Washington as the second US President in 1797. In turn Adams was followed by his own VP, Thomas Jefferson, as the third President in 1801. John Tyler was the fourth VP to become President, but was the first to do so *without winning an election*, following the death of William Harrison in 1841.
2. The question should have made it clear how specific an answer is required. The three main parts of the brain are the cerebrum, brainstem and cerebellum. The temporal lobe is part of the cerebrum, which is an equally acceptable answer. It might have been better to ask which of the four lobes is responsible.
3. If the shortened name of just "Red Cross" is an acceptable answer to Question 1 then it would not be unreasonable to accept just "United Nations/UN" as an answer to this question.
4. Japan has two national flowers, so 'chrysanthemum' is also an acceptable answer.
5. Botticelli's version is the best known of many paintings entitled *The Birth of Venus*. To rule out other equally correct answers (e.g. Fragonard, Poussin, Boucher etc) it would have been better to include additional information such as 'painted in the fifteenth century' or 'housed in the Uffizi Gallery'.
6. The correct name is Olivia *Rodrigo*. Also, Taylor Swift did not have a hit with this song. For Rodrigo's version Swift received a writing credit for an interpolation of her own song *Cruel Summer*.
7. Björk has been a member of several bands, of which the Sugarcubes is by far the best known. Other equally acceptable answers include Exodus, Tappi Tikarass, Jam-80 and Kukl.