

LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 18 JANUARY 2024

QUESTIONS BY HMRUFC

First Verbal Round

- Name the highest peak in England outside of the Lake District
Cross Fell
- Which cricket ground in Australia has the highest capacity? (the city in which it is located is sufficient)
The Melbourne Cricket Ground
- Name the Labour MP for Manchester Central who is also Shadow Leader of the Commons
Lucy Powell
- In which British city has the main railway station historically been known as Citadel?
Carlisle
- Which Elton John song begins with him asking "...is it cold in your little corner of the world?"?
Nikita
- In the *Harry Potter* series of books which character has the codename *Padfoot*?
Sirius Black
- Which river flows though the towns of Northampton and Peterborough?
The River Nene
- Who is the ancient Greek counterpart to Bacchus, the Roman god of wine?
Dionysus
- The Peartree roundabout connects the A34 and the A44 roads in which English county
Oxfordshire
- Which non-European language contributes nearly 1000 words to the Portuguese language?
Arabic
- Give a year in the life of Bonnie Prince Charlie.
1720 to 1788
- Name the US golfer who achieved notoriety in the 2023 Ryder Cup for not wearing his official cap.
Patrick Cantley
- Nicholas Lyndhurst plays Professor Alan Cornwall in the 2023 reboot of which US sitcom.
Frasier
- Name the only venomous mammal to be found in Australia.
Duck-billed Platypus
- In the West Indies what is the southernmost of the Windward islands
Grenada
- Name the highest point on the English south coast
Golden Cap (Dorset)
- Which cricket ground in India has the highest capacity? (Name either the ground or the city in which it is located)
Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad

18. As of 10 January 2024 who is the leader of Stockport Council?
Mark Hunter
19. Paragon station is the historical name for the principal station in which British city?
Hull
20. In the lyrics of Elvis's *Heartbreak Hotel*, the titular place to dwell can be found at the end of which street?
Lonely Street
21. In the *Harry Potter* series of books which character has the codename *Wormtail*?
Peter Pettigrew
22. The now disused Grantham canal connected the town of that name to which English river?
River Trent
23. Commonly known as *Eros*, the Shaftesbury Memorial fountain in London is actually a statue of which Greek mythological figure?
Anteros
24. In which town in the south of England is the 'magic roundabout' junction located?
Swindon
25. What three-letter word means 'hello' in Swedish, as often used by IKEA in its various marketing campaigns
Hej
26. Give a year in the life of Isaac Newton.
1642 to 1727
27. Who sank the winning putt for Europe in the 2023 Ryder Cup?
Tommy Fleetwood
28. What is the original profession of *Breaking Bad* character Walter White
Chemistry teacher see note 1
29. Which snake native to India and SE Asia is also known as a *hamadryad*?
King Cobra
30. The Cayman Islands are situated immediately south of which larger Caribbean island
Cuba

First Written Round **NO THEME**

31. Who succeeded to the US presidency following the assassination of William McKinley?
Theodore Roosevelt
32. Combined with sugar and egg whites what nut is used to make marzipan?
Almond
33. Name the Dartmouth-born engineer who produced a practical some 75 years before James Watt patented his machines see note 2
Thomas Newcomen
34. Which Rowan Atkinson movie has the tagline "*He knows no fear, he knows no danger, he knows nothing*"?
Johnny English

35. In September 2023 Tigist Assefa broke the women's Marathon record in which city?
Berlin
36. Which is the only Shakespeare play to contain a non-human animal in the title?
Taming of the Shrew **see pedantic note 3**
37. Which shipping forecast area is named after the captain of Darwin's ship *The Beagle*?
Fitzroy
38. Which vegetable has varieties Kestrel, Estima, and Charlotte?
Potato
39. In food additives such as E101 and E300 what does the E stand for?
Europe
40. In the 2003 TV drama *The Lost Prince*, to whom does the title refer?
Prince John (son of King George V)

Second Verbal Round

41. *Yellowbellies* is the nickname for natives of which county?
Lincolnshire
42. *Thoughtifier* is the title of which comedian's 2024 tour?
Bill Bailey
43. Prior to Liz Truss, who was the shortest-serving British Prime Minister?
George Canning (119 days)
44. Craven Park is the home of which Rugby Superleague club?
Hull Kingston Rovers (do not accept just 'Hull')
45. The forget-me-not is the symbol of which charity?
Alzheimer's Society
46. In electricity what do the letters EMF stand for?
Electromotive Force **see note 4**
47. Robert Hardy played Sergeant Graz and Cyd Hayman played Nina in which 1970s WWII TV drama?
Manhunt
48. Where in the body is the *purlicue*?
The space between the thumb and forefinger
49. The Beach Boys had two number one UK hit singles. *Good Vibrations* was one, name the other.
Do It Again
50. *Moonrakers* is the nickname for natives of which county?
Wiltshire
51. *Back At It* is the title of which comedian's 2024 tour?
John Bishop
52. Since 1911, who has spent the longest period as Leader of the Opposition in the UK Parliament?
Neil Kinnock (8 years 291 days)

53. The StoneX Stadium is the home of which Rugby Union Premiership club?

Saracens

54. The daffodil is the symbol of which charity?

Marie Curie

55. In measurement what do the letters *RMS* stand for?

Root Mean Square see note 5

56. Who played the Camp Kommandant in the 1970s WWII drama *Colditz*?

Bernard Hepton

57. Where in the body is the *glabella*?

The space between the eyebrows and above the nose

58. What was Dusty Springfield's only number one UK hit single?

You Don't Have to Say You Love Me

59. Who is the Cotswold farmer who regularly appears on BBC's *Countryfile* programme?

Adam Henson

60. Which family built Quarry Bank Mill, Styal in 1784 and owned it until donating it to the National Trust in 1939?

The Greg family

61. 'Change and decay in all around I see' are words from which hymn?

Abide With Me

62. Emma of Normandy was the only English Queen to be married to two English Kings. Name either.

Ethelred the Unready or Canute

63. Who is the presenter of the Radio 4 programme *Start the Week*?

Tom Sutcliffe

64. What is the name of the journalist and author who holds the position of Chief Lead writer at *The Observer* newspaper?

Sonia Sodha

65. What was the name of the first cat to be a resident pet on *Blue Peter*?

Jason

66. Which BBC news programme will move to MediaCity and be extended to a one-hour programme?

World at One

67. Who was the first husband of Mary, Queen of Scots?

Francis II (of France)

68. Which Greek philosopher is credited with the words '*The only constant in life is change*'?

Heraclitus

69. Which family built the present Bramall Hall in the 14th century and owned it until selling it in the 1870s?

The Davenport Family

70. Sister and brother Suzie and Steve Fletcher are regulars on which TV programme?

The Repair Shop

Second Written Round **THERE IS A THEME**

71. This Oldham-born composer composed music for the 1942 films *Macbeth* and *The First of the Few*, as well as music that was played in the last three coronations. Who was he?
William Walton
72. Name the Liverpool-born novelist who won the Whitbread Awards prize for best novel in 1977 and 1996, and was nominated five times for the Booker Prize?
Beryl Bainbridge
73. This politician has been a Member of Parliament since 1982 and was a cabinet minister from 1997 until 2010 and briefly leader of the opposition in 2015. What is their name?
Harriet Harman
74. Who is credited with inventing the first practical hovercraft, which first crossed the English Channel in 1959?
Christopher Cockerell
75. This 1980 film was directed by Bill Forsyth and starred John Gordon Sinclair, Dee Hepburn, Clare Grogan and Chic Murray. What was its title?
Gregory's Girl
76. British planes twice broke the world air speed record in September 1953, piloted by Neville Duke and Mike Lithgow. Name either of the two types of aircraft.
Hawker Hunter or **Supermarine Swift**
77. This British bird has a grey-green back and pale underparts, and has the Latin name *Phylloscopus trochilus*. What is its common name?
Willow Warbler
78. What was the nickname of the Bedford fire engines operated by the Auxiliary Fire Service?
Green Goddess
79. Who wrote the song *Me and Bobby McGee*?
Kris Kristofferson
80. Which breed of dog is named after a character in Walter Scott's novel *Guy Mannering*?
Dandie Dinmont

Theme is alliterative answers

Spares

1. The Cumbrian tourist attractions *Castlerigg* and *Long Meg and Her Daughters* are examples of what?
Stone Circles
2. Which French Resistance fighter was awarded the 1969 Nobel prize for Literature?
Samuel Beckett (although Irish, he lived most of his life in Paris)
3. Which British dramatist wrote the 1963 film *The VIPs*?
Terrance Rattigan
4. Which twentieth century novel is set in 'This year of stability AF632'?
Brave New World
5. On the Grand National course, which is the next fence after Beechers Brook?
The Foinavon fence **see note 6**

Notes

1. It would have been better to indicate how specific an answer is required: would 'teacher' be acceptable, or is 'chemistry' also needed?
2. The phrase 'fuel-burning engine' is missing after the word 'practical'.
3. Someone brought up on the Quiz League's hidden theme rounds might also suggest: *The Merch**ANT** of Venice*; **ANT**ony and Cleopatra; **TIT**us Andronicus.
4. 'Electromagnetic field' is also an acceptable answer.
5. 'Residual Mean Square is also an acceptable answer.
6. 'Fence 7' and 'Fence 23' (depending on which time around) are also correct answers.