

LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 29 FEBRUARY 2024

QUESTIONS BY WANDERING STAR

First Verbal Round

- Name either of the losing semi-finalists in this year's Africa Cup of Nations.
South Africa or Democratic Republic of Congo (aka DR Congo)
(do not accept 'Congo' or 'Republic of Congo')
- What commonplace medicine is known in the US as *acetaminophen*?
Paracetamol
- Which 1971 film, directed by Sam Peckinpah, was based on the book *The Siege of Trencher's Farm*?
Straw Dogs
- In which opera by Tchaikovsky do the sisters Olga and Tatiana appear?
Eugene Onegin
- Since World War II how many of our Prime Ministers have been Old Etonians?
Five (Eden, MacMillan, Douglas-Home, Cameron, Johnson) **see note 1**
- How is the singer born Veronica Yvette Bennett better known?
Ronnie Spector
- Name the parent company whose brands include Whiskas, Cesar, Iams and Pedigree.
Mars Petcare (accept just 'Mars')
- What is the value of absolute zero, either Fahrenheit or Centigrade? You may ignore digits after the decimal point.
-459.67 °F or -273.15 °C **see note 2**
- In which British city will you find the Arnolfini Arts Centre?
Bristol
- The first brewery in the UK to sell beer in cans was the Welsh brewery Felinfoel (*pronounced vellin voyle*). In which decade of the 20th century?
1930s
- What is the name of Sinn Féin's new First Minister at Stormont?
Michelle O'Neill
- In which county is the Hinkley Point C nuclear power station under construction?
Somerset
- The Muslim festival of *Mawlid* celebrates what event?
The birth of Mohammed
- What are the two main ingredients of *vichyssoise* soup, along with onions and cream?
Potatoes and leeks
- Who wrote the poem that begins '*I met a traveller from an antique land*'?
Percy Shelley (*Ozymandias*)
- Name either of the finalists in the Asian Cup played on 10 February 2024?
Jordan or Qatar

17. What transient physical ailment is known in the US as *charley horse*?
Cramp
18. Who wrote the novel which was the basis for the 1996 film *Trainspotting*?
Irvine Welsh
19. In which opera by Offenbach does a mechanical doll called Olympia appear?
The Tales of Hoffmann
20. Since World War II we have had 17 prime ministers, 13 of whom have a degree from Oxford University. Name any two of the four who did not go to Oxford.
Any two from: Churchill, Callaghan, Major, Brown
21. How is the singer born Marie McDonald McLaughlin Lawrie better known?
Lulu
22. The first large-scale manufacture of dog biscuits (originally called 'meat fibrine dog cake') was in 1860s London. Who founded the business?
James Spratt
23. How is the boiling point of water expressed on the Kelvin scale? (Likewise, you may ignore digits after the decimal point.)
373.15 K
24. In which country will you find the University of Otago?
New Zealand
25. In which Welsh town or city was the first British lager brewed, in the 1880s? It continued to be produced in the same brewery till the year 2000.
Wrexham
26. Who did Gabriel Attal replace as President of France?
Élisabeth Borne **see note 3**
27. In which county is Sizewell Nuclear power station?
Suffolk
28. Which Hindu festival is known as '*the festival of colours*'?
Holi **see note 4**
29. Along with potatoes and onions, what is the other main ingredient of the Portuguese soup *caldo verde*?
Shredded cabbage, or kale
30. Who wrote the poem that ends '*Tread softly, because you tread on my dreams*'?
W. B. Yeats (*Aedh Wishes for the Cloths of Heaven*)

First Written Round **There is a theme**

31. Sergei Prokofiev's second and most successful opera was premièred in Chicago in 1921. It was a French-language version of an Italian fairy tale and play. What was it called?
The Love for Three Oranges
32. At €95m from Ajax in 2022, which Premier League player is the most expensive buy from the Dutch Eredivisie?
Antony
33. The F1 racing team Williams has two main drivers. Logan Sargeant is one, who is the other?
Alex Albon **see note 5**

34. Vocalist Roisin Murphy and producer Mark Brydon, who had hits with *Sing it Back* (1998) and *The Time is Now* (2000), performed under what name?

Moloko

35. What is the most common Russian word for 'friend'?

Droog

36. Formed from ex-Human League members, which Sheffield band's biggest hit was *Temptation* in 1983?

Heaven 17

37. The films *Eyes Wide Shut*, *Full Metal Jacket* and *Lolita* were directed by whom?

Stanley Kubrick

38. In Berlin on Christmas Day 1989, Leonard Bernstein conducted which orchestral work, to celebrate the fall of the Berlin Wall?

Beethoven's Ninth symphony

39. Which staple of Chinese cuisine translates into English as '*touch the heart*'?

Dim Sum

40. The 'Cambridge Five' spy ring of the mid-20th century consisted of Kim Philby, Donald MacLean, Anthony Blunt, John Cairncross, and which other?

Guy Burgess

Theme is Anthony Burgess's *A Clockwork Orange*.

(protagonist is Alex; moloko, a drink; droogs, Alex's companions in crime; Heaven 17, a fictional pop group; Kubrick directed the film; Beethoven's 9th part of the soundtrack; Dim, one of Alex's companions)

Second Verbal Round

41. In which Italian city is the Zebre (or Zebra) Rugby Union team based?

Parma

42. Mayotte is a French Overseas Region, which lies to the west of which large island?

Madagascar

43. What is the formal name for the snowdrop, derived from the Greek for '*milk flower*'?

Galanthus (or *Galanthus nivalis*)

44. Guy Berryman, Jon Buckland and Will Champion are three of the founding members of which four-piece band?

Coldplay

45. The kinkajou, or honey bear, can be found on which continent?

South America **see note 6**

46. Taylor Swift flew from Japan to watch her boyfriend playing in the Super Bowl. What is his name?

Travis Kelce

47. The infection H5N1 is more commonly known as what?

Avian, or bird, flu

48. Which upmarket Scottish seller of wellington boots went into administration in 2023?

Hunter Boots

49. Who is the Egyptian God of the Moon, usually represented with the head of an ibis, or as a baboon?

Thoth

50. If Colin is being asked to “*fetch the good biscuits*”, what is being advertised?

Freeview

51. At over 2000 feet, what is the highest point on the Isle of Man?

Snaefell

52. Published last year, who wrote the travel memoir *Rambling Man: My Life on the Road*?

Billy Connolly

53. Give a year in the life of the English scientist Michael Faraday?

1791 to 1867

54. Which is the last of the Periods in the Mesozoic Era, coming after the Jurassic?

Triassic see note 7

55. Which veteran singer/composer’s most recent album is called *Seven Psalms*?

Paul Simon

56. The Rugby Union Club in Treviso, Italy is named after which fashion chain?

Benetton

57. Which French Overseas Region lies in the Indian Ocean, about 100 miles south-west of Mauritius?

La Réunion

58. Which flower’s name is thought to derive from the Persian for *turban*?

Tulip

59. Husband-and-wife team Ricky Ross and Lorraine McIntosh founded which Scottish band?

Deacon Blue

60. The kekeno, or fur seal, is native to which country’s coastal waters?

New Zealand see note 8

61. Which team did the Kansas City Chiefs beat in the recent Super Bowl?

San Francisco 49ers

62. If H5N1 is bird flu, what is H1N1?

Swine flu

63. Who was the founder of The Body Shop, which went into administration earlier this month?

Anita Roddick

64. What animal’s form does the Egyptian goddess Bastet take?

A cat

65. According to the advertisement, if you want to avoid the embarrassment of asking someone how much they paid for their house, which website should you go to?

Zoopla

66. Originally built to drain floodwater from a mine on the Isle of Man, what is the largest surviving original working waterwheel called?

The (Great) Laxey Wheel; or Lady Isabella

67. *The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid: a Memoir* was written by which US writer?

Bill Bryson

68. Give a year in the life of French physicist and mathematician André-Marie Ampère.

1775 to 1836

69. In the late Palaeozoic Era, which period comes between the Permian and Devonian periods?

Carboniferous

70. Which was the first album by Paul McCartney and Wings to reach number one in the UK album charts?

Band on the Run

Second Written Round **There is a theme**

Some answers may be singular where the theme would imply plural, and *vice versa*; one answer is missing a short syllable

71. Which British sports car marque was founded by Cecil Kimber in the 1920s?

MG

72. Which marine eco-system accounts for less than 0.1% of the world's ocean area, but supports over 25% of ocean species?

Coral reefs

73. In which Sherlock Holmes story does Dr Grimesby Roylott attempt to murder his stepdaughter Helen Stoner, having killed her twin sister by the same method?

The Adventure of the Speckled Band (accept just 'Speckled Band')

74. Which creatures, scientific name *Gryllidae*, feature as major characters in works by Charles Dickens, Carlo Collodi and George Selden?

Crickets (*The Cricket on the Hearth, Pinocchio, The Cricket in Times Square*)

75. On social media, which emoji is used to suggest lying or over-exaggeration? It derives from a slang term for lying and is not one of the 'yellow face' variations.

Blue Cap

76. In the Marvel universe, who is the main adversary to the eponymous superhero Ghost Rider, in the 2007 film?

Blackheart

77. What personal insult does Lucy frequently level at Charlie Brown, in the *Peanuts* cartoons?

Blockhead

78. What is the informal name for the Greenwich Time Signal?

The pips

79. What is the title of the 2015 Bob Dylan album, which consists of covers of pop standards made famous by Frank Sinatra?

Shadows in the Night

80. In post-Soviet states following the dissolution of the USSR, what were the protests accompanying changes in society and government collectively known as?

The Colour (or Coloured) Revolutions

The theme is backing groups/singers

(Booker T and the MGs; Jimmy Buffet and the Coral Reefer Band; Bob Dylan/Ronnie Hawkins and the Band; Buddy Holly and the Crickets; Gene Vincent and the Blue Caps; Joan Jett and the Blackhearts; Ian Dury and the Blockheads; Gladys Knight and the Pips; Cliff Richard and the Shadows; Prince and the Revolution)

Spares

1. As of 15 February 2024, who is the Cabinet Secretary?

Simon Case

2. In which county is the dune habitat of Sandscale Haws, a National Trust nature reserve?

Cumbria

3. Appointed in 2022, who is the current editor of the *Times* newspaper?

Tony Gallagher

4. Bronze is an alloy of which two elements?

Copper and Tin

5. Appointed ten days ago, what is the nationality of Oliver Glasner, current manager of Crystal Palace?

Austrian

6. Who is the architect of the Imperial War Museum North, in Trafford?

Daniel Libeskind

Notes

1. It is practically impossible to assess the educational background of 17 post-war Prime Ministers in 30 seconds, which effectively reduces the answer to a guess.
2. Although still used in informal conversion, the centigrade scale has been superseded by degrees Celsius when used scientifically.
3. Gabriel Attal is Prime Minister of France, not the President.
4. More accurately Holi is celebrated as '*the festival of colours, love and spring*'.
5. Since forenames are not usually required, it should have been specified that the full name was required.
6. The kinkajou is also native to Mexico and Central America, so North America is also an acceptable answer.
7. Triassic is the **first** of the periods of the Mesozoic Era, coming **before** the Jurassic. The last period (and the correct answer) is the Cretaceous period.
8. Australia is an equally acceptable answer.