

LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 14 MARCH 2023
QUESTIONS BY THE RAILWAY

First Verbal Round

1. Which organisation was founded in 1868 at the Manchester Mechanics' Institute, on what is now Princess St?
The Trades Union Congress (TUC)
2. Some species of which bird are also known as the water ousel?
Dipper
3. Musician Aston Barrett, who died last month, was best known as the leader of whose backing band?
Bob Marley
4. Which famous poem begins with the line '*What passing bells for these who die as cattle*'?
Anthem for Doomed Youth (by Wilfred Owen)
5. Sicknote and Bayleaf were the nicknames of characters in which ITV drama series which ran from 1988 to 2002?
London's Burning
6. Who comes next in this sequence? Michael Faraday, Edward Elgar, Adam Smith ...
J. M. W. Turner (depicted on £20 notes)
7. An abbreviated form of the German word for 'dive bomber', what was the nickname of the Junkers Ju 87?
Stuka (short for *Sturzkampfflugzeug*)
8. Which 1944 film, based on a novel by Ernest Hemingway, was the first that Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall made together?
To Have and Have Not
9. In Greek mythology, who was married to Hephaestus, who made her a girdle that made men fall in love with her?
Aphrodite
10. Which well-publicised offence, committed in the late 1970s, led to John Humble being sentenced to eight years imprisonment in 2006 for perverting the course of justice?
He was 'Wearside Jack' – the hoaxer who claimed to be the Yorkshire Ripper (accept anything that refers to this hoax)
11. *Whistlejacket* (c. 1762) is one of the most famous paintings by which English artist?
George Stubbs
12. In 1990 the monarch of which European country asked his government to declare him temporarily unable to reign, to avoid signing a law legalising abortion?
Belgium
13. What common name is given to the mineral calcium sulphate dihydrate, which has value 2 on the Moh's scale of hardness?
Gypsum
14. Which city is the capital of the Somme department, and home to the largest Gothic cathedral in France?
Amiens
15. Fort-de-France is the capital of which overseas department and region of France?
Martinique

16. Which player has been runner-up in the Wimbledon Ladies' Singles for the past two years (2022/23)?
Ons Jabeur
17. Which player has won the Ladies' Singles title at the Australian Open for the past two years (2023/24)?
Aryna Sabalenka
18. What is the alternative name for uraninite, the mineral from which Marie Curie isolated radium?
Pitchblende
19. What is the name of Belgium's current king, who succeeded to the throne in 2013 following the abdication of his father Albert II?
Philippe
20. In 1850, whose controversial painting *Christ in the House of His Parents* was described by Charles Dickens as making the holy family look like alcoholics and slum-dwellers?
John Everett Millais
21. Whose dog Rinka was shot dead in 1975 as part of a failed attempt on his life?
Norman Scott (also accept his alias, Norman Josiffe)
22. Which figure in Greek mythology was married to the sorceress Medea?
Jason
23. The 1967 comedy-drama *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner* was the last film to star which Hollywood legend, who died six months before its release?
Spencer Tracy
24. Famously involved in the sinking of the *Bismarck*, which British biplane torpedo bomber of World War II was nicknamed 'Stringbag'?
Fairey Swordfish (accept just 'Swordfish')
25. Which founding father is depicted on the American \$10 bill?
Alexander Hamilton
26. Which ITV drama series, which ran from 1992 to 2010, was based on the *Constable* series of novels by Nicolas Rhea?
Heartbeat
27. What are the last three (Latin) words of Wilfred Owen's poem *Dulce et Decorum Est*?
Pro patria mori
28. Carl Weathers, who died last month, was best known for which acting role which he first played in 1976?
Apollo Creed
29. What's the more common name for the creature known as a galago?
Bush baby (also accept 'nagapie')
30. Which organisation was founded in Ontario in 1897, and set up its first UK branch in Anglesey in 1915?
The Women's Institute

First Written Round **THERE IS A THEME**

Two theme words form part of longer words, and there is a minor spelling change. You don't need full names to get the points except where stated, but you may need them for the theme.

31. Previously known as Hi-Catoctin and Shangri-La, what Maryland location is code named Naval Support Facility Thurmont?

Camp David

32. Which literary title character is born and spends his early years in the town of Mudfog?

Oliver Twist

33. What is the maiden name of the soap character played since 2000 by Jessie Wallace? Full name required

Kat Slater

34. Located in the Santa Monica Mountains, what is Mount Lee most famous for?

The Hollywood sign

35. Which American boxer, who retired in 2017, won a featherweight bronze medal at the Atlanta Olympics, and went on to win 15 major world championships in five weight classes?

Floyd Mayweather

36. Which writer achieved his first critical success with the 1935 novel *Tortilla Flat*, and was awarded the 1962 Nobel Prize in Literature?

John Steinbeck

37. Who served as leader of the Labour Party from 1992 to 1994?

John Smith

38. What is the name of the Bond girl played by Gemma Arterton in *Quantum of Solace*?

Strawberry Fields

39. Which UK prime minister was born in Lossiemouth in 1866?

James Ramsay MacDonald

40. Which photographer and fashion designer won Academy Awards for Best Costume Design for *My Fair Lady* and *Gigi*?

Cecil Beaton

Theme is cooks/chefs who have published cookery books

Elizabeth David, Jamie Oliver, Nigel Slater, Paul Hollywood, Keith Floyd, Rick Stein, Delia Smith, Mary Berry, Gordon Ramsay, Mrs Beeton

Second Verbal Round

41. Also well-known for a solo career, who was the lead singer with the band Fairground Attraction?

Eddi Reader

42. Seth Pecksniff, a villainous architect with two daughters Charity and Mercy, is the first character to be introduced in what Dickens novel?

Martin Chuzzlewit

43. Originally occupying the site of a London monastery, which public school is now located in Godalming, Surrey?

Charterhouse

44. Whose dog Boatswain (pron *bosun*) has a monument larger than his master's at his family home, Newstead Abbey in Nottinghamshire?

Lord Byron

45. Which reality TV show, originally aired between 2008 and 2013, was presented initially by Jenny Frost and subsequently by Ellie Taylor?

Snog Marry Avoid?

46. Who wrote the 2001 novel *The Rotters Club*, which was adapted for a TV series broadcast in 2005?

Jonathan Coe

47. What three letter acronym is used in both Russian and English as the name of a famous department store in Moscow and other Soviet cities?

GUM see note 1

48. Who was the first Native American to win the Golden Globe award for Best Actress, missing out on the Oscar earlier this week?

Lily Gladstone

49. The valley of which river in Yorkshire gives its name, along with the town where it starts, to a heritage railway line that was used in the 1970 film of *The Railway Children*?

Worth (Keighley & Worth Valley Railway)

50. Founded in 1897 as Our Dumb Friends League, what name did this national charity officially adopt in 1950?

Blue Cross

51. Which region at the back of the brain co-ordinates basic functions such as breathing, heart rate and blood pressure?

Medulla oblongata (accept just 'medulla')

52. In UK politics, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury normally also holds which other position?

(Government) **Chief Whip**

53. What electrical device was invented in 1833 by Samuel Christie, but is known today by the name of the man who improved it ten years later and who also invented the English concertina?

Wheatstone bridge

54. In athletics, who is the current men's world champion at 1500m and world indoor champion at 3000m?

Josh Kerr

55. According to the books of *Genesis* and *Hosea*, whose name was changed to Israel after wrestling with an angel (who was also described as a man and God)?

Jacob

56. According to the book of *Genesis*, who was the youngest of Jacob's twelve sons?

Benjamin

57. Which female athlete is the current British record holder at 100m and 200m?

Dina Asher-Smith

58. Patented by David Brewster in 1817, which instrument takes its name from Greek words meaning 'the observation of beautiful forms'?

Kaleidoscope

59. In UK politics, after the prime minister the holder of which position is the highest-ranking minister in the Cabinet Office?

The Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster

60. In the human body which gland is located behind the sternum and controls the development of T cells for the immune system?

The thymus

61. The RNLI is currently celebrating its bicentenary; in which south-coast town does it have its headquarters?

Poole

62. Which river valley in Cumbria gives its name to a heritage railway line that runs from Warcop to Southfields?

Eden

63. Which German-language film based on a novel by Martin Amis won the Academy Award for Best International Feature at this week's Oscars ceremony?

The Zone of Interest

64. What is Europe's biggest department store chain? Its flagship store occupies a huge art nouveau building on Boulevard Haussmann in Paris.

Galleries Lafayette

65. Who wrote the 1989 autobiographical novel *A Year in Provence*, which was adapted for a TV series broadcast in 1993?

Peter Mayle

66. Who took over from Nish Kumar in 2022 as presenter of *Late Night Mash* (formerly known as *The Mash Report*)?

Rachel Parris

67. Who died in 1702 following a fall from his horse, Sorrel?

William III (also accept 'William of Orange')

68. Which school in Yorkshire, located in the grounds of a Benedictine monastery, has been called 'the Catholic Eton'?

Ampleforth College

69. Mrs Clennam, an austere semi-invalid, and her adopted son Arthur are central characters in which Dickens novel?

Little Dorrit

70. Who is the lead singer with the band Stereophonics?

Kelly Jones

Second Written Round

There is a theme, which is relevant to today's date (one theme word forms part of a longer word)

71. Which English Football League ground is closest to the River Thames?

Craven Cottage **see note 2**

72. Which liqueur can be green or yellow and is named after a monastery near Grenoble?

Chartreuse

73. The name of which song was allegedly inspired by a drawing by John Lennon's son?

Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds

74. What two items comprised the Owl and the Pussy-cat's post-wedding dinner?

Mince and (slices of) quince

75. What popular biscuit usually has a fern design stamped on it?

Custard cream

76. Which song by the Lightning Seeds was played over *Match of the Day*'s goal-of-the-month section throughout most of the 1990s?

The Life of Riley

77. Which financial services company used the advertising slogan '*Don't leave home without it*'?

American Express

78. Inaugurated in 1981 by publicist John Wilson, which award has been won by Sylvester Stallone more times than anyone else?

Golden raspberry (also accept 'Razzie', although it does not fit the theme)

79. The ninth-century French king Charles II was known by what epithet?

The bald (also accept 'le chauve', although it does not fit the theme)

80. What breed are Joe Biden's dogs Major and Commander, who have both been removed from the White House for biting?

German shepherds (also accept 'alsatians', although it does not fit the theme)

Theme is 14 March (3.14) is 'Pi day' – all answers can be paired with 'pi' or 'pie'

(Cottage pie, pie chart, pie in the sky, mince pie, custard pie, *The Life of Pi*, *American Pie*, Raspberry Pi (computer), piebald, shepherd's pie)

Spares

1. Which National Park in County Galway includes the Twelve Bens mountain range?

Connemara

2. What name was given to Queen Elizabeth I's 'farewell' speech to her last parliament, made on 30 November 1601?

The Golden Speech

3. Pepper Potts (played in films by Gwyneth Paltrow) is the love interest of which comic book character?

Iron Man

4. Which of the four Galilean satellites is closest to the planet Jupiter, and is the most volcanically active body in the solar system?

Io

5. Who was the court painter to Henry VIII from 1536 until his death in 1543?

Hans Holbein

6. What is the height in feet of the hoop in basketball and the net in netball?

Ten

Notes

1. **Former** Soviet cities surely?
2. Fulham play in the English Premier League, not the English Football League. The EFL ground closest to the Thames is The Valley, home of Charlton Athletic.