

**LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 21 MARCH 2023**  
**QUESTIONS BY THE FINGERPOST**

**First Verbal Round**

1. In 1963 *Twenty-Four Hours From Tulsa* was a UK number five hit single for Gene Pitney, but in which US state is Tulsa?

**Oklahoma**

2. There are several narrow-gauge railways in Wales. The Ffestiniog was originally built to move slate from Blaenau Ffestiniog to where on the coast?

**Porthmadog**

3. *Wide Sargasso Sea*, a prequel to Charlotte Brontë's *Jane Eyre*, was a 1966 novel by which author?

**Jean Rhys**

4. A number of constellations take their names from man-made objects; by what English name is Antlia known?

**An air pump**

5. What is the capital city of the Mediterranean island of Corsica?

**Ajaccio**

6. Elizabeth Taylor won two Best Actress Academy Awards. One was for *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf* in 1967; for which film did she win the other?

**Butterfield 8**

7. What is on the reverse of the King Charles III 1p coin?

**A dormouse**

8. As at 15/04/24 who is the Minister of State for countering illegal migration?

**Michael Tomlinson** see note 1

9. Which is the largest country in a single time zone?

**China**

10. Who was the last UK Prime Minister during the reign of Queen Victoria?

(Third) **Marquis of Salisbury** (also accept 'Robert Gascoyne-Cecil')

11. Which British tree has the botanical name *Corylus avellana*?

**Hazel**

12. What was the nationality of former UN Secretary General Kofi Annan?

**Ghanaian**

13. What is the nickname of the Ivory Coast men's football team?

**The Elephants**

14. What is the name of element 107, named after a Danish physicist?

**Bohrium**

15. Frans Hals' painting *The Laughing Cavalier* can be seen in which art gallery?

**The Wallace Collection**

16. The Welland Canal waterway links which two bodies of water?

**Lake Ontario and Lake Erie**

17. On maps an *isobath* is a line representing what?

**Points of equal depth underwater**

18. Who owned and rode the mythical horse Hengroen?

**King Arthur**

19. In which comic did Dan Dare make his first appearance?

**The Eagle**

20. Which London overground line is named to honour the historical independence of the people of the borough of Havering?

**The Liberty Line** [see note 2](#)

21. Harp, Harbour and Leopard are types of which mammal?

**Seal**

22. Which moon of Jupiter is named after a Trojan who was kidnapped and enslaved becoming cup-bearer to the Greek gods?

**Ganymede**

23. According to *The Bible* of what timber was Noah's Ark constructed?

**Gopher wood**

24. Translated as *angry sauce*, which Italian sauce's main ingredients are garlic, tomatoes and dried chilli flakes cooked in olive oil?

**Arrabbiata**

25. Michael Dumbell Smith, the comedian, actor and singer gained fame under which stage name?

**Michael Crawford** [see note 3](#)

26. Which English monarch was nicknamed *Longshanks*?

**Edward I**

27. When referring to old British currency, what does the 'S' stand for in LSD? Answer to be given in Latin.

**Solidi** (not Solidus, since both S and D are plural) [see note 4](#)

28. The disc-shaped batteries in key fobs and watches are coded aannnn, typically CR2032. What do either of the letters C and R stand for?

(Lithium) **Chemistry and Round** [see note 5](#)

29. In police circles what does the acronym *TPAC* stand for?

**Tactical Pursuit and Containment**

30. In the James Bond films what was the forename of the eponymous Goldfinger?

**Auric**

**First Written Round** **THERE IS A THEME - some clues are within the answers**

31. Released in 1957 what was the third film to feature Elvis Presley?

**Jailhouse Rock**

32. In January 1797, probably apocryphally what item of apparel caused the arrest of John Hetherington?

**A top hat**

33. Where in London would you find a statue of Sir Nigel Gresley?

**Kings Cross station**

34. Which Cumbrian village shares its name with a dog in the *Perishers* cartoon strips?

**Boot**

35. Which building is located at the intersection of Fifth Avenue, Broadway & East 22nd Street in New York City?

**The Flatiron**

36. Released in 1978 which ABBA song reached number one in the UK and was covered by Erasure in 1992 as part of their *Abba-esque* EP?

**Take a Chance on Me**

37. Blenheim Palace in Woodstock, Oxfordshire is the family seat of which member of the nobility?

**The Duke of Marlborough**

38. Who presents the Radio Two midday programme between 1200 and 1400 Monday to Friday?

**Jeremy Vine**

39. Which 1925 film was a partly fictitious account of a mutiny at Odessa, an episode in the 1905 revolution in Russia?

**The Battleship Potemkin**

40. *They Shoot Horses Don't They* was a 1977 number fourteen UK single for which group?

**Racing Cars**

**Theme is the board game Monopoly™ - squares on the board or pieces**

(Jail, top hat, King's Cross station, boot, flatiron, Chance, Marlborough St, Vine St, battleship, racing car)

## Second Verbal Round

41. Which moon of Saturn is named after a nymph who lived on the island of Ogygia?

**Calypso**

42. William Yeames' painting *When Did You Last See Your Father?* can be seen in which art gallery?

**The Walker Art Gallery**

43. Which Sicilian sauce's main ingredients are tomato, onion and garlic?

**Milanese**

44. Which country has the most time zones?

**France**

45. A number of constellations take their names from man-made objects; by what English name is Pyxis known?

**A mariner's compass** (accept just 'compass')

46. What is the capital city of the Mediterranean island of Sardinia?

**Cagliari**

47. As at 15/04/24 who is the Minister of State for legal migration and the border? **see note 1**

**Tom Pursglove.**

48. *Death Comes to Pemberley*, a sequel to Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*, was a 2011 novel by which author?

**P. D. James**

49. The disc-shaped batteries in key fobs and watches are coded aannnn, typically CR2032. What do either of the numbers 20 or 32 stand for?

**20 diameter in mm, 3.2 height in mm** **see note 5**

50. In 1969 *Wichita Lineman* was a UK number seven hit single for Glen Campbell, but in which US state is Wichita?  
**Kansas**
51. Which London overground line is named to honour the charitable hospital in Shoreditch?  
**The Mildmay line**
52. What is the nickname of the Nigeria men's football team?  
**The Super Eagles**
53. The Corinth Canal waterway links which two seas?  
**The Ionian Sea and the Aegean Sea**
54. When referring to old British currency, what does the L stand for in LSD, Latin please?  
**Librae** (is plural therefore 'Libra' is not an acceptable answer) **see note 4**
55. In the James Bond films what was the forename of the eponymous Dr No?  
**Julius**
56. What is on the reverse of the King Charles III 2p coin?  
**A red Squirrel** (red should be part of the answer) **see note 6**
57. What is the name of element 109, named after an Austrian physicist?  
**Meitnerium**
58. According to tradition of what timber was the Ark of the Covenant constructed?  
**Acacia wood** (modern commentators say cypress, so accept either)
59. Who owned and rode the mythical horse Sleipnir?  
**Odin**
60. In which comic did Roy of the Rovers make his first appearance?  
**The Tiger**
61. Who was the last UK Prime Minister during the reign of King George V?  
**Stanley Baldwin**
62. William Sulley White, this comedian and presenter gained fame under which stage name?  
**Larry Grayson**
63. Which English monarch was nicknamed *Curtmantle* (short cloak)?  
**Henry II**
64. Adelie, Snares and Macaroni are types of which bird?  
**Penguins**
65. Glenda Jackson won two Best Actress Academy Awards. One was for *Women in Love* in 1970, for which film did she win the other?  
**A Touch of Class**
66. On maps what line is represented by an *isohel*?  
**A line joining points of equal sunshine**
67. There are several narrow-gauge railways in Wales. Originally built to move lead, timber and tourists to the coast, the Vale of Rheidol runs between Aberystwyth and where?  
**Devils Bridge**
68. Which British tree has the botanical name *Fraxinus excelsior*?  
**Ash**

69. What was the nationality of former UN Secretary General U Thant?

**Burmese**

70. In police circles what does the acronym TWOC stand for?

**Taking Without Owner's Consent**

### Second Written Round No theme

71. Who was the original lead singer of The Four Tops?

**Levi Stubbs**

72. Which stretch of water separates Madagascar from the African mainland?

**The Mozambique Channel**

73. John (Jack) Ketch was employed as an executioner by which British monarch?

**Charles II**

74. Pecorino cheese is traditionally made from the milk of which animal?

**Sheep**

75. Which London theatre was founded by Bernard Miles and his wife Josephine Wilson and opened in 1959?

**The Mermaid**

76. In which book of *The Bible* would you find *The Sermon on the Mount*?

**Matthew**

77. In which battle did Robert Clive defeat the Nawab of Bengal and the French East India Company in 1757?

**Plassey**

78. *Sonnets from the Portuguese* are a collection of 44 love sonnets by which poet?

**Elizabeth Barrett Browning**

79. In mathematics the trigonometrical ratio adjacent over hypotenuse is called cosine. What is the ratio hypotenuse over adjacent known as?

**Secant**

80. Which four-times FIA Formula 1 World Drivers' champion is the only Frenchman to have that title?

**Alain Prost**

### Spares

1. How much do you have to earn before being charged for National Insurance?

**£242 per week or £1048 per month or £12,570 per annum**

2. What is the name for the division symbol "÷", a minus sign with a dot above and below?

**Obelus**

3. Which of the seven wonders of the ancient world was built at Ephesus c.550 BC?

**The Temple of Artemis**

4. Which singer was known as *The Empress of the Blues*?

**Bessie Smith**

5. Who took over presenting *This Is Your Life* after the death of Eamonn Andrews in 1987?

**Michael Aspel**

6. Which is the only sign of the zodiac named after an inanimate object?

**Libra**

## Notes

1. This quiz took place on 21 March, so presumably the date in the question should be 15 **March** 2024, not April.
2. These names do not come into use until autumn 2024.
3. His real name is Michael Patrick Smith. Dumbell is the middle name of his mother's first husband, who was not his biological father.
4. It seems a bit harsh not to accept the singular version of the word.  
The pairing of these questions makes it highly likely that the second answer would have been mentioned when discussing the first.
5. The relevance of *aanynn* is not completely obvious and therefore slightly distracting. It would have been better to say that *aanynn* is the **format** in which batteries are identified, i.e. two letters followed by four numbers.  
The letter 'C' doesn't stand for anything beginning with C. It is a code for the chemical composition of the battery, Lithium.  
The second question of the pair is rather predictable/obvious.
6. It seems harsh to pass this over if the answer 'squirrel' is given. Perhaps mention in the question that a two-word answer is required?