

LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 11 APRIL 2024

QUESTIONS BY MIKE BATH

First Verbal Round

- In founding the modern Olympic Games movement Pierre Coubertin was heavily influenced by an Englishman called William Penny Brookes. Brookes had been running his own 'Olympian Games' for some years before meeting Coubertin. Specifically, where were these earlier games held?
Much Wenlock (in Shropshire)
- Travelling south by train from Guide Bridge towards Stockport on the Stockport-Stalybridge parliamentary line there are two stops. The first is Denton, what is the next, the fifth least-used station in the UK in 2023?
Reddish South
- Which twentieth-century poet wrote the poem *Ash Wednesday*?
T. S. Eliot
- Which is the second-largest city in Argentina?
Córdoba
- For discovering penicillin Alexander Fleming won the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 1945 with two other scientists. Provide the surname of either of these two.
(Howard) **Florey** or (Ernest Boris) **Chain**
- Since the end of World War 2 every single UK Prime Minister with a university degree is a graduate of Oxford University - bar one. Who is the exception?
Gordon Brown (graduate of Edinburgh University)
- '*In a week maybe two they'll make you a star, Weeks turn into years how quick they pass*' are words from which pop song?
Do You Know the Way to San Jose? (by Dionne Warwick)
- Jason Cowley is the editor of which weekly political news magazine?
New Statesman
- Fellows Park is the former home of which British football league club?
Walsall
- Which British motorway stretches the furthest north?
M90 (to Perth)
- One hundred years ago this month (April 2024) marks the birth of the musician who wrote the song *Moon River* and composed the theme to the *Pink Panther* films. Who was he?
Henry Mancini
- In which French city is the headquarters of the world's second-largest tyre manufacturer, Michelin?
Clermont-Ferrand
- What do the UK constituencies of Sleaford and North Hykeham in Lincolnshire, and Knowsley in Merseyside have in common?
At the 2019 election they had the largest majorities for each of the two main parties
- Which eponymous Dickens character owned a pet raven called Grip?
Barnaby Rudge
- After County Cork which Irish county is the largest by area?
Galway

16. *On Wenlock Edge* is a song cycle composed by whom?
Ralph Vaughan Williams
17. Which is the nearest railway station to the Etihad stadium?
Ashburys (on the Piccadilly to Glossop line)
18. Which twentieth-century poet wrote the collection of poems called *The Whitsun Weddings*?
Philip Larkin
19. Which is the second largest city in Colombia?
Medellín
20. When penicillin was first created it proved its effectiveness against two types of bacterial infections: those caused by streptococci, and those caused by which other type of bacteria?
Staphylococci
21. With three UK Prime Ministers amongst their graduates (Macmillan, Heath and Johnson - more than any other Oxford college) which Oxford University college has arguably contributed most to the diminution of Britain since World War 2?
Balliol **see note 1**
22. 'And if I only could, I'd make a deal with God, And I'd get him to swap our places' are lines from which well-known pop song?
Running Up That Hill (by Kate Bush)
23. Who currently edits *The Spectator*, the weekly political new magazine?
Fraser Nelson
24. Love Street is the former home of which British football league club?
St Mirren
25. Which British motorway stretches the furthest south?
M5 (to Exeter)
26. One hundred years ago this month (April 2024) which actor, who appeared in a number of the *Carry On* films and also voiced the part of the Sorting Hat in the *Harry Potter* films, was born?
Leslie Phillips
27. Which north-west-based manufacturer of motoring products became well-known for advertising itself on the side of railway bridges across the country?
Ferodo (brakes – based in Chapel-en-le-Frith)
28. The UK constituencies of Mile End in London and West Fife in Scotland were notable for what fact?
The last constituencies to have returned a Communist MP to Westminster
29. Which of Dickens' novels is set in Cloisterham, a lightly disguised version of Rochester?
The Mystery of Edwin Drood
30. Which Irish county is the smallest by area?
Louth

First Written Round

All answers are of two words where both words start with the same letter; the sequence of these letters is significant.

31. According to the Beatles album *Abbey Road* who "sleeps in the park"?
Mr Mustard **see note 2**

32. Gene Wilder, Johnny Depp and Timothée Chalamet have all played which character on screen?
Willy Wonka
33. Which radio broadcaster currently hosts Radio 4's *Any Answers* and (with William Dalrymple) the podcast *Empire*?
Anita Anand
34. Which American disco-era singer had notable hits with *I Am What I Am* and *Never Can Say Goodbye*?
Gloria Gaynor
35. Whose song *Writing on the Wall* served as the theme song for the 2015 Bond film *Spectre*?
Sam Smith
36. Which Barnsley-born footballer was seen as the perfect replacement for Nat Lofthouse in the England team of the 1950s but never played after 1958?
Tommy Taylor (Man Utd centre forward who died in the Munich disaster)
37. Who is the current Prime Minister of Australia?
Anthony Albanese
38. Which political scientist wrote *The End of History and the Last Man* in 1992? In it he argues that the worldwide spread of liberal democracies and the free-market capitalism of the West and its lifestyle may signal the end point of humanity's sociocultural evolution and political struggle and become the final form of human government (some hope!).
Francis Fukuyama [see note 1](#)
39. Which coal-fired power station near Warrington with eight cooling towers was decommissioned in 2020?
Fiddler's Ferry
40. Whose father held the post of organist at St George's Catholic Church in Worcester between 1846 and 1885?
Edward Elgar
- All of which spells local Stockport Quiz League hero, M(ike) Wagstaffe!** (*You're too kind – Ed*)

Second Verbal Round

41. What popular word game's name differs by one letter from the surname of its inventor?
Wordle (invented by software engineer Josh Wardle)
42. Which London Underground station lies the furthest south?
Morden
43. Appointed in September 2015 what was the name of the Labour Party's Executive Director of Strategy and Communications under Labour Party Leader Jeremy Corbyn?
Seumas Milne
44. In the lifetime of the English Football Leagues (past and present) two teams have had the suffix 'North End'. Most people will know of Preston North End, but which other team, no longer in the League, also had this suffix?
Glossop North End
45. In 1933 Walter Greenwood wrote a novel based in Salford about the Hardcastle family and their life living through The Great Depression. What was it called?
Love on the Dole
46. If the radius (r) of a sphere is 2 inches and (for the sake of simplicity) pi is 3, what is the volume of the sphere in square inches?
32 cubic inches ($\frac{4}{3} \times \pi \times r^3$) [see note 3](#)

47. Who, by discovering that yeast could be concentrated to form yeast extract is regarded as the person who made the creation of Marmite possible?

Justus von Liebig

48. Two well-known Russians died on 5 March 1953. Name both.

Joseph Stalin and Sergei Prokofiev

49. Ulva is a smallish Scottish island just off the coast of which larger island?

Mull

50. What is the stage name of American singer/songwriter Solána Imani Rowe, who released the album SOS in 2022?

SZA

51. Melbourne's main railway station is named after which British navigator and cartographer who led the first inshore circumnavigation of mainland Australia?

Matthew Flinders

52. Who directed the film *The Third Man*?

Carol Reed

53. South America's furthest west point lies in which country?

Peru **see note 4**

54. MI6's Director has been in the news recently for his decision to resign his membership of the all-male Garrick Club. What is his name?

Richard Moore

55. The ABC islands in the Dutch Antilles consist of Bonaire, Curaçao and which other island?

Aruba

56. What is the name of the trivia and pub quiz website created by trivia enthusiast Matt Ramme and first launched in 2007? Its name is derived from the fact that it first featured exclusively sports related quizzes.

Sporcle (a portmanteau word derived from the phrase 'sports oracle')

57. Which London Underground station lies the furthest north?

Chesham

58. Seumas Milne's father occupied a significant role in the British establishment. What was it?

Director General of the BBC (1982-87; Alasdair Milne)

59. Most people know of the Rugby League team Wakefield Trinity, but one Football League team (no longer in the league) had the suffix 'Trinity' – which team was it?

Gainsborough Trinity

60. In 1876 Isabella Banks published a novel based on the story of Jabez Clegg, including a description of the Peterloo Massacre. What was the novel called?

The Manchester Man

61. If the area of the base of a cone (A) is 12 square inches and the cone's height (H) is 10 inches, what is the volume of the cone in square inches?

40 cubic inches ($\frac{1}{3} \times A \times H$) **see note 3**

62. In 1904 Swiss chemist Albert Wander developed a new food product which he named after its main ingredients, eggs and a particular type of cereal grain. What was the product called?

Ovaltine

63. Three prominent English composers died in 1934. Name all three.

Edward Elgar, Frederick Delius and Gustav Holst

64. The Scottish island of Scarba lies to the north of the Gulf of Corryvreckan. What larger island lies to the south of this gulf?

Jura

65. American rapper and singer Amala Ratna Zandile Dlamini, who released the album *Planet Her* in 2021 goes by what stage name?

Doja Cat

66. What is the name of the train service that operates across the centre of Australia between Adelaide and Darwin?

The Ghan

67. Who directed the film *Brief Encounter*?

David Lean

68. Africa's furthest west point lies in which country?

Senegal see note 5

69. Like Richard Moore, Simon Case has been in the news recently for his decision to resign his membership of the all-male Garrick Club. What position does he hold?

Cabinet Secretary (and therefore head of the Home Civil Service)

70. Situated off the coast of Mayo, what is Ireland's largest island?

Achill Island

Second Written Round

In each answer one letter occurs at least four times – usually this is a different letter in each answer; the sequence of these letters is significant.

71. In 1964 Earl Warren published an 888-page report. With what did it deal?

Assassination of President Kennedy

72. Which Irving Berlin song includes the following lyrics?

*Dressed up like a million-dollar trouper
Trying hard to look like Gary Cooper
Super-duper*

Puttin' on the Ritz

73. In World War 2 popular culture what ran from Pennsylvania Station through Baltimore to North Carolina before reaching its terminus?

Chattanooga Choo Choo

74. In the film *The Third Man* the star Orson Welles added some of his own lines to the script. One such addition concerned something he alleged had taken the Swiss 500 years of peace, democracy and brotherly love to produce. What was it?

The cuckoo clock (though seemingly he was wrong: cuckoo clocks were first made in Germany!)

75. On children's TV who is the beige, small, cute, doll-like creature with three rounded protuberances on his head, ears and tail to represent stones that he uses to make piles?

Makka Pakka (from *In the Night Garden*)

76. Capsaicin is a compound originally developed for use against predatory animals but more recently has been used by the police. What is its common name?

Pepper spray

77. What nickname is commonly given to scrambled eggs and anchovies on toast?

Scotch woodcock

78. Port Winston played a vital role in World War 2. It was commissioned at Arromanches in France. What was it?
Mulberry Harbour (facilitating the D-Day landings on Gold beach)
79. 'A-wop-bop-a-loo-mop-a-lop-bam-boom!' are lyrics taken from which hit of the 1950s?
Tutti Frutti (by Little Richard)
80. The structure of Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* is said to be heavily influenced by a specific work written by which Italian author?
Boccaccio (the work is *The Decameron*)

All of which spells an abbreviation of the local team enjoying some success this season in League Two: Stockport C(ounty)

Spares

1. Richard Attenborough won the 1983 Oscar for Best Director for which film?
Gandhi
2. The song *The Impossible Dream* is from which musical based on a novel by an author who died in the same year as Shakespeare?
Man of La Mancha
3. In which Woody Allen film does Dr Ross, played by Gene Wilder, fall in love with an Armenian Sheep?
Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Sex (But Were Afraid to Ask)
4. Brother and sister Miles and Flora are characters in which work by Henry James, later turned into an opera by Benjamin Britten?
Turn of the Screw
5. Which 1976 film, written by Paul Schrader and with a score by Bernard Herrmann, stars Cybill Shepherd as Betsy?
Taxi Driver
6. Which 1957 novel by Nevil Shute, turned into a film starring Gregory Peck, Ava Gardner and Fred Astaire, is set in Australia following a nuclear war? It is also the title of a 1986 song by Chris Rea.
On the Beach

Notes

1. These questions are by an external setter who can therefore be 'absolved', but before anyone gets any ideas...the Stockport Quiz League has always been, and will remain, strictly apolitical. Our Thursday night pastime provides a pleasant distraction from the frictions of modern-day life, so questions containing political opinions—of any persuasion—are strongly discouraged.
2. An equally acceptable (and arguably more correct) answer is '**Mean** Mr Mustard'.
3. The question should have asked for the volume in cubic inches, rather than square inches.
4. The question should have specified the South American mainland. The westernmost point is Easter Island, which is a territory of Chile.
5. As with note 4, the question should have specified the African mainland. The westernmost point of Africa is in the island nation of Cape Verde (Cabo Verde).