

LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 3 APRIL 2025

QUESTIONS BY THE TIVIOT

First Verbal Round

1. Stinking Bishop is a speciality cheese produced in Dymock, Gloucestershire. It shares its name with a cultivar of which fruit, also originating in Dymock?

Pear

2. During the 1740s and 1750s, which foreign artist visited Britain, producing several well-known works including depictions of Warwick Castle, Westminster Bridge and St Paul's Cathedral?

Canaletto

3. Which Derbyshire-born, 57-year-old man competed for England in diving events at the 1990 Commonwealth Games, before becoming a well-known Hollywood tough-guy film star?

Jason Statham

4. On today's date in 1975, who became World Chess Champion when his opponent refused to agree to the ruling body's regulations for the scheduled title contest?

Anatoly Karpov

5. Which former British Prime Minister died in 1850 after falling from his horse, four years after resigning his premiership?

Robert Peel

6. 18 years old at the time, Oliver Bearman made his debut last year in which competition?

Formula 1

7. Oliver Bearman, Lewis Hamilton and Lando Norris are three of the four British drivers to have competed in Formula 1 races in 2025. Name the fourth.

George Russell

8. Colston Bassett, Hartington and Cropwell Bishop are renowned producers of which British cheese?

(Blue) **Stilton**

9. Which black political activist spoke the following words in a speech in 1937?

"Emancipate ourselves from mental slavery because whilst others may free the body, none but ourselves can free the mind"

Marcus Garvey

10. Bob Marley paraphrased Marcus Garvey's words in which song that featured on his *Uprising* album released in 1980?

Redemption Song

11. *Isca Dumnoniorum* was the Roman name for which English city?

Exeter

12. The Linnet is a member of which bird family?

Finch (or *Fringillidae*)

13. Which band, founded in north-west England, will be the Friday evening headline act on the Pyramid stage at Glastonbury this summer?

The 1975

14. There are six alkaline earth metals in Group 2 of the periodic table of elements. Magnesium, calcium and beryllium are three. Name one of the other three.

Any one from: **Strontium, Barium or Radium**

15. The Iguazu Falls form the largest waterfall system in the world. They lie on the borders of Brazil and which other country?

Argentina

16. Tim Roca became a Labour MP for which north-west England constituency last year, previously held by the Conservative Party since 1918?

Macclesfield

17. Originally shown in the UK on BBC 4, what was the Norwegian series focused on the birth of the oil industry in Stavanger?

State of Happiness

18. First shown in the UK on the *Walter Presents* strand on Channel 4, which Danish series focuses on the staff and guests at a holiday property in Jutland?

Seaside Hotel

19. Despite being labelled 'London Dry Gin', which of last year's UK top ten best-selling gins has been produced in Fife since the original Bloomsbury site was destroyed by bombing in World War 2? Gordon's gin has also been produced there since 1984.

Tanqueray

20. At over 3,400 km, Brazil's longest land border is shared with which other country?

Bolivia

21. Geoff Smith has been MP for which Greater Manchester constituency since 2015?

Manchester Withington

22. Which of the UK's top ten best-selling gins in 2024, launched in 1999, is produced at the William Grant whisky distillery in Ayrshire?

Hendrick's

23. Born on today's date in 1930, who became Chancellor of West Germany in 1982 and of reunified Germany in 1990?

Helmut Kohl

24. Which UK Prime Minister died in 1865, the last one to die whilst still in office?

Lord Palmerston (also accept 'Viscount Palmerston' or 'Henry John Temple')

25. Which foreign artist painted almost 100 depictions of the River Thames between 1899 and 1901, many of them featuring the Houses of Parliament painted from the South Bank?

Claude Monet

26. Harold Sakata won a silver medal for the USA in weightlifting at the 1948 London Olympics. He is probably better known for his iconic, debut film role in 1964. Which role?

Oddjob (in *Goldfinger*)

27. The Blackcap is a member of which bird family?

Warbler (or Sylviidae)

28. *Venta Belgarum* was the Roman name for which English city?

Winchester

29. There are six alkali metals in Group 1 of the periodic table. Sodium, potassium and lithium are three. Name one of the other three..

Any one from: **Rubidium, Caesium and Francium**

30. Which veteran singer will be the Saturday evening headline act on the Pyramid stage at the Glastonbury Festival this summer?

Neil Young

First Written Round

There is a theme - some links may be singular rather than plural and may form part of another word(s)

31. Which 1978 ITV series ran for 6 episodes starring Sian Phillips and Nigel Hawthorne?

Warrior Queen

32. According to the *Acts of the Apostles*, who became the first Christian martyr when he was stoned to death around 34AD?

Saint Stephen

33. Jenny Campbell, Rachel Elnaugh and Kelly Hoppen have all appeared in at least one series of which TV show?

Dragons' Den

34. Which NBA basketball team is based in Minneapolis?

Minnesota Timberwolves

35. Johnny McGurk, Bill Treacy and Mickey Coote, sometimes with slight variations of names and spelling, feature in the lyrics of which well-known traditional song?

The Irish Rover

36. Which nickname is shared by a nation's men's football team, ranked number 1 in the world for over three years this century, and an English Premier League team?

Red Devils (Belgium and Man Utd)

37. Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Ghandi was assassinated in 1991 by a suicide bomber who was a member of which terrorist organisation?

Tamil Tigers (or Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam)

38. Oscar Wilde, Edmund Burke and Samuel Beckett are alumni of which college?

Trinity College (Dublin)

39. Which member of the *Panthera* genus (aka 'big cats') has the widest geographic distribution?

Leopards

40. Which title is shared by an Oscar Wilde children's short story, a BAFTA-nominated film by British director Clio Barnard, and a track on Damon Albarn's debut solo studio album *Everyday Robots*?

The Selfish Giant

Theme is 2025 Rugby League Super League teams

Wigan Warriors; Saints (Helens); Catalan Dragons; Warrington Wolves; Hull Kingston Rovers; Salford Red Devils; Castleford Tigers; Wakefield Trinity; Leigh Leopards; Huddersfield Giants

Second Verbal Round

41. Which media service provider was founded by Daniel Ek and Martin Lorentzon in Sweden in 2006? It is now incorporated in Luxembourg but still operationally headquartered in Stockholm.

Spotify

42. Nolan, Eritrean, Central African and Southern are the four living sub-species of the *Phacochoerus* genus of mammals. What is their common name?

Warthogs

43. As of 27 March 2025, Paul Kagame is President of which African country?
Rwanda
44. Give the eponymous first five words of the alternative title of the hymn also known as *To Be a Pilgrim*.
He Who Would Valiant Be
Who is the regular presenter of the Radio 4 programme *In Our Time*?
Melvyn Bragg
46. Which *Coronation Street* character has recently begun a university law course?
Evelyn Plummer (accept just 'Evelyn')
47. *Galop Infernal*, from Offenbach's comic opera *Orpheus in the Underworld*, became a very well-known tune in which other context, some four decades after it was written?
The can-can (dance tune)
48. Raby Castle is in which UK county?
County Durham
49. The galago is a small African mammal. How is it better known?
Bush Baby
50. As at 27 March 2025, who is President of South Africa?
Cyril Ramaphosa
51. In Shakespeare's *Henry V*, what gift is sent to the King by the Prince Regent of France with the intention of humiliating him due to his youth and perceived lack of experience, prior to the Battle of Agincourt?
Tennis balls
52. Britain's Molly Caudery was World Indoor Champion last year, and came fourth at this year's equivalent, in which athletic event?
Pole Vault
53. In which year did the Thirty Years War in Europe begin? (accept 2 years either way)
1618 (accept 1616 to 1620)
54. The first two Rolling Stones singles to reach number one in the UK singles charts, did so in 1964. Name the second of the two.
Little Red Rooster
55. Name the reigning Olympic men's pole-vaulter who has broken the world record eleven times in recent years.
Armand Duplantis
56. Which Chinese-owned, social media platform was established as *Bytedance* in 2016, assuming its current name when launched worldwide in 2017?
Tik Tok
57. *Keep Right On to the End of the Road* is the official club song of which football club?
Birmingham City
58. Tim Harford presents a regular Radio 4 programme, currently on Wednesday mornings. What is it called?
More or Less
59. What is the first line of the poem which includes the line '*Did he who made the Lamb make thee?*'?
Tyger Tyger, burning bright (by William Blake)
60. *Marching on Together* is the anthem sung by supporters of which football club?
Leeds United

61. Name Abba's second UK number one single, released in 1975.

Mamma Mia

62. The largo from *Dvorak's Symphony No. 9* or *New World Symphony* was used in a Ridley Scott-directed TV advert for which product in 1973?

Hovis

63. Which *Archers* character is currently learning to drive a tractor? (Forename and surname required)

Henry Archer

64. John and Elizabeth Proctor plus Abigail Williams are the main characters in which play?

The Crucible (by Arthur Miller)

65. In which ceremonial county would you find Muncaster Castle?

Cumbria (also accept Cumberland) **see note 1**

66. Within two years either way, when did the Hundred Years' War between England and France begin?

1337 (accept 1335 to 1339)

67. Published in 1811, what was Jane Austen's first novel?

Sense and Sensibility

68. At just over two miles, the Queensway tunnel was the longest road tunnel in the world when opened in 1934. Which river does it run beneath?

The Mersey

69. Osney Bridge has the lowest headroom of any bridge over the navigable length of which river?

The Thames (near Oxford)

70. *The Well-Beloved* was the last of Thomas Hardy's novels to be published in 1897. However, the last one he wrote was published earlier in 1895. What was it called?

Jude the Obscure

Second Written Round

There is a theme; links may be singular not plural or vice versa, and may form part of longer words

71. Which film, set in Oregon in 1850, was released in 1954 and directed by Stanley Donen? It won the 1955 Oscar for Best Music (Scoring of a Musical Picture).

Seven Brides for Seven Brothers

72. Give the title of Muriel Stark's second novel. Published in 1958, it concerns a plane crash and its aftermath on a fictitious, remote island in the Atlantic Ocean. An eponymous resident of the island helps tend to the survivors.

Robinson **see note 2**

73. Which Greater Manchester town with fewer than 40,000 inhabitants has a remarkable six operational railway stations within, or on the boundary of, the three council wards which bear its name?

Hyde

74. The song *Help Me Make it Through the Night*, recorded by many acts, was a UK top ten hit single for which reggae singer in 1975?

John Holt

75. Which London landmark lies on a short thoroughfare with the same name, adjacent to the junction of Oxford St, Park Lane, Great Cumberland Place and Bayswater Road?

Marble Arch

76. The roadside boundaries of the Peak District National Park are marked by what objects?

Millstones

77. Kenny Senior, Den Perry and Ray Von were characters in which TV series?

Phoenix Nights

78. What was the main language of North and East Scotland before Gaelic started to predominate in the eighth and ninth centuries?

Pictish

79. Brandon Flowers was inspired to write the lyrics for his band's first hit single, which reached number ten in the UK in 2004, by witnessing his girlfriend cheating on him in a Las Vegas bar. What is the title of the song?

Mr Brightside (by The Killers)

80. Batley, Cleckheaton and Dewsbury are three of the ten towns that form which Metropolitan Borough Council area?

Kirklees

Theme is Greater Manchester breweries

Seven Brothers, Robinsons, Hydes, Holts, Marble, Millstone, Phoenix, Pictish, Brightside, JW Lees

Spares

1. In which year did Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton first marry?

1964

2. Who were the last team not currently in the Premier League to win the FA Cup?

Wigan Athletic (in 2013) **see note 3**

3. Piesporter Michelsberg is produced in which wine growing region?

Mosel (accept Moselle)

4. Which Roman Emperor is missing from this list: Vespasian, Otho, Vitellius...?

Galba (Year of the Four Emperors, 69 AD)

5. Michael Cullen has been Chief Executive of which organisation since 2024?

Stockport Council

Notes

1. The use of the term 'ceremonial county' invariably causes confusion and is best avoided. It would be preferable just to ask 'In what county ...'
The answer is given correctly as Cumbria, which is a ceremonial county. It seems rather generous also to accept 'Cumberland' which, although once a ceremonial county, hasn't existed since 1974.
2. Typo: the name of the author is Muriel **Spark**.
3. In a few weeks' time the correct answer will become 'Leicester City'.