

LEAGUE MATCHES 10 NOVEMBER 2011 QUESTIONS BY THE RAILWAY FLIERS

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First Verbal Round

- 1 Chisinau is the capital city of which country?

Moldova

- 2 Whose autobiography is entitled *Look Back in Hunger*?

Jo Brand

- 3 Which car manufacturer produces the Alto?

Suzuki

- 4 What was the name of the submarine that sank the Argentine light cruiser General Belgrano during the Falklands War in May 1982?

HMS Conqueror

- 5 In which year: *The Last of the Summer Wine* was first broadcast, the Vietnam War ended with the Paris Peace Accords and Bruce Lee died?

1973 [see note 1](#)

- 6 Which football club has the nicknames 'The Choirboys' and 'The Blues'?

Wycombe Wanderers [see note 2](#)

- 7 Which painter is the subject of the current major exhibition at the Manchester Art Gallery?

Ford Madox Brown

- 8 Catherine the Great of Russia was born in which modern European country?

Poland (in the city of Szczecin/Stettin)

- 9 In which English town are the 'Obby 'Oss celebrations on May 1?

Padstow

- 10 What was the first pitched battle of the English Civil War?

Edgehill

- 11 The song *Everything's Coming up Roses* comes from which musical?

Gypsy

- 12 Lake Vanern is the largest lake in which European country?

Sweden

- 13 Name either of the creators of the comic books featuring Asterix the Gaul?

Rene Goscinny or Albert Uderzo

- 14 In Greek mythology who was the god of marriage?

Hymen

- 15 Which British band has released the albums *The Bends*, *OK Computer* and *Kid A*?

Radiohead

- 16 Tulips are a member of which flower family?

Lily (*Liliaceae*)

- 17 Who has recently retired from presenting the BBC regional news program *North West Tonight* after 15 years?

Gordon Burns

- 18 What is the name of the 4 metre high sculpture by Maggi Hambling on Aldeburgh beach dedicated to Benjamin Britten?

The Scallop

- 19 Marjorie Scardino is the Chief Executive of which UK media company?

Pearson plc

- 20 On which mountain did God give the Ten Commandments to Moses?

Mt Sinai (or Horeb)

- 21 Who wrote the novels *Stamboul Train*, *A Burnt-Out Case* and *The Comedians*?

Graham Greene

- 22 Who composed the piano work *The Goldberg Variations*?

J(ohann) S(ebastian) Bach

- 23 Who plays George Smiley in the 2011 film *Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy*?

Gary Oldman

- 24 How many sides does an icosagon have?

Twenty

- 25 The som is the currency unit of which Central Asian country?

Kyrgyzstan [see note 3](#)

- 26 Who composed the operas 'Aida', 'Otello' & 'Falstaff'?

Giuseppe Verdi

- 27 Where is the tomb of Katherine of Aragon?

Peterborough Cathedral

- 28 Katherine Grainger and Anna Watkins are current world champions in which sport?

Rowing

- 29 In which county are the National Trust properties Tattershall Castle and Gunby Hall?

Lincolnshire

- 30 *Good Timin'* was a Number 1 hit single in 1960 for which artist?

Jimmy Jones

First written round **THERE IS A THEME**

- 31 For which organization were Dennis Ritchie and Ken Thompson working when they developed the Unix operating system?

Bell (Laboratories)

- 32 In what London thoroughfare did John Stephen have shops called 'Mod Male', 'Lord John', 'Take Six' & 'Gear' in the 1960s?

Carnaby Street

- 33 Who voiced Natalie Wood's singing in the film *West Side Story*?

Marni Nixon

- 34 What American biscuit, like an English digestive, is used as the base for cheesecakes?

Graham cracker

- 35 What name links an All Black rugby captain, a river in Berwickshire and a BBC sitcom?

Blackadder

- 36 Who was the manager of Sunderland when they won the FA Cup in 1973?

Bob Stokoe

- 37 Who, as at 23 Oct, is the editor of the *Daily Mail*?

Paul Dacre

- 38 Which aircraft manufacturer produced the Apollo in 1949 and the Argosy in 1950?

Armstrong Whitworth

- 39 Who wrote *Hons and Rebels* and *The American Way of Death*?

Jessica Mitford

- 40 Near which town did 10 people die in a train crash in 2001 caused by Gary Hart driving his Landrover on to the rail tracks?

Selby

Theme is the names of Anglo-Scottish Border Reiver clans & families [see note 4](#)

Second Verbal Round

- 41 How many sides does a dodecagon have?

Twelve

- 42 Who created the series of comic books called *The Adventures of Tintin*?

Hergé (or George Remi)

- 43 On which mountain did Noah's Ark come to rest?

Mt Ararat

- 44 In which county are the National Trust properties Snowhill Manor and Hidcote Manor?

Gloucestershire

- 45 In which sport are Alistair Brownlee and Helen Jenkins the current World Champions?

Triathlon

46 Who played George Smiley in the BBC Radio 4 series *The Complete Smiley*?

Simon Russell Beale

47 The Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir was born in which modern European country?

Ukraine (Kiev)

48 Who wrote the novels *Vile Bodies*, *Scoop* and *A Handful of Dust*?

Evelyn Waugh

49 Which comedian's autobiography is entitled *Brung Up Proper*?

Jason Manford

50 In which Scottish town is the Up Helly Aa festival celebrated on the last Tuesday in January?

Lerwick

51 Who composed the operas *William Tell*, *The Thieving Magpie* and *The Barber of Seville*?

Gioacchino Rossini

52 Which car company produces the Venga?

Kia

53 In Greek mythology who is the goddess of the dawn?

Eos

54 Who has replaced Gordon Burns on the BBC's *North West Tonight*?

Roger Johnson

55 What was the name of the British destroyer sunk by the Argentine air force in San Carlos Bay, Falkland Islands on 25 May 1982?

HMS Coventry

56 In what year: *A Question of Sport* first nationally broadcast, the Nigerian-Biafran War ends and Gypsy Rose Lee dies?

1970

57 What is the name of the 20 metre high sculpture by Jaume Plensa on the site of Sutton Manor Colliery, St Helens?

Dream

58 Podgorica is the capital city of which country?

Montenegro

59 Daffodils are a member of which flower family?

Amaryllis (*Amaryllidaceae*)

60 The song *The Sun Has Got His Hat On* comes from which musical?

Me and My Girl

61 Lake Balaton is the largest lake in which European country?

Hungary

62 Where is the tomb of King John of England?

Worcester Cathedral

63 *Running Bear* was a Number 1 hit single in 1960 for which artist?

Johnny Preston

64 Manchester Art Gallery has recently acquired two major artworks by which Turner Prize winner, that feature in the display *Visual Dialogues*?

Grayson Perry

65 Which football club has the nicknames 'The Pirates' and 'The Gas'?

Bristol Rovers

66 The manat is the currency unit of which Central Asian country?

Turkmenistan [see note 5](#)

67 Who composed the piano work *The Diabelli Variations*?

Ludwig van Beethoven

68 Meg Whitman became Chief Executive of which US technology company in September 2011?

Hewlett-Packard

69 What was the first battle of the American Civil War?

Fort Sumter

70 Which British band has released albums called *Absolution*, *Black Holes and Revelations* and *The Resistance*?

Muse

Second written round

71 Manchester Cathedral is a Collegiate Church dedicated to three saints. Name any two of them.

St Mary, St Denys, St George

72 What is the constituency of former Defence Secretary Dr Liam Fox?

Woodspring [see note 6](#)

73 Leri, Einion and Dulas as seen on *Autumnwatch 2011* on BBC are what?

Ospreys (from the Dyfi Valley in Wales)

74 What is the motto of both Winchester College and New College, Oxford?

Manners Makyth Man

75 Who succeeded Nerva as Roman Emperor in January 98 AD?

Trajan

76 Which Swiss watch company owns the brands Omega, Longines and Tissot?

The Swatch Group

77 Who wrote the best selling book *The Thorn Birds*, which was later made into a TV series?

Colleen McCullough

78 The Wallasey group The Boo Radleys took their name from a character in which novel?

To Kill A Mockingbird

79 What Chinese New Year starts on 23 Jan 2012?

Year of the Dragon

80 What is the name of Championship football team Leicester City's ground?

The King Power Stadium

Spares

1 Burdigala was the Roman name for which French city?

Bordeaux

2 Which medieval rebel's base was the Isle of Ely?

Hereward the Wake

3 Where will Matthew Boulton and James Watt be seen from November 2011?

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4 The jockey Frankie Dettori was born in which city?

Milan

5 Which writer wrote *Coronation Everest* and *Pax Britannica* and changed sex in Morocco in 1972?

Jan (or James) Morris

6 Which sleuth made their first appearance in *The Secret of the Old Clock* in 1930?

Nancy Drew

Notes and corrections

- 1 The Paris Peace Accords brought about a temporary cessation in hostilities and the beginning of the end of American involvement. The war had resumed by early 1974 and didn't effectively end until the fall of Saigon in April 1975.
- 2 Wycombe's nickname is The Chairboys, not The Choirboys.
- 3 'Uzbekistan' is an equally acceptable answer.
- 4 The most obscure connection/theme ever?
- 5 'Azerbaijan' is an equally acceptable answer.
- 6 Liam Fox is MP for the constituency of North Somerset.

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