

PLATE FINAL 16 MAY 2013

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First Verbal Round

- 1 In which town is the UK's oldest working salt mine?
Winsford
- 2 Who wrote the overture *The Wasps*?
Ralph Vaughan-Williams
- 3 In *Thomas the Tank Engine* what is the name of the little red bus?
Bertie or Bertram
- 4 In whose books do the characters Nanny Ogg and Granny Weatherwax appear?
Terry Pratchett (they are witches who appear in the *Discworld* novels)
- 5 Valparaiso is the chief port of which country?
Chile
- 6 Who were the first FA Cup winners?
Wanderers
- 7 Before Rafael Nadal, who was the last left hander to win the men's Wimbledon singles?
Goran Ivanisovic
- 8 Which woodwind instrument is descended from the shaum?
The oboe
- 9 Who scored the first goal at the old Wembley stadium?
David Jack
- 10 In which Hitchcock film did Cary Grant play the character Roger Thornhill?
North by North West
- 11 What was invented accidentally in 1869 by overcooking a recipe for glacier mints?
Kendal mint cake
- 12 Who was the first man to fly the Channel non-stop both ways?
Charles Rolls (later first man to die in an English plane crash)
- 13 In which town are the headquarters of the Automobile Association?
Basingstoke
- 14 Who was the first King of the House of Plantagenet?
Henry II
- 15 In the 1970's TV show *Macmillan and Wife*, who played the wife?
Susan Saint James

- 16 What comes next in this chronological sequence: *Fleetwood Mac*, *Rumours*, *Tusk*...?
Mirage (albums by Fleetwood Mac)
- 17 What is the SI derived unit of radioactivity?
The Becquerel
- 18 Yorkshire Blue and White, Berkshire, Essex, and Gloucestershire Old Spot are all breeds of what?
Pig
- 19 Which children's TV series of the '60s and '70s featured Hammy the Hamster and was narrated by Johnny Morris?
Tales of the Riverbank
- 20 In 2012 which actress played both Miss Havesham and Madame Thénardier in major film roles?
Helena Bonham Carter (in *Great Expectations* and *Les Misérables* respectively)
- 21 What is the second largest city in Greece by population?
Thessaloniki
- 22 Which northwest town or city featured in the title of the poet, Byron?
Rochdale (he was the sixth Lord/Baron Byron of Rochdale)
- 23 Of which political party was Arthur Griffith a founder?
Sinn Fein
- 24 What was the first name of Field Marshall Kitchener?
Horatio
- 25 Which animal has the Latin name *Macropus rufus*?
(Red) Kangaroo
- 26 What is the principal grape type used to make Pouilly-Fumé wine?
Sauvignon Blanc
- 27 Which satirical cartoon strip that appeared in the *Daily Mail* and *Daily Mirror* was drawn by jazz clarinetist Wally Fawkes and had storylines written by people such as George Melly, Humphrey Lyttelton, Barry Took and Barry Norman?
Flook
- 28 What surname is shared by an ex-Scotland and Leeds footballer and a fictional Glasgow detective created by Alex Gray? The name is also a manufacturer of the metal parts of horses harness.
Lorimer
- 29 What is the name of the lighthouse closest to Land's End?
Longships
- 30 In what year did the Sexual Offences Act come into force in England and Wales, which decriminalised homosexual acts between two men over 21 years of age and in private?

1967

First Written Round

- 31 The Martyrs Memorial in Oxford commemorates which three churchmen?

Nicholas Ridley, Thomas Cramner and Hugh Latimer

- 32 Which country hosted the football World Cup in 1962?

Chile

- 33 What was the name of the German Jew who fled to England during World War 2 and became an authority on English architecture? Penguin released a set of his books beginning with Cornwall in 1954 and ending with Staffordshire in 1974.

Nikolaus Pevsner

- 34 Who wrote the fantasy novel *A Game of Thrones*, which won numerous awards and was adapted for TV in 2011?

George R. R. Martin

- 35 Who is the only Vice President of the USA to resign from office?

Spiro Agnew

- 36 Which 2013 Formula 1 Grand Prix will be held at the Marina Bay Street Circuit?

Singapore

- 37 Name one of the three Prime Ministers to serve during the reign of Edward VII.

One of: **Arthur Balfour, Henry Campbell-Bannerman or Herbert Henry Asquith** [see note 1](#)

- 38 Which two philanthropists, one a WWII VC winner and both founders of major charities for the chronically sick and disabled, married in 1959?

Leonard Cheshire and Sue Ryder

- 39 What in printing is a *tittle*?

The dot on top of a lower case i or j

- 40 In which county is the National Trust property Waddesdon Manor?

Buckinghamshire

Second Verbal Round

- 41 Name either of the women who won Britain's only two individual gold medal at the European Indoor Athletics Championships in March.

Holly Bleasdale (Pole Vault) or Perri Shakes-Drayton (400m)

- 42 Which writer, author of books such as *A Good Man in Africa* and *Brazzaville Beach* has been chosen to write the next James Bond novel *Solo*?

William Boyd

- 43 Manchester Polytechnic was formed in 1970 as the amalgamation of several Manchester colleges. Which of these was situated on Aytoun Street?

College of Commerce

- 44 What was launched on 7th October 1986 with the slogan "*It is, are you?*"?

***The Independent* newspaper**

- 45 Up to the 2001-12 season Stockport County shared their ground with Sale Sharks, but with which other Rugby club did they previously share their ground?

Stockport Rugby League Club (1902-1905)

- 46 Which children's toy was invented by André Cassagnes?

Etch-A-Sketch

- 47 Why was Canadian carpenter Michael Ibsen in the news last year?

He provided a DNA sample that led to the identification of the remains of Richard III

- 48 Which US President was born in 1890 in Denison, Texas?

Dwight D. Eisenhower

- 49 In Greek mythology who was the wife of Odysseus?

Penelope

- 50 From what stretch of water does Thousand Island Dressing supposedly get its name?

St Lawrence River

- 51 *It Sucks to Be Me* is a song from which stage musical?

Avenue Q

- 52 Sir William Hillary founded which well known organisation on 4 March 1824.

RNLI

- 53 In which opera does the drinking song *Brindisi* appear?

La Traviata

- 54 What type of animal is a lonk?

Sheep

- 55 On the Leeds-Liverpool Canal there is a famous set of locks in Bingley. What are they known as?

(Bingley) Five Rise

- 56 Who wrote *The Tales of Para Handy*?

Neil Munro (also accept 'Hugh Foulis', his pen-name)

- 57 In the film *Ice Cold in Alex* what girl's name was given to the ambulance?

Katy

- 58 Dr Samuel Johnson had a cat which he described as "a very fine cat indeed" and there is a small statue of it outside his London home. What was it called?

Hodge

- 59 There are now only 4 operational silver assay offices in the UK. London, Birmingham, Edinburgh and where is the fourth?

Sheffield

- 60 Sherlock Holmes had a band of street children who used to carry out his instructions / errands etc. What were they known as?

The Baker Street Irregulars

- 61 The first two Flavian dynasty Roman Emperors were Vespasian (69–79 AD) and Titus (79–81 AD). Who was the third, ruling from 81–96 AD?

Domitian

- 62 Which brewery produces a beer called 'Gunpowder Mild'?

Coach House (from Warrington)

- 63 How are the Ruwenzori Mountains of Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo better known in English?

Mountains of the Moon

- 64 The club badge of which Football League team competing in the 2012/2013 season, depicts a phoenix rising from the flames?

Aldershot Town

- 65 In which film do Rita Hayworth, Marilyn Monroe and Raquel Welch play a small, but very significant role?

The Shawshank Redemption

(they appear as posters on the cell wall of inmate Andy Dufresne)

- 66 Which battle that took place on 20 September 1854 is generally regarded as the first major battle of the Crimean War?

Battle of Alma

- 67 Which useful plant has the Latin name *Humulus lupulus*?

Hop

- 68 What does the Latin phrase *caveat emptor* mean?

"Let the buyer beware"

- 69 Which current captain of a Six Nations Rugby union team was born in Israel?

Jamie Heaslip (of Ireland)

- 70 On 19 August 1960 two dogs became the first animals to return safely after orbiting the earth. Name either of them.

Belka or Strelka

Second Written Round

- 71 On 3 July 1988 an Iran Air A300 Airbus was accidentally shot down by a US warship. What was the ship called?

USS Vincennes

- 72 Name the two British officers commanding at Rorke's Drift from 22 to 23 January 1879.

(Lt John) Chard and (Lt Gonville) Bromhead

- 73 Through which four capital cities does the River Danube flow?

Vienna, Bratislava, Budapest, Belgrade

- 74 After Josef Stalin's death in 1953 who was Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Soviet Union, before being succeeded by Nikolai Bulganin in 1955?

Georgi Malenkov

- 75 Which Canadian city lies directly south of Detroit across the Detroit River?

Windsor

- 76 Whose law states that the volume of a gas, at constant pressure, is proportional to its temperature?

Jacques Charles (also accept 'Gay-Lussac')

- 77 In which country was the loganberry developed?

USA

- 78 In which game will you hear the term 'finger peg'?

Bowls

- 79 Which scientist discovered the element nitrogen?

Daniel Rutherford

- 80 Who painted the picture *Rain, Steam and Speed*?

J.M.W. Turner

'Extra Time' Written Round

- 1 Only four footballers have won a UEFA Champions League winner's medals in consecutive years for different teams. Please name one.

One from: **Gerard Piqué, Samuel Eto'o, Marcel Desailly or Paulo Sousa.**

- 2 What is the deepest freshwater lake in the world?

Lake Baikal

- 3 What is the most westerly point on the British mainland?

Ardnamurchan Point

- 4 Name the submarine which sank whilst on trials off Anglesey on 1 June 1939.

HMS Thetis

5 Who won a best actress Oscar in 1980 for her performance in *A Coal Miners Daughter*?

Sissy Spacek

6 Who was the author of *Rural Rides*?

William Cobbett

7 The Royal Horticultural Society Garden called Harlow Carr is situated outside which northern England town?

Harrogate

8 The British Chelonia Group is involved in the care and conservation of what type of creatures?

Tortoises (also accept 'turtles' or 'terrapins')

9 Which supermarket chain sells a range of clothing under the brand name 'George'?

Asda

10 Which Caribbean island is home to the Soufrière Hills volcano?

Montserrat

'Nearest-the-bull' tie-breakers

1 How many people were taken hostage during the 1980 siege of the Iranian Embassy in London?

26

2 How many goals did Brian Clough score during his 274-game playing career with Middlesbrough and Sunderland?

251

Spares

1 Who played the title role in the 1939 film *The Wizard of Oz*?

Frank Morgan

2 What flavour of sauce is traditionally used as the topping on a Peach Melba?

Raspberry

3 Which musical set in Russia has music by Jerry Bock and lyrics by Sheldon Harnick?

Fiddler on the Roof

Notes and corrections

- 1 **Four** Prime Ministers were in office during the reign of Edward VII. 'Marquess of Salisbury' or his real name, 'Robert Gascoyne-Cecil', is an equally acceptable answer.

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