

**KNOCKOUT QUALIFYING MATCHES
THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER 2013
QUESTIONS BY THE RAILWAY**

First Verbal Round

1. "Happy families are all alike; every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way" is the opening line to which novel?
Anna Karenina
2. Which British Prime Minister was MP for Midlothian?
William Gladstone
3. Barolo wine is produced from which grape?
Nebbiolo
4. Pall Mall is one of three streets in a Monopoly group. What are the other two in this group?
Whitehall and Northumberland Avenue
5. Which British monarch reigned from 1714 to 1727?
George I
6. Which chemical element has the symbol Bh?
Bohrium
7. Tai Woffinden became World Speedway champion in October 2013, but who was the last British champion 13 years ago?
Mark Loram
8. Which cartoonist created the *Doonesbury* strip?
Garry Trudeau
9. Which country won the first Eurovision Song Contest?
Switzerland
10. In what decade was the last person guillotined in France?
1970s
11. What is the interior angle of a regular decagon?
144 degrees
12. What is the fifth book of the New Testament?
Acts (of the Apostles)
13. Which cult TV show features a nightclub called *The Bronze*?
Buffy the Vampire Slayer
14. Of the National Parks in England and Wales which is the second largest by area?
Snowdonia
15. What design classic was created by Harry Beck?
The London Underground map
16. Verdi wrote three operas based on Shakespeare's plays. Two are Macbeth and Otello – what is the third?

Falstaff

17. “Reality hasn’t really intervened in my mother’s life since the ‘70s” was a quote by the daughter of which British icon?

Margaret Thatcher

18. What is the SI unit of electric capacitance?

Farad

19. Who is Arthur Stanley Jefferson better known as?

Stan Laurel

20. The waters around the British Isles are divided into 31 sea areas. Which is the most southerly?

Trafalgar [see note 1](#)

21. In which organ are the islets of Langerhans?

Pancreas

22. The Troodos mountain range is located in which European country?

Cyprus

23. Which movie had the tagline ‘*This is the weekend they didn’t play golf?*’

Deliverance

24. Which road markings first appeared in the UK in 1914?

White lines

25. What is Britain’s oldest Sunday newspaper?

The Observer

26. Which island is nicknamed the ‘Emerald Isle of the Caribbean’?

Montserrat [see note 2](#)

27. What was the first year of the English Civil War?

1642

28. The play *If I Were You* was written by which British playwright?

Alan Ayckbourn [see note 3](#)

29. Oneirophobia is the fear of what?

Dreams or what they might mean

30. What was the name of the computer that played Gary Kasparov?

Deep Blue

First Written Round - There is a theme

31. Which eponymous cartoon character lives in the underwater city of Bikini Bottom?

Spongebob Squarepants

32. Which novel by Alan Hollinghurst won the Booker Prize in 2004?

The Line of Beauty

33. Which UK supermarket began life in 1899 as an egg and butter market stall in Bradford?

Morrisons

34. What three-word phrase, taken from Shakespeare, refers to the period of British history that led to the downfall of James Callaghan's government in 1979?

Winter of discontent

35. Gordon Ramsay's Chelsea restaurant has a two-word name representing two appropriate letters of the NATO phonetic alphabet – what is it called?

Foxtrot Oscar

36. Which classic cake is made with a yeast-based dough, cooked in a special mould, then soaked in an alcoholic syrup and filled with Chantilly cream?

Rum baba

37. The invention of which popular pastime is credited to the mapmaker John Spilsbury around 1760?

Jigsaw

38. Athlete Holly Bleasdale reached the finals at the 2012 Olympics and won gold at this year's European indoor championships. In which event does she compete?

Pole vault

39. What is the state capital of West Virginia?

Charleston

40. Which Austrian-born actor won this year's Best Supporting Actor Oscar for his role in *Django Unchained*?

Christoph Waltz

Theme is all answers contain a dance:

Square, line, Morris, disco, foxtrot, rumba, jig, pole, Charleston, waltz

Second Verbal Round

41. Who wrote the Booker nominated novel *A Tale for the Time Being* that was shortlisted this year?

Ruth Ozeki

42. *The Bride Stripped Bare by Her Bachelors, Even* also known as *The Large Glass* was executed (but left unfinished) by which artist?

Marcel Duchamp

43. For silver to be hallmarked as sterling silver, what is the minimum silver content (as a percentage) that it must contain?

92.5%

44. To within 1 mile what is the length of the M60?

36 miles (allow 35 to 37)

45. Guadalcanal is the largest island in which Pacific nation?

Solomon Islands

46. What was the nationality of the four-man party that in 1956 became the second to reach the summit of Mount Everest?

Swiss

47. Who wrote the music for the operas *The Snow Maiden* and *The Golden Cockerel*?

Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov

48. Whose best-selling album was released in 1999 at the age of 59, featured 17 duets, and was entitled *Reload*?

Tom Jones

49. Which country announced its decision to leave the Commonwealth earlier this month?

Gambia

50. What two-word phrase was coined by a Canadian politician in the 1890s, in appreciation of Britain's lack of involvement in European affairs?

Splendid isolation

51. Who was the first European explorer to reach the Pacific Ocean via Cape Horn?

Ferdinand Magellan

52. With whom did the former Penthouse model Gennifer Flowers claim, in 1992, to have had a 12-year affair?

Bill Clinton

53. Which Canadian writer won this year's Nobel Prize for Literature?

Alice Munro

54. The sentences "I was living abroad" and "I used to live abroad" are examples of which tense?

Imperfect [see note 4](#)

55. Which actor replaced Ringo Starr as the narrator of *Thomas the Tank Engine* on UK TV?

Michael Angelis

56. Who were the makers of the Halifax bomber?

Handley Page

57. What was the official name of the movement formed by Emmeline Pankhurst that became known as 'The Suffragettes'?

The Women's Social and Political Union

58. Name the lead singer of The Verve who went on to have a solo career.

Richard Ashcroft

59. Mo Farah was born in which country?

Somalia

60. Which British-born actor played the part of Martin Crane in the comedy series *Frasier*?

John Mahoney

61. The A69 road connects which town and which city on the west and east coasts of England?

Carlisle and Newcastle [see note 5](#)

62. Who was the pilot of Fireball XL5?

Steve Zodiac

63. Who was known as 'the wisest fool in Christendom'?

James I [see note 9](#)

64. In which country does the terrorist organisation FARC operate?

Colombia

65. What did Whitcomb L. Judson invent in the early 1900s?

Zip fastener [see pedantic note 6](#)

66. Which building was formerly known as The London Bridge Tower?
The Shard
67. The Titanic was equipped to carry 64 lifeboats but how many did she actually carry?
Twenty
68. How was Mrs Hugh McCorquodale better known in the literary world?
Barbara Cartland
69. Who recorded *Kind of Blue* in 1959?
Miles Davis
70. Which film actor was the most decorated American soldier in WWII?
Audie Murphy

Second Written Round

71. How many times has the host nation won the football world cup?
Six (England, Italy, France, West Germany, Uruguay, Argentina)
72. Which temperature has the same value in Centigrade and Fahrenheit?
Minus 40 degrees
73. Alfred Gilbert is best known for which statue in London?
Eros [see note 7](#)
74. How many "E" tiles are there in a Scrabble set?
12
75. In what year was Hitler born?
1889
76. In the hexadecimal system what symbol represents the value 13?
D
77. Which museum was originally known as The Museum of Ornamental Art?
Victoria & Albert
78. Which band were originally called The Warlocks?
The Grateful Dead [see note 8](#)
79. Who directed the film *The English Patient*?
Anthony Minghella
80. On the 30th anniversary of the publication of the *Mr. Men* series, the *Sunday Times* ran a competition asking children to submit ideas for a new character. What was the name of the winning entry?
Mr Cheeky

Spares

1. Which team did Leeds United beat in the semi-final of the FA Cup in 1965?
Manchester United
2. Which book features the time-travelling optometrist and American prisoner of war, Billy Pilgrim?

Slaughterhouse 5

3. When did the Hundred Years War begin?

1337

4. Who beat Take That to be the UK Christmas number one in 1993?

Mr Blobby

Notes and corrections

1. Feedback suggests some teams were confused by 'waters around the British Isles', when the required answer is off the coast of Spain and Portugal. Reference to 'shipping forecast areas' may have made things clearer.
2. 'Emerald Isle of the Caribbean' is also used to refer to St. Lucia, which is an equally acceptable answer.
3. 'Benn Levy' is an equally acceptable answer.
4. With reference to the English language, 'past continuous' and 'past progressive' are equally acceptable answers.
5. Both Carlisle and Newcastle-upon-Tyne are cities, not towns.
6. Judson launched the zip fastener in the 1890s.
7. The statue is also known as 'The Shaftesbury Memorial', an equally acceptable answer. Incidentally, although commonly used, 'Eros' is an incorrect name for the statue: it is meant to represent Eros's twin brother, Anteros.
8. 'The Velvet Underground' is an equally acceptable answer.
9. James I was also James VI of Scotland, which is an equally acceptable answer.

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