

**LEAGUE MATCHES  
THURSDAY 8 MAY 2014  
QUESTIONS BY THE RAILWAY**

**First Verbal Round**

1. Who has the most Best Director Academy Awards with four?  
**John Ford**
2. Which English monarch reigned from 1685–1688?  
**James II**
3. Sm is the symbol for which chemical element?  
**Samarium**
4. In the 2014 Netball Superleague one team lost all 14 of its games. Which team was this?  
**Loughborough Lightning**
5. Bujumbura is the capital of which country?  
**Burundi**
6. 40° is the exterior angle of which polygon?  
**Nonagon**
7. “So we beat on, boats against the current, borne back ceaselessly into the past” is the closing line of which novel?  
***The Great Gatsby***
8. What is the total value of the red set in Monopoly?  
**£680**
9. Who was first cast as Emma Peel in *The Avengers* but was sacked after filming two episodes?  
**Elizabeth Shepherd**
10. In computer terms what does XML stand for?  
**Extensible Markup Language**
11. In what decade was the present Stockport Town Hall opened?  
**1900s**
12. Name the song and the original artist from this lyric: “Put on my blue suede shoes and boarded the plane”.  
***Walking in Memphis* by Marc Cohn**
13. What now stands on the site of the place of execution at Tyburn?  
**Marble Arch**
14. In which war did the battle of Borodino take place?  
**Napoleonic Wars**
15. Which golfer was known as ‘Mrs Doubtfire’?  
**Colin Montgomerie**

16. Which actress has won the most Academy Awards with four?  
**Katharine Hepburn**
17. Which English monarch reigned from 1702–1714?  
**Anne**
18. Nd is the symbol for which chemical element?  
**Neodymium**
19. In the 2014 Netball Superleague one team won all of its league matches but then lost the play-off final. Which team was this?  
**Surrey Storm** [see note 1](#)
20. Yaoundé is the capital of which country?  
**Cameroon**
21. 135° is the interior angle of which polygon?  
**Octagon**
22. "*I lingered round them, under that benign sky; watched the moths fluttering among the heath, and hare-bells; listened to the soft wind breathing through the grass; and wondered how anyone could ever imagine unquiet slumbers for the sleepers in that quiet earth.*" This is the closing line of which novel?  
***Wuthering Heights***
23. What is the total value of the orange set in Monopoly?  
**£560**
24. Who was Polly James' co-star in the first series of *The Liver Birds*?  
**Pauline Collins**
25. In computer terms what does JPEG stand for?  
**Joint Photographic Experts Group**
26. In what decade was the present Stockport Central library built?  
**1910s**
27. Name the song and the artist from this lyric: "*Come with me while the moon is on the sea*"  
**Blue Hawaii by Elvis Presley**
28. What now stands on the site of Newgate Prison?  
**The Old Bailey** [see note 2](#)
29. In which war did the battle of Agincourt take place?  
**100 Years War**
30. Which West Indian cricketer was known as *Whispering Death*?  
**Michael Holding**

### First Written Round – THERE IS A THEME

31. Which singer's solo albums include *Wild Wood*, *Wake Up the Nation* and *Sonik Kicks*?  
**Paul Weller**
32. At which cricket ground would you find the William Clarke stand and the Fox Road stand?  
**Trent Bridge**

33. Which 2008 film stars Jennifer Aniston and Owen Wilson, with 22 different labradors playing the part of their eponymous dog?

***Marley & Me***

34. What name is commonly given to the orchestral interlude in the 1900 opera *The Tale of Tsar Saltan*, during which the tsar is changed into an insect?

***The Flight of the Bumblebee***

35. What was the name of the dog in the painting *His Master's Voice*, which became the trademark of HMV amongst other music companies?

**Nipper**

36. Which song, recorded by the Beatles for their *Please Please Me* album, was originally a hit in the US for the Isley Brothers?

***Twist and Shout***

37. Which very well-known song has a lesser-known second verse that starts with these lines:

*A day or two ago I thought I'd take a ride  
And soon, Miss Fanny Bright was seated by my side*

***Jingle Bells***

38. Which tropical fish, commonly found in aquaria, is also known as the million fish and the rainbow fish?

**Guppy**

39. What name is shared by a crustacean and a goose of the genus *Branta*?

**Barnacle**

40. Which famous atheist and humanist is the author of *The Selfish Gene* and *The God Delusion*?

**Richard Dawkins**

### **Theme is Dickens characters:**

Sam Weller (*The Pickwick Papers*); Nell Trent (*The Old Curiosity Shop*); Jacob Marley (*A Christmas Carol*); Mr Bumble (*Oliver Twist*); Susan Nipper (*Dombey & Son*); Oliver Twist; Alfred Jingle (*The Pickwick Papers*); William Guppy (*Bleak House*); Tite Barnacle (*Little Dorrit*); Jack Dawkins (aka Artful Dodger in *Oliver Twist*).

## **Second Verbal Round**

41. Deposed in 1931, who was the last king of Spain before his grandson Juan Carlos acceded in 1975? (Name and number required)

**Alfonso XIII**

42. Which German scientist became the first recipient of the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1901?

**Wilhelm Röntgen**

43. Which genus of flowering plants is often known as the African lily?

**Agapanthus**

44. Which UNESCO World Heritage Site is situated three miles from the town of Bushmills?

**The Giants' Causeway**

45. Which Kent town holds an annual Sweeps Festival over the first weekend in May, in celebration of the traditional Mayday chimney sweeps' holiday?

**Rochester**

46. Which philosopher wrote 'Man is born free and everywhere he is in chains'?
- Jean-Jacques Rousseau**
47. Which ethical cosmetics company opened its first store in Poole, Dorset, in 1994 and now has 830 stores worldwide?
- Lush**
48. What is the meaning of the Catalan word *vella*, which is used in the name of the capital city of Andorra?
- Old**
49. Which cartoon family owns a dog called Brian?
- The Griffin family** (in *Family Guy*)
50. Who took over from Maria Miller last month as Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport?
- Sajid Javid**
51. In which country was designer Oscar de la Renta born?
- The Dominican Republic**
52. What was the name of the robot in *Forbidden Planet*?
- Robbie**
53. Which four scrabble tiles are worth 3 points?
- B, C, M and P**
54. *Condate* was the Roman name of which Cheshire town?
- Northwich**
55. Who was the fifth *Doctor Who* on TV?
- Peter Davison**
56. Which Queen of the Netherlands abdicated in 1948?
- Wilhelmina**
57. Who was the first person to win two Nobel prizes?
- Marie Curie**
58. Which flower gets its name from the Greek words for 'gold' and 'flower'?
- Chrysanthemum**
59. Which UNESCO World Heritage Site is situated in Oxfordshire?
- Blenheim Palace**
60. In which Devon town does a Tar Barrels Festival take place annually on 5 November, when burning tar barrels are carried through the streets?
- Ottery St. Mary**
61. Which philosopher wrote 'The unexamined life is not worth living'?
- Socrates**
62. Which designer opened her first shop in London in 1994 and now has 136 stores worldwide selling her distinctive retro-style bags and homeware?
- Cath Kidston**
63. Which country's capital city is named after Saint James?
- Chile** (Santiago)

64. Which sitcom features a dog called Eddie?  
**Frasier**
65. Manuel Valls was appointed to what post on 31 March 2014?  
**Prime Minister of France**
66. Born in Gibraltar which designer was named British Designer of the Year in 1987, 1994 and 1995?  
**John Galiano**
67. Johnny 5 was the central character in which film?  
**Short Circuit**
68. Which five scrabble tiles are worth 4 points?  
**F, H, V, W and Y**
69. Salinae was the Roman name of which Cheshire town?  
**Middlewich**
70. Who was the eighth *Doctor Who* on TV?  
**Paul McGann**

### Second Written Round

71. Which Gilbert & Sullivan opera features the Murgatroyd family?  
**Ruddigore**
72. Ellen Naomi Cohen was the real name of which 1960s American pop star?  
**Mama Cass or Cass Elliot**
73. What is the busiest single runway airport in the world?  
**London Gatwick**
74. Which Apollo moon mission was the first to carry a lunar rover vehicle?  
**Apollo 15**
75. Standard atmospheric pressure is how many kiloPascals? (to the nearest whole number)  
**101**
76. Paul Dacre is the editor of which British newspaper?  
**Daily Mail**
77. Three actresses played in both of Alan Bennett's *Talking Heads* series. Who are they?  
**Patricia Routledge, Thora Hird and Julie Walters**
78. What is the longest single river in Australia?  
**River Murray**
79. Who painted *Cafe Terrace at Night* and *The Potato Eaters*?  
**Vincent van Gogh**
80. Who is the Shadow Secretary of State for Health?  
**Andy Burnham**

## Spares

1. Which TV historian has written the books *Never Had It So Good*, *White Heat* and *Seasons in the Sun*?  
**Dominic Sandbrook**
2. Which publishing house put out Alan Moore's *Watchmen*?  
**DC Comics**
3. Which British journalist was shot outside her Fulham home in 1999?  
**Jill Dando**
4. Who said "Familiarity breeds contempt - and children"  
**Mark Twain**
5. Name the first country you will come to if you go east from Honolulu.  
**Mexico**

## Notes and corrections

1. [Surrey Storm](#) won twelve and drew two of fourteen league games.
2. 'The Central Criminal Court' is an equally acceptable answer.

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