

LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 23 OCTOBER 2014

QUESTIONS BY THE BULL'S HEAD

First Verbal Round

- Which actor's film roles have included Nick Carlton in *The Big Chill*, Arkady Renko in *Gorky Park* and Luis Molina in *Kiss Of The Spider Woman*?
William Hurt
- What does the acronym NLPG stand for, with regard to the UK's e-government programme?
National Land and Property Gazetteer
- 15-year-old Tin-Tin Ho was the youngest member of the England squad at the 2014 Commonwealth Games. In which sport did she participate?
Table Tennis
- During which conflict did the RAF conduct a series of bombing missions code-named *Operation Black Buck*?
The Falklands War
- Formula Rossa, officially the fastest rollercoaster in the world, can be found at the Ferrari World theme park in which city?
Abu Dhabi
- Which animal, native to Britain, has the Latin name *Arvicola amphibius*?
The water vole
- Which Australian-born rapper had a number 1 single on the US Billboard chart in 2014 with *Fancy*?
Iggy Azalea
- Digambara* (meaning 'sky clad') and *svetambara* (meaning 'white clad') are the two main sects of which religion, which has an estimated 5 million adherents?
Jainism
- Give a year in the reign of Tamerlane the Great.
1370–1405
- Which US cartoon series features a boy called Finn and his magical dog Jake, who live in the post-apocalyptic Land of Ooo?
Adventure Time
- Which jazz musician spent 11 months in jail in Paris after wounding a female passer-by in a duel in 1928 (allegedly provoked when a fellow musician informed him that he was playing an incorrect chord)?
Sidney Bechet
- Which 230 mile-long footpath runs between Stockport and Bledlow in Buckinghamshire?
The Midshires Way
- What surname is shared by the actress who played Sydney Bristow in the TV series *Alias* and a test cricketer born in Barbados in 1952?
Garner (Jennifer and Joel)
- John Kennedy Toole's novel *A Confederacy of Dunces* is set in which US city?
New Orleans

15. Who said of Ronald Reagan “*He is a triumph of the embalmer’s art*”?
Gore Vidal
16. Which actress said “*If I had to live my life again, I’d make the same mistakes, only sooner*”?
Tallulah Bankhead
17. Howard Kirk is the central character of which acclaimed British novel, first published in 1975?
The History Man
18. What surname is shared by a pioneer of electronic music who released the album *Switched-On Bach* in 1968 and the US athlete who won the bronze medal in the men’s 200 metres at the Olympic Games in the same year.
Carlos (Walter—now Wendy—and John)
19. The Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, designed by Thomas Telford, is a World Heritage Site that carries the Llangollen Canal over which river?
The River Dee
20. Which Wakefield-born writer, best known for his 1891 novel *New Grub Street*, was jailed for a month after stealing money from his school cloakroom, reputedly having become infatuated with a teenage prostitute?
George Gissing
21. What was the Japanese cartoon series *Science Ninja Team Gatchaman* re-named, when it was shown on British and US television?
Battle of the Planets
22. Give a year in the life of Vlad III, Prince of Wallachia (aka ‘Vlad the Impaler’).
1431 to 1477 (he possibly died in 1476, but accept 1477)
23. The vision of the Valley of Dry Bones can be found in which book of the Old Testament?
Ezekiel
24. Name any two of the three songs on the 1967 album *The Velvet Underground and Nico* that have a lead vocal by Nico.
Two from: ***Femme Fatale, I’ll Be Your Mirror and All Tomorrow’s Parties***
25. Which animal, native to Britain, has the Latin name *Mustela nivalis*?
The weasel
26. In which European city would you find Retiro Park?
Madrid
27. *Operation Countenance*, launched on 25 August 1941 and completed on 17 September 1941, was a joint British and Soviet invasion of which (officially neutral) country?
Iran **see note 1**
28. Weight lifter David Katoatau won which country’s first ever medal at a major sporting tournament, with gold at the Commonwealth Games this year?
Kiribati
29. What does the acronym VoIP stand for, with regard to telephone communications?
Voice over Internet Protocol
30. Which film, directed by Alfred Hitchcock with Joan Fontaine and Cary Grant in the starring roles, was based on the novel *Before the Fact* by Francis Iles?
Suspicion

First Written Round – THERE IS A THEME

31. Which capital city is served by Bole International Airport?

Addis Ababa

32. What is the commonly used term for drugs that control arrhythmia and hypertension, the first of which, propranolol, was developed by Sir James Black in the early 1960s?

Beta Blockers

33. Which property in Aberdeenshire, owned by the National Trust for Scotland since 1963, is renowned for the fairy-tale appearance of its architecture and pink-tinged walls?

Craigievar Castle

34. In *The Pickwick Papers*, in which village is Mr Wardle's farm located?

Dingley Dell

35. Which manufacturing company, formed in 1918, had an aviation division that produced the Canberra bomber and Lightning interceptor?

English Electric

36. Which actress played the KGB spy Pola Ivanova in the 1985 James Bond film *A View To A Kill*? (First name and surname required)

Fiona Fullerton

37. Which genre of entertainment, specialising in the macabre, takes its name from a theatre opened in 1894 in the Pigalle area of Paris?

Grand Guignol

38. According to Greek mythology, how were Briareus, Cottus and Gyges, the three giant children of Uranus and Gaia who helped to overthrow the Titans, collectively known?

The Hundred Handers (accept 'Hekatoncheires')

39. Which group had a UK top 20 single in 1986 with *Driving Away From Home*?

It's Immaterial

40. Which Serbian tennis player was Jamie Murray's partner when they won the 2007 Wimbledon mixed-doubles title? (First name and surname required)

Jelena Janković

THEME: Answers are alliterative, using the first ten letters of the alphabet

Second Verbal Round

41. Which 20th century philosopher wrote *De La Grammatologie*, regarded as a founding text of the form of analysis known as deconstruction?

Jacques Derrida

42. Mingo, Annie, Scipio and Mr Archdale are four of the minor characters from which opera?

Porgy and Bess

43. What would a phillumenist collect?

Matchboxes (or their labels)

44. In December 2013, China successfully launched and landed the lunar rover *Yutu*. *Yutu* is named after a character from Chinese folklore that lives on the surface of the moon. What does it mean in English?

Jade rabbit

45. In which month of the year is Armed Forces Day observed in the United Kingdom?

June

46. Who is the current presenter of the Channel 4 show *Rude Tube*?

Alex Zane

47. In September 2014, Microsoft agreed to buy the Swedish company Mojang for \$2.5 billion. What is the name of Mojang's most popular computer game, which allows players to build structures using Lego style blocks?

Minecraft

48. Which mineral is ranked at number 8 on the Mohs scale of hardness, lying between quartz and corundum?

Topaz

49. Where in the UK is the headquarters of the RNLI?

Poole

50. Which now global clothing and accessories retailer opened its first store in La Coruña, Spain, in 1975?

Zara

51. As at 8 October 2014, who is the President of Turkey?

Recep Tayyip Erdogan **see note 2**

52. A *plunker* was a worker in which type of industry?

Hat making

53. What nationality was José Raúl Capablanca, world chess champion from 1921 to 1927?

Cuban

54. Which celebrity couple got married at the Forte di Belvedere in Florence in May 2014?

Kanye West and Kim Kardashian

55. Which local brewery produces a beer called *Moor Top*?

Buxton Brewery

56. Which local brewery produces a beer called *Wren's Nest*?

Howard Town (in Glossop)

57. In what area of law is Amal Alamuddin, George Clooney's wife, a specialist?

Human rights **see note 3**

58. What nationality was Max Euwe, world chess champion from 1935 to 1937?

Dutch

59. A *doffer* was a worker in which type of industry?

Textiles/spinning

60. Who was the first woman to hold a Cabinet post in a Conservative government? She was appointed Minister of Education in 1951.

Florence Horsbrugh

61. Which US company, founded in Massachusetts in 1908, produces the *All-Star* sports shoe?

Converse

62. Name any one of the four RNLI lifeboat stations situated on the River Thames.
Tower, Chiswick, Gravesend or Teddington [see note 4](#)
63. Derbyshire Blue John is a form of which mineral?
Fluorspar or Fluorite
64. What is the name of the US pharmacy company that agreed to buy Alliance Boots in a £9 billion deal in August 2014?
Walgreens
65. Who currently presents the BBC cookery programme *The Little Paris Kitchen*?
Rachel Khoo
66. Which federal holiday takes place in the USA on the first Monday in September?
Labor Day
67. What is the name of the European Space Agency satellite, launched in 2004, that is currently studying the surface of the comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko?
Rosetta [see pedantic note 5](#)
68. Which melon-flavoured liqueur takes its name from the Japanese word for 'green'?
Midori
69. *Day By Day*, a top 20 hit single in the USA in 1972, is a song taken from which musical?
Godspell
70. Which 18th century philosopher wrote *A Treatise of Human Nature*, regarded as a key work of British empiricism?
David Hume

Second Written Round

71. For an object made of ivory to be classed as an antique (and therefore legally traded within the UK), DEFRA requires it to have been produced before June 1st of which year? (Allow 1 year either way)
1947
72. If a regular polygon has an interior angle of 150 degrees, how many sides does it have?
Twelve
73. Name this US state. Its official motto is *Montani semper liberi* ('*Mountaineers are always free*'), its highest point (at 1,482 metres) is Spruce Knob and it was the 35th state admitted to the Union, in 1863.
West Virginia
74. How many masts does a brigantine have?
Two
75. Which specific part of the human body produces melatonin, the hormone that affects the modulation of sleep patterns?
The pineal gland
76. Which best-selling toys were based on characters originally created for use on greeting cards, by the illustrator Elena Kucharik.
Care Bears
77. Which painter's most famous works include *The Treachery Of Images* and *The Great War On Facades*?
René Magritte

78. Its original name in Sanskrit is *padmasana*. How is it commonly referred to in English?

The lotus position

79. The principle which states that for many events 80% of the effects come from 20% of the causes (e.g. 80% of a company's business comes from 20% of its clients), is named after which Italian economist?

Vilfredo Pareto

80. What is the derived SI unit of illuminance?

The lux

Spares

1. For what 1916 event is Fanny Kaplan infamous?

The attempted assassination of Lenin

2. Which Indian monetary unit is worth one hundredth of a rupee?

The paisa

3. Which artist was tried for assault and sedition in 1804, for getting into a fight with a soldier, having allegedly said "*Damn the King and damn all his soldiers, they are all slaves*".

William Blake

4. To which fictitious literary character was Miss Mary Morstan married?

Dr John Watson

5. Tyrian purple (aka imperial purple), a dye highly valued by the Romans, was obtained from the secretions of what animal?

The sea snail (accept 'rock snail')

Notes

1. 'Persia' is an equally acceptable answer.

2. The surname is pronounced 'air-doh-wan'.

3. Although commonly referred to as a 'human rights lawyer' by *HELLO!* magazine and other legal journals, [the new Mrs Clooney](#) specialises in a number of areas: international law, human rights, extradition and criminal law.

4. Correct answers to this question are determined by the definition of 'the River Thames'. If this is taken to include the Thames Estuary, then 'Southend-on-Sea' and 'Sheerness' are also acceptable answers. Where the Thames Estuary ends and the North Sea begins is not well defined and it could be argued that the RNLI stations at Whitstable and Margate are also 'on the River Thames'.

5. Rosetta is a spacecraft or space probe, rather than a satellite.

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