# LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2014 QUESTIONS BY HMRUFC

# First Verbal Round

1. Who is Roy Keane's co-author in his book *The Second Half*?

## **Roddy Doyle**

2. Which British General was in command of the army that surrendered at Singapore in 1942?

## **Gen Arthur Percival**

3. At 24,950 ft, the Ismoil Somoni Peak is the highest point in which mountain range?

#### **The Pamirs**

4. Håkan Hardenberger is well known for his playing in concertos for which instrument?

#### **Trumpet**

5. Who performed the title song for the James Bond film You Only Live Twice?

# **Nancy Sinatra**

6. Jenny Pitman was the first woman to train a Grand National winner. What was the name of the horse?

#### Corbière

7. Who is the only King to be crowned King of England and King of France?

#### Henry VI

8. Who is the new head of MI6?

## **Alex Younger**

9. Dear Heather and Popular Problems are whose albums?

## **Leonard Cohen**

10. Lassa Fever, an infectious tropical disease transmitted by rodents, was first recognised in which country?

# Nigeria

11. Which boxer was known as 'The Clones Cyclone'?

## **Barry McGuigan**

12. Name the Liberal-Democrat MP in the Home Office who resigned saying that Theresa May was impossible to work with.

## **Norman Baker**

13. Who is the new head of GCHQ?

## **Robert Hannigan**

14. The lines "The grave's a fine and private place, But more I think do there embrace" come from which Andrew Marvell poem?

## To His Coy Mistress see note 1

15. Who was the last woman to train a Grand National winner?

Sue Smith (Auroras Encore, 2013)

16. Taming The Tiger and Travelogue are whose albums?

## Joni Mitchell

17. Which British General was in command of the army that surrendered to the Afghans in the first Afghan War in 1842?

# **Gen William Elphinstone**

18. Osmophobia is an abnormal fear of what?

#### **Odours**

19. With which instrument is Marie-Claire Alain associated, particularly in the works of J. S. Bach?

## Organ

20. Excluding Alaska, Mount Whitney is the highest peak in the USA. In which state is it situated?

#### California

21. If you were to board a Metrolink tram at the newly-opened Manchester Airport tram-stop, where would it normally terminate?

#### Cornbrook

22. Who was the last English King to have been on a crusade?

## Edward I

23. Doraphobia is an abnormal fear of touching what?

## Animal skins see note 2

24. Whose book The Churchill Factor is in the current best sellers list?

#### **Boris Johnson**

25. Which bird did Wordsworth describe as 'Ethereal Minstrel, Pilgrim of the Sky'?

#### A skylark

26. Who performed the title song for the James Bond film The Man With The Golden Gun?

# Lulu

27. Which Liberal Democrat MP replaced Norman Baker in the Home Office?

# Lynne Featherstone

28. Which boxer was known as 'The Dark Destroyer'?

## Nigel Benn

29. Very much in the news recently, Ebola fever is named after a river in which country?

# **Democratic Republic of Congo**

30. With the opening of the tramline to Manchester Airport, how many designated services (lines) are currently on the Metrolink network?

Seven

# **First Written Round**

31. With estimates of population of up to 10 billion, what is the most abundant wild bird species?

Red-billed Quelea (also accept 'Quelea quelea')

32. Name the two Formula 1 teams who went into administration at the end of October and so did not race at the US Grand Prix held in Austin, Texas on 2 November.

#### **Marussia and Caterham**

33. A cake or tart with a puff pastry case, filled with a rich almond cream takes its name from a town to the south of Paris. What is it called?

#### **Pithiviers**

34. What was the better known surname of Leonardo of Pisa, who discovered the sequence of numbers which bears his name?

#### **Fibonacci**

35. By what name is the condition 'tissue necrosis' better known?

# Gangrene see note 3

36. Which Roman leader defeated Spartacus and his army of slaves at the Battle of Siler River?

#### **Marcus Crassus**

37. Who made the first recognised powered and sustained flight in the United Kingdom on 16 October 1908?

# Samuel Cody

38. Which actress played both Lady Jane Felsham in Lovejoy and plays Mrs Hughes in Downton Abbey?

## Phyllis Logan

39. In which city was Christopher Columbus born?

#### Genoa

40. To one year either way, when was the 50p coin first minted?

**1969** (two years before decimalisation)

# **Second Verbal Round**

41. Who won the first Nobel Prize for Physics in 1901 for his work in producing and detecting electromagnetic radiation? He subsequently had element 111, a radioactive element named after him in 2004?

# Wilhelm Röntgen

42. Margaret Thatcher only represented one constituency in her career as an MP from 1959 to 1992. Which was it?

## **Finchley**

43. Including the present incumbent, Ban Ki-moon, how many Secretaries General of the United Nations have there been?

## **Eight**

44. Dahomey was the previous name of which present-day West African country?

#### **Benin**

45. Desert Island Discs recently celebrated its 3000th episode. Who has been the most popular author of books to be taken on the island by guests on the programme?

## **Charles Dickens**

46. Born in Calais in 1821, name the artist who has two of his most famous paintings, *Work* and *The Last of England*, in the Manchester Art Gallery on Mosley Street and painted twelve murals in Manchester Town Hall.

## Ford Madox Brown see note 4

47. Ode to Joy, which has been adopted as the anthem of Europe by the European Union, is the final movement of which Beethoven symphony?

# Ninth see note 5

48. As of 5 November 2014, who is the Shadow Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government?

## **Hilary Benn**

49. Which actor is playing the role of Richard III in the BBC's forthcoming Hollow Crown series?

## **Benedict Cumberbatch**

50. Which monarch founded Christ Church College, Oxford?

#### Henry VIII

51. Status Quo are touring the UK in December. Who are their special guests for the majority of the dates?

#### Chas & Dave

52. Who was the 40th President of the United States?

## Ronald Reagan

53. Peter Brookes is the political cartoonist of which daily newspaper?

#### The Times

54. Which American president acquired Florida?

#### **James Monroe**

55. Who did Arsène Wenger succeed as manager of Arsenal in 1996?

#### **Bruce Rioch**

56. Name the Bradford-born composer who moved to Florida to grow oranges before becoming a music student in Leipzig. Some of his best-known works include *On Hearing the First Cuckoo in Spring, Brigg Fair* and *In a Summer Garden*.

#### Frederick Delius

57. Which writer created the character Tony Hill, played by Robson Green, in ITV's Wire in the Blood series?

#### Val McDermid

58. The discovery of radioactivity in 1897 by which physicist inspired Marie and Pierre Curie to further investigate this phenomenon?

# Henri Becquerel

59. Who was the French-born artist, nicknamed 'the Manchester Impressionist', who studied and eventually taught at the Municipal School of Art in Manchester during the early 20th century, and numbered L.S. Lowry amongst his pupils?

# Adolphe Valette

60. Name the radio comedy programme that was first broadcast in 1964 and ended in 1973 that originated from the Cambridge University Footlights revue. Its cast was made up of Tim Brooke-Taylor, John Cleese, Graeme Garden, David Hatch, Jo Kendall and Bill Oddie.

## I'm Sorry I'll Read That Again

61. Harold Wilson represented Ormskirk from 1945 to 1950. Which constituency did he then represent right up until his retirement from Parliament in 1983?

# Huyton

62. Who did Jose Mourinho succeed as manager of Chelsea in 2004?

# Claudio Ranieri

63. In whose presidency did the Louisiana Purchase take place?

# **Thomas Jefferson**

64. Dave Brown is the political cartoonist of which daily newspaper?

## The Independent

65. Nyasaland was the previous name of which present-day south-eastern African country?

#### Malawi

66. Who played the title role in the recent production of *Hamlet* at the Royal Exchange Theatre in Manchester?

#### **Maxine Peake**

67. Which monarch founded King's College, Cambridge?

#### Henry VI

68. Paul Simon is touring the UK in April. Who will be his on-stage partner?

## Sting

69. As of 5 November 2014, who is the Shadow Secretary of State for Energy?

#### **Caroline Flint**

70. Which writer created the character Chief Inspector Banks, played by Stephen Tompkinson in the ITV series DCI Banks?

**Peter Robinson** 

## **Second Written Round**

71. In Arthurian legend, Lohengrin is the son of which knight?

# Percival see note 6

72. The Molly Maguires were a secret organisation operating in Ireland, Liverpool and which industry in the United States?

# **Coal-mining**

73. Nigel Farage is standing as the UKIP candidate for which Kent constituency at the next General Election?

# Thanet South see pedantic note 7

74. Which BBC broadcaster wrote a book entitled Pies and Prejudice?

## **Stuart Maconie**

75. Near which city would you find Holme Pierrepont Hall?

# **Nottingham**

76. What is a Crawley Beauty?

## An Apple

77. How are the New Zealand comedy and music team of Jemaine Clement and Bret McKenzie better known?

#### The Flight of the Conchords

78. Three people have taken over 600 wickets in test cricket. Muttiah Muralitharan and Shane Warne are two of them, which Indian spinner is the third?

#### **Anil Kumble**

79. As of 5 November 2014, who is the current Police and Crime Commissioner for Greater Manchester?

#### **Tony Lloyd**

80. Who wrote the novels The Sound and The Fury and As I Lay Dying?

#### William Faulkner

# **Spares**

1. Alf Ramsey was second choice for the England manager's job in 1963. Who turned down the job?

Jimmy Adamson (of Burnley)

2. In which country is Mount Botrange the highest point?

## **Belgium**

3. In which county is the National Trust property Melford Hall?

# Somerset see note 8

4. Who starred as Marshall Will Kane in the film High Noon?

## **Gary Cooper**

5. Which British actor born in 1958 has played Dracula, Lee Harvey Oswald, Joe Orton and Beethoven on screen?

# **Gary Oldman**

6. In *Monty Python* who was the referee, who kept time with an hour glass, in the philosophers' football match between German philosophers and Greek philosophers?

## **Confucius**

## **Notes**

- 1. The correct words are: 'But **none**, I think, do there embrace'.
- 2. 'Fur' is an equally acceptable answer.
- 3. The terms 'tissue necrosis' (TN) and 'gangrene' are not completely interchangeable. Gangrene is just one example of TN and it is possible to suffer from TN without having gangrene, e.g. some cases of tuberculosis or (the old *Daily Mail* favourite) an extreme reaction to a false widow spider bite.
- 4. There are two original versions of *The Last of England*: one is in the Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery, the other is in the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge.
- 5. Beethoven's ninth is also commonly known as *The Choral Symphony*.
- 6. Lohengrin is a character in German Arthurian legend; therefore the German version of his father's name, 'Parzival', would appear to be an acceptable answer.
- 7. The constituency's official name is South Thanet.
- 8. Melford Hall is in Suffolk.

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