

KNOCKOUT QUALIFYING MATCHES THURSDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2015
QUESTIONS BY THE PRINTERS

First Verbal Round

1. Running for 11 years on BBC TV, who presents *Homes Under the Hammer* with Martin Roberts?
Lucy Alexander
2. Who wrote the music for the operettas *The Student Prince* and *The Desert Song*?
Sigmund Romberg
3. Give a year in the life of author James Fenimore Cooper?
1789 – 1851
4. What is the speciality of the publishing company Haynes?
Car Manuals **see note 1**
5. Which singer played the Puerto Rican Jiminez in the film *The Dirty Dozen*?
Trini Lopez
6. In international soccer, who was Northern Ireland's manager from 1980 to 1993?
Billy Bingham
7. In the Catholic faith, at what age is a child said to attain 'the age of reason'?
Seven
8. What is the name of the hooded garment worn by the Inuit?
Parka **see note 2**
9. When John Cabot sailed from Bristol to discover Newfoundland in 1497, his ship shared its name with an apostle; what was the name of the ship?
Matthew
10. Which Secretary General of the TGWU became the first Minister of Technology in 1964?
Frank Cousins
11. Most of the gravestones of unidentified soldiers of World War I bear what three-word inscription (chosen by Rudyard Kipling) on the base?
Known unto God
12. What is the name of the spin-off show of *The Great British Bake Off*, hosted by Jo Brand?
(The Great British Bake Off) An Extra Slice
13. Born in Llandudno in 1958, which footballer's critically-acclaimed autobiography is entitled *The Bin Man Chronicles*?
Neville Southall
14. Which station, situated between Paddington and Maida Vale stations on the Bakerloo Line, was the subject of a song which reached number 3 in the UK charts in 2008?
Warwick Avenue (song was by Duffy)
15. The name of which animal is derived from a Greek word meaning 'tribe of hairy women'?
Gorilla

16. *Noma* has been judged as the best restaurant in the world by *Restaurant* magazine for the last three years. In which city is *Noma*?

Copenhagen

17. The 8th Laird of Merchistoun was better known as which mathematician?

John Napier

18. Which Verdi opera is set in Berkshire?

Falstaff

19. Dating from 1123, which is believed to be the oldest surviving hospital in England still occupying its original site?

St. Bartholomew's (or 'Barts')

20. The long-tailed and the greater short-tailed are the only two land mammals native to New Zealand. What type of creature are they?

Bat **see note 3**

21. When made a life peer in 1970, Laurence Olivier took the title of Baron of which town?

Brighton

22. *Lovin' Things* was the first UK Top 10 hit for which group in the summer of 1968?

Marmalade

23. The Sussex National is run at which National Hunt racecourse?

Plumpton

24. Which Italian became Chief Minister of France in 1642, succeeding his mentor, Cardinal Richelieu?

Cardinal Jules Mazarin **see note 4**

25. A world famous sportsman was named in honour of a Kentucky abolitionist known as 'The Lion of White Hall'. What name did they share?

Cassius Marcellus Clay

26. Charles Bickford played the role of ranch owner Major Henry Terrill in the 1958 film *The Big Country*. In which 1960s TV series did he also play the role of a ranch owner?

The Virginian

27. Which premiership football player who has been capped for England has written a series of books for children featuring the footballing hero 'T.J.'?

Theo Walcott

28. Which British scientist first stated the Law of Elasticity, which bears his name, in 1660?

Robert Hooke

29. One of the best known works by which poet begins with lines '*Because I could not stop for death, He kindly stopped for me*'?

Emily Dickinson

30. Gaz Beadle, Holly Hagan and Vicky Pattison are all cast members of which reality TV show, first screened on MTV in 2011?

Geordie Shore

First Written Round

31. Richard Parker is one of the lead characters in which Oscar-winning film and book of the same name?

Life of Pi (*it's the name of the tiger*)

32. Victoria Cleland is the current holder of this post, established in 1694, and is the first woman to do so: which post?

Chief Cashier of the Bank of England [see note 5](#)

33. Winston Wolfe is played by Harvey Keitel in what?

Direct Line Insurance TV adverts [see note 6](#)

34. What is the eponymous name of the computer game character who first appeared in arcades in the early 1980s in which the objective was to change the colours of all the cubes in a pyramid by hopping on it? The character also had a cameo appearance in the Disney film *Wreck-It Ralph* and will also feature in the Adam Sandler film *Pixels* to be released this year?

Q*Bert (or Q-Bert)

35. British Speedway Champion in 1983, although he never won the World Championship, which former Belle Vue Aces rider (now their Chief Operations Officer) was awarded an MBE in 1992?

Chris Morton

36. At 6,608 feet, the Oostbaan is the shortest of the six, while at 12,467 feet the Polderbaan is the longest of the six – what are they?

Runways at Amsterdam Schiphol airport

37. What was granted in 1260 by the Earl of Chester to the townspeople of Stockport?

Permission to hold a market (every Friday)

38. What vegetable is known as a *cipolla* in Italian and a *cebolla* in Spanish?

Onion

39. What name is given to the female reproductive part of a flower, which contains the potential seeds?

Pistil [see note 7](#)

40. In a particular context, what links Rod Laver, Philippe Chatrier and Arthur Ashe?

They are the names of the Centre Court equivalent in the Australian, French and US tennis grand slam venues respectively

Second Verbal Round

41. Which popular long-running BBC programme is currently presented by Maggie Aderin-Pocock and Chris Lintott?

The Sky at Night

42. Caboc is a cheese from which country?

Scotland [see note 8](#)

43. The Battle of Camp Hill was an English Civil War battle which took place in which city?

Birmingham (also known as the Battle of Birmingham)

44. If The Hague is 5, Paris is 31 and Prague is 38, which much further away location is 41?

Jupiter (Mozart's symphonies)

45. In the world of popular music, which artist's birth name was Marshal Bruce Mathers III?

Eminem

46. On TV in the 1980s, what was the name of Roland Rat's girlfriend?

Glenis the Guinea Pig

47. Why were artist Paul Cummins and theatrical designer Tom Piper in the news during 2014?

They designed the ceramic poppy display at the Tower of London for the WWI centenary commemorations

48. What is the name of the current Fleet Flagship of the British Royal Navy?

HMS Bulwark

49. What name is given to a cocktail with the same ingredients as a Manhattan, except for the bourbon or rye whisky being replaced with Scotch whisky?

Rob Roy

50. Who did Elliott Spencer marry in January of this year?

Stephen Fry

51. Falchion, Mameluke, Talwar and Flamberge are all types of what?

Swords

52. Originally unveiled in Platt Fields in 1919, whose statue was moved to central Manchester in 1986 to become the focal point of a new public space on Brazennose Street?

Abraham Lincoln (moved to Lincoln Square)

53. By what name is/was Jean-Baptiste Poquelin better known?

Molière

54. Which car manufacturer holds the record for the most NASCAR Sprint Cup Series manufacturers' championships, winning its 38th in 2014?

Chevrolet

55. Often served at weddings, what is the name of the French dessert which consists of choux pastry balls piled into a cone and bound together with threads of caramel?

Croquembouche (or croque-en-bouche)

56. In which department store did the world's first in-store cinema open in September of last year?

Selfridges (London)

57. According to the Official Charts Company, what was the Official Biggest Song of 2014 – title and artist please?

Happy by Pharrell Williams

58. Which prolific author, most usually of fantasy and sci-fi, wrote the novels *Behold the Man*, *A Cure for Cancer*, *The Golden Barge* and *The Brothel in Rosenstrasse*?

Michael Moorcock

59. Union Square, at 25,000 square metres, is the largest underground station in the world: on which metro system is it located?

Dubai

60. Which form of humorous verse was invented by Edmund Bentley?

Clerihew

61. What is known as *The Ship of the Fens*?

Ely Cathedral

62. Which letter is the furthest to the right on the middle row of a standard QWERTY keyboard?

L

63. In Europe, which colour denotes the easiest ski slope for skiers?

Green see note 9

64. If James Wade is 'The Machine' and Kim Huybrechts is 'The Hurricane', what is Peter Wright?

Snakebite

65. In which Canadian city is McGill University situated?
Montreal
66. Which film of 1984 is generally seen as Johnny Depp's first major film role?
A Nightmare on Elm Street
67. *Antaeus* and *Égoïste* are fragrances for men produced by which fashion house?
Chanel
68. Wes Anderson was awarded the 2015 BAFTA for Best Original Screenplay for which film?
The Grand Budapest Hotel
69. After Hobart, which is the second most populous city in Tasmania?
Launceston
70. Who is the current European, Olympic and World dressage champion?
Charlotte Dujardin

Second Written Round

71. If Paul Sinha is 'The Sinnerman', who is Anne Hegerty?
'The Governess' (on TV's *The Chase*) **see note 10**
72. In the official Manchester edition of Monopoly, what square replaces the one that is Fenchurch Street Station on the standard board?
Manchester Airport
73. The 2014 electronic music album release entitled *Syro* is the first collection in 13 years by Cornishman Richard D. James under which pseudonym?
Aphex Twin
74. German model Stephanie Rahn became the first person to do what in November 1970?
Appear topless on page 3 of The Sun
75. What is the name of Arsenal football club's mascot?
Gunnersaurus Rex **see note 11**
76. Quodpot was invented in the 18th century by Abraham Peasegood and is mostly played in the USA and South America. What is its European equivalent?
Quidditch
77. The holiday resorts of Kalamaki, Tsilivi and Argasi are located on which island?
Zakynthos (or Zante)
78. Deneb is an immensely luminous supergiant and is the brightest star in which constellation?
Cygnus
79. What was the surname of the father and son who won the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1915?
Bragg (William Henry and Sir William Lawrence)
80. Why is the paradoxical frog so named?
The adult is only about a quarter of its former size as a tadpole (it's also known as the shrinking frog)

Spares

1. What very addictive game features Tiffi and Mr. Toffee?

Candy Crush Saga

2. Robert E. Howard created which literary sword and sorcery hero?

Conan

3. In the 1980s it was sponsored by Gillette, Mars and ADT; in the 1990s by ADT, Nutrasweet and Flora; in the 2000s by Flora and since 2010 by Virgin – what is it?

The London Marathon

4. Gout is caused by elevated levels of which acid in the blood?

Uric acid

5. A *galanthophile* is an enthusiastic collector of what?

Snowdrops

6. In terms of value, what is easily New Zealand's biggest export, accounting for 15% of total exports in 2013?

Concentrated (or Condensed) Milk

Notes

1. Although best known for car manuals, Haynes also publishes practical manuals on many other subjects, e.g. food and drink, home appliances, computers.
2. 'Anorak' appears to be an equally valid answer.
3. A third species—the lesser short-tailed bat—is also endemic to New Zealand.
4. Mazarin was also known as 'Mazarini' or 'Giulio Mazzarino' (his Italian birth name), both of which are equally acceptable answers.
5. Victoria Cleland is the **second** female Chief Cashier in the bank's history. The first was Merlyn Lowther, who held the post from 1999 to 2003.
6. Harvey Keitel also played Winston Wolfe in the 1994 film *Pulp Fiction*, which is an equally acceptable answer.
7. There are several, equally-correct answers to this question, including 'ovule' (which contains the seeds), 'ovary' (in which the ovule(s) is/are located), 'pistil' (of which the ovary is a part) and 'gynoecium' (which is made up of one or more pistils and is the collective term for the female part of a flower).
8. 'Great Britain' and 'United Kingdom' are equally acceptable answers.
9. In some European countries the easiest slopes are graded as blue.
10. Anne Hegerty's other nickname, 'Frosty Knickers', also appears to be an acceptable answer.
11. The mascot is usually referred to as just 'Gunnensaurus'.

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