

KNOCKOUT QUALIFYING MATCHES THURSDAY 29 JANUARY 2015

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First Verbal Round

1. The South African batsman AB de Villiers recently scored the fastest ever one-day international century against the West Indies. How many balls did it take him to reach three figures?
31
2. What is the name of the American writer of historical spy novels, mostly set before and during WW II, whose most recent works include *Spies of the Balkans*, *Mission to Paris* and *Midnight in Europe*?
Alan Furst
3. In 2009 which rock group interrupted *X Factor*'s string of Christmas number 1 hits?
Rage Against the Machine (with *Killing in the Name*)
4. Jeremy Jackson was recently thrown out of *Celebrity Big Brother*. Which American drama series of the 1990s did he appear in to obtain his so-called celebrity status?
Baywatch
5. Who has been cast as Thomas Cromwell for the TV adaptation of *Wolf Hall*?
Mark Rylance
6. Which song written by Ewan MacColl contains these lines in its chorus? '*I may be a wage slave on Monday, but I am a free man on Sunday*'.
The Manchester Rambler
7. Who is the reigning Ladies' Australian Open Tennis champion?
Li Na
8. What kind of meat is used in a traditional moussaka?
(Minced) **Lamb**
9. Whose album *The Colour of My Love* reached No 1 in the UK twenty years ago and stayed there for six weeks?
Celine Dion
10. Who is to play Captain Mainwaring in the forthcoming *Dad's Army* film?
Toby Jones
11. What is the botanical name for the Christmas Rose?
Helleborus niger
12. Who is Benedict Cumberbatch's mother?
Wanda Ventham
13. In which country would you find the estuary of the Limpopo river?
Mozambique
14. Michelangelo's huge statue of Moses, which is in the church *San Pietro in Vincoli*, was meant to be part of the funeral monument for which Pope?
Julius II
15. What were the last Olympic Games in which the USSR and East Germany competed?
Seoul 1988

16. Which motorway links Chester to Birkenhead?
M53
17. Who worked alongside Edward Lutyens to design the garden planting of post-World War I British war cemeteries?
Gertrude Jekyll
18. Roger Tilling is the well-known voice on which long-running TV show?
University Challenge
19. Which MP in 2009 repaid £2000 of expenses for cleaning the moat on his country estate? He chose not to stand for re-election.
Douglas Hogg (also accept 'Viscount Hailsham')
20. Which Roman author wrote *The Twelve Caesars*?
Suetonius **see note 1**
21. Charlton Heston and Ava Gardner starred in which 1980s disaster movie?
Earthquake **see note 2**
22. Whose law states that 'Equal volumes of all gases, at the same temperature and pressure, have the same number of molecules.'?
Avogadro
23. What is the subtitle of the Gilbert and Sullivan opera *Patience*?
Bunthorne's Bride
24. What is the nearest planet to the sun?
Mercury
25. What is the musical claim to fame of the Yorkshire village of Queensbury, near Bradford?
Home of Black Dyke (Mills) brass band (2014 British Open Champions, for a record 30th time)
26. The Holy Roman Emperor Charles V and the cyclist Bradley Wiggins were both born in which city?
Ghent (Belgium)
27. What in Irish folklore is a 'merrow'?
Mermaid **see politically correct note 3**
28. Which country's first tabloid, published from 1959, is called *Blick*?
Switzerland
29. Which perfume house makes the perfume *Cinnabar*?
Estée Lauder
30. How many litres are there in the wine bottle size *Reheboam*?
4.5 (six standard bottles of 75 cL)

First Written Round

31. Who wrote the music for the song *Where'er You Walk*?
Handel
32. One route of the March for Unity in Paris on Sunday Jan 11th was directly down which appropriately named boulevard, from Place de la Republique to Place de la Nation. What is it called?
Boulevard Voltaire

33. Who was the first Premier League footballer to receive 100 yellow cards?
Gareth Barry
34. A gift of sugar represents how many years of marriage?
Six
35. Jazz musician and band leader Tommy Dorsey was famous for playing which instrument?
Trombone
36. *Yeh, Yeh* was a No. 1 hit for two weeks 50 years ago this month. Who was it by?
Georgie Fame (& The Blue Flames)
37. Name the only Central American country to have a Pacific but not a Caribbean coast.
El Salvador
38. Which author writes the *Charlie Parker* series of crime fiction novels?
John Connolly **see note 4**
39. In classical mythology which twin brothers were collectively known as 'the Dioscuri'?
Castor and Pollux
40. The MP7 is a submachine gun made by which company?
Heckler & Koch

Second Verbal Round

41. Marlene Dietrich made a recording in German, the first line of which was '*Sag mir wo die Blumen sind*'. How does this translate into English?
Where have all the flowers gone **see note 5**
42. Which major sporting event was won by Australia on 7 June 2014?
The Epsom Derby (the winning horse was called Australia)
43. Which public institution has recently begun a fund-raising campaign called 'Save Our Sounds'?
The British Library
44. Apart from its main shop on Piccadilly, where else in London does Fortnum and Mason have an outlet?
St Pancras station
45. Who presented the recent Radio 4 programme *Can Democracy Work?*?
Nick Robinson
46. Apethorpe Hall is a Jacobean manor in which English county?
Northamptonshire
47. At which venue in England was Mendelssohn's oratorio *Elijah* first performed in 1846?
Birmingham Town Hall
48. Which well-known ex premiership player is manager of Burton Albion (as of 11 January 2015)?
Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink
49. A five-metre-high oak sculpture erected on Granby Row in central Manchester in 1992 commemorates which famous product, originally manufactured on the same site?
Vimto

50. The restaurant called *The Room*, on the Spring Gardens/King Street corner used to be a Gentleman's club. What was it called?

The Reform Club [see note 6](#)

51. For which side is Andrew Flintoff playing in this season's T20 Big Bash in Australia?

Brisbane Heat

52. Which European country has the largest Jewish population?

France

53. Which herb is used as the main seasoning in Béarnaise sauce?

Tarragon

54. What does an arctophile collect?

Teddy bears

55. Who will replace Judi Dench as 'M' in the forthcoming film *Spectre*?

Ralph Fiennes

56. Lazzaroni, Di Estasi and Luxardo are brands of which liqueur?

Amaretto

57. Name the only chemical element in the halogen group that is a liquid at room temperature.

Bromine

58. Which museum re-opened on 13 April 2013 after a €375 million, ten-year overhaul?

Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam

59. On today's date in 1979 Jimmy Carter commuted whose prison sentence for armed robbery?

Patty Hearst

60. Which name links a US President, a jazz funk pianist with a top 10 hit in 1980 and an English rugby club ground?

Franklin (Roosevelt/Pierce, Rodney and Gardens)

61. In *The Archers* who is renting a cottage from the vet's mother-in-law?

Carol (Tregorran)

62. Steven Gerrard is to leave Liverpool at the end of the season. Against which team did he make his debut in November 1998?

Blackburn Rovers

63. Which family of birds includes, among other species, Grey, Kentish and Little Ringed?

Plovers

64. Which public figure and author intends to move to Cyfronydd Hall in Powys in May?

William Hague

65. Characterised by coniferous forests, what is the world's largest terrestrial biome?

The Taiga or boreal forest

66. Give a year in the life of Dante Alighieri.

1265–1321

67. Who was driving the minibus which crashed in an episode of *Coronation Street* last week?

Steve MacDonald

68. Which British Expeditionary Force leader was made 1st Earl of Ypres?

John French

69. Which three-letter word can be a small drink, a girl's name and a position allocated to an angler in a fishing competition?

Peg

70. The major giant-killing of the 2015 FA Cup third round saw Premiership team QPR knocked out by which League 1 team?

Sheffield United

Second Written Round

71. If you transpose a piece of music up a tone from F major, what will be the new key signature?

One sharp

72. Which previously unclimbed rock face in Yosemite National Park was finally scaled on 14 January this year?

El Capitan or Dawn Wall

73. Which TV comedian intends to stand for the seat of South Thanet in the general election, thus standing against Nigel Farage?

Al Murray

74. Fiumicino airport serves which city?

Rome

75. Which member of the aristocracy has accused Kew Gardens of copying her idea for a tree-top walkway?

Duchess of Northumberland

76. The psychologist Tanya Byron has a weekly column in a daily newspaper. Which one?

The Times

77. Who will sing *Abide With Me* before the start of this year's FA Cup final?

Fans' Choir (one singer from each of the 64 clubs represented in the final stages)

78. Which surname links a Best Actor Oscar winner, the singer of the UK's top selling single of 1985 and the leading goal-scorer of a leading English Premiership club?

Rush (Geoffrey, Jennifer and Ian)

79. In July 2015 the first major UK exhibition of Yves Saint Laurent fashion will open at a Northern English museum, built on the lines of a French chateau. Which museum?

Bowes Museum (in Barnard Castle, County Durham)

80. Which rock group released a 1976 single *Livin' Thing*?

ELO (Electric Light Orchestra)

Spares

1. The opening match of the fourth round of the FA cup last weekend was played at The Abbey Stadium. Who were the away team?

Manchester United

2. Who did Debby Harry duet with on her 1990 single *Well, Did You Evah?*

Iggy Pop

3. Steven Mitchell is a current British novelist. Under what name are his books published?

Andy McNab

4. Who stars as Stephen Hawking in the recently-released biopic *The Theory of Everything*?

Eddie Redmayne

5. Who is the current holder of the Men's Australian Open Tennis title?

Stanislas Wawrinka

Notes

1. The author's full name, Gaius Suetonius Tranquillus, would appear to be an equally acceptable answer.

2. *Earthquake* was released in 1974.

3. 'Merman' is also an acceptable answer.

4. '[Connie Shelton](#)' is an equally acceptable answer.

5. The literal translation, '*Tell me where the flowers are*', would appear to be an acceptable answer.

6. The Room [closed in January 2015](#).

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