

LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 14 JANUARY 2016

QUESTIONS BY THE FINGERPOST

First Verbal Round

- Who was the British Foreign Secretary at the outbreak of World War I?
Sir Edward Grey
- In which city was the composer Ludwig van Beethoven born?
Bonn
- In the television drama series *Downton Abbey* which actor played the butler Charles Carson?
Jim Carter
- Name the battle at which the Gloucestershire Regiment acquired their alliterative accolade 'Glorious'.
Imjin River
- Which snooker player, a former world champion, is nicknamed 'the Jester'?
Mark Selby
- What kind of prehistoric creature was a Smilodon?
Cat (of the sabre-toothed kind)
- In the world of information technology for what do the initials 'VPN' stand?
Virtual Private Network
- Where in the body would you find the islets of Langerhans?
Pancreas
- Inaugurated in 1950, who was the first winner of the FIA Formula 1 Drivers' World Championship?
Giuseppe Farina
- In Greek mythology, which deity is the counterpart of the Roman god Bacchus?
Dionysus
- Who commanded the French army at the 1759 Battle of Quebec?
General Louis-Joseph Montcalm (also accept 'Marquis de Saint-Veran')
- Antananarivo is the capital city of which country?
Madagascar
- Cassiterite is an important ore of which metal?
Tin
- Though he never made an appearance, what was the name of the Buckets' son in the sitcom *Keeping Up Appearances*?
Sheridan
- Who painted *Napoleon Crossing the Alps*, a portrait of Napoleon seated on a semi-rearing horse that hangs in the Château de Malmaison?
Jacques-Louis David
- What is the English name for the vegetable that in Indian cuisine is called *bhindi*?
Okra (also accept 'ladies fingers')

17. At 2,039 feet High Willhays is the highest point in which English county?
Devon
18. As at 1 January 2016 who is the Chief Executive and Permanent Secretary of Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs?
(Dame) Lin Homer
19. In the Ealing comedy *The Titfield Thunderbolt*, which antique LMR locomotive was used to represent Thunderbolt?
Lion
20. In which Cornish town does the 'Obby 'Oss take place annually?
Padstow
21. Which cosmetics house produces the fragrance *Chemistry*?
Clinique
22. In June 2015 Carolyn Fairbairn was named as the first female to be appointed to which office?
Director General of the CBI
23. What is the name for the Japanese art of flower arranging?
Ikebana **see note 1**
24. Which literary figure had a cat named Hodge?
Samuel Johnson
25. Wines with the *Pomerol* appellation are from which wider wine-growing region of France?
Bordeaux
26. Which county cricket club plays home games at the St Helen's Cricket Ground?
Glamorgan
27. Who received an Oscar nomination for Best Supporting Actor for his role in the 2010 film *The King's Speech*?
Geoffrey Rush
28. What is a *berceuse*?
A lullaby (accept 'cradle song')
29. In the children's television series *Bob the Builder*, what is the name of Bob's cat?
Pilchard
30. As at 1 January 2016 who is the President of Greece?
Prokopis Pavlopoulos

First Written Round

There is a theme, of sorts: in each case supply the missing member that completes the quartet.

31. George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt.
Thomas Jefferson (Presidents featured on Mount Rushmore)
32. *Das Rheingold*, *Die Walküre*, *Götterdämmerung*.
Siegfried (operas of *Der Ring des Nibelungen*, a.k.a. *Wagner's Ring Cycle*)
33. Charlie Chaplin, Douglas Fairbanks, D. W. Griffiths.
Mary Pickford (founders of United Artists)

34. *The Day of the Scorpion, The Towers of Silence, A Division of the Spoils.*
The Jewel in the Crown (novels of *The Raj Quartet*)
35. Hugh de Morville, William de Tracy, Richard le Breton.
Reginald fitzUrse (murderers of Thomas Becket)
36. Levi Stubbs, Renaldo Benson, Lawrence Payton.
Abdul (or 'Duke') Fakir (original members of The Four Tops)
37. Leonardo, Donatello, Michelangelo.
Raphael (Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles)
38. Roy Jenkins, Shirley Williams, David Owen.
William Rodgers (Labour Party defectors who founded the SDP)
39. Edi Rainer, Willy Angerer, Toni Kurz.
Andreas Hinterstoisser (the climbing party killed in the 1936 attempt to conquer the Eiger north wall)
40. Blenheim, Oudenarde, Malplaquet.
Ramillies (Victories of John Churchill, Duke of Marlborough, in the War of the Spanish Succession)

Second Verbal Round

41. In Greek mythology, which deity is the counterpart of the Roman god Vulcan?
Hephaestus
42. What is a *barcarole*?
A gondolier's song (or a piece of music in that style)
43. Where in the body would you find a Bowman's capsule?
Kidneys
44. Siderite is an important ore of which metal?
Iron
45. Though she never made an appearance, what was the name of Captain Mainwaring's wife in the sitcom *Dad's Army*?
Elizabeth
46. Inaugurated in 1958, who was the first winner of the FIA Formula 1 Constructors' World Championship?
Vanwall
47. As at 1 January 2016 who is the Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration?
David Bolt
48. What is the name for the Japanese art of paper folding?
Origami
49. Which literary figure had a dog named Flush?
Elizabeth Barrett Browning
50. Wines with the *Hermitage* appellation are from which wider wine-growing region of France?
Rhône

51. In the *Harry Potter* series of films, which veteran GWR locomotive was used to pull the Hogwarts Express?
Olton Hall
52. Which cosmetics house produces the fragrance *Gentleman*?
Givenchy
53. Which county cricket club plays home games at the North Marine Road cricket ground?
Yorkshire (in Scarborough)
54. In the world of information technology for what do the initials 'PGP' stand?
Pretty Good Privacy
55. In June 2015 Louise Richardson was named as the first female to be appointed to which office?
Vice Chancellor of Oxford University
56. Who was the British Foreign Secretary at the outbreak of World War II?
Lord Halifax (also accept 'Edward Wood')
57. As at 1 January 2016 who is the President of Italy?
Sergio Mattarella
58. Who received an Oscar nomination for Best Supporting Actress for her role in the 2010 film *The King's Speech*?
Helena Bonham Carter
59. In which Cornish town does the *Furry Dance* take place annually?
Helston
60. In the television drama series *Downton Abbey* which actress played the housekeeper Elsie Hughes?
Phyllis Logan
61. What is the English name for the vegetable that in Indian cuisine is called *baigan*?
Aubergine (also accept 'egg plant')
62. Who painted *Napoleon I on his Imperial Throne*, a portrait of Napoleon draped with his coronation regalia, that hangs in the Hôtel des Invalides?
Jean-Auguste-Dominique Ingres
63. Name the battle at which the Lancashire Fusiliers famously won 'six VCs before breakfast'.
Cape Helles (accept 'W Beach Gallipoli Landings')
64. Who commanded the French fleet at the 1798 Battle of the Nile?
Vice-Admiral François-Paul Brueys d'Aigalliers **see note 2**
65. Paramaribo is the capital city of which country?
Suriname
66. In the children's television series *Postman Pat*, what is the name of Pat's cat?
Jess
67. What kind of prehistoric creature was a Megalodon?
Shark
68. Which snooker player, a former world champion, is nicknamed 'the Magician'?
Shaun Murphy

69. In which city was the composer Felix Mendelssohn born?

Hamburg

70. At 1,378 feet, Brown Willy is the highest point in which English county?

Cornwall

Second Written Round

71. Native to Britain, what kind of creature is a Daubenton's?

Bat

72. Which London born star of British music hall and variety was nicknamed 'The Prime Minister of Mirth'?

George Robey (also accept 'George Wade')

73. Identify 'the sea-green incorruptible'.

(Maximilien François Marie Isidore de) **Robespierre**

74. For what purpose might one employ an algorithm known as the *Sieve of Eratosthenes*?

Finding prime numbers

75. The 18th century cartographer John Spilsbury is credited with inventing what?

The jigsaw puzzle

76. In Jonathan Swift's *Gulliver's Travels*, who or what are the Houyhnhnms?

A race of intelligent horses

77. Noted for his images of the Crimean campaign, who is generally considered to be the first war photographer?

Roger Fenton

78. What was the name of Adolf Hitler's half-niece with whom he had an extremely close, some claim sexual, relationship?

Angela ('Geli') Raubal

79. Charles II was the last Spanish monarch of which ruling dynasty?

Habsburg

80. Commemorated in Liverpool's Anglican Cathedral, Noel Chavasse is one of only three men to have won what?

A bar to a Victoria Cross (i.e. he was awarded the VC twice)

Spares

1. The George Cross has twice been awarded collectively, rather than to an individual. The island of Malta is one of the recipients. Name the other.

The Royal Ulster Constabulary

2. What event in August 1941 has earned the German Josef Jakobs a place in history?

The last execution at the Tower of London

3. On which mountain, a classic stage of the Tour de France, is there a memorial to the British cyclist Tommy Simpson?

Mont Ventoux

4. For which newspaper did the author Arthur Ransom cover the Russian Revolution?

The Manchester Guardian ('The Guardian' is not acceptable)

5. Why was Andreas Lubitz in the news in March 2015?

He was the Germanwings pilot who deliberately crashed an Airbus A320 in the French Alps

6. Fanny Brawne was the fiancée of which literary figure?

John Keats

7. According to the RSPB, how many honey bees does it take to make one teaspoon of honey?

Twelve

Notes

1. 'Kado' is also an acceptable answer.

2. His formal title, Comte de Brueys, would appear to be an equally acceptable answer.

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