

LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER 2015

QUESTIONS BY THE HORSE & FARRIER

First Verbal Round

1. What scientific discovery is supposedly based on Galileo's observation of a chandelier in Pisa Cathedral?
The pendulum
2. What was the World War 2 C47 transport aircraft known as in the RAF?
The Dakota
3. Which historian is the author of the recently published book *SPQR: A History of Ancient Rome*?
Mary Beard
4. In what country was William Campbell, joint winner of the 2015 Nobel Prize in Medicine, born?
Ireland
5. In which Commonwealth country is the Western Ghats mountain range?
India
6. Which former Prime Minister died on a cruise across the Atlantic to Panama?
James Ramsay MacDonald
7. Which company produced the car that was used by Pope Francis on his recent visit to Washington DC?
Fiat (500L)
8. In which US battle did the engagement known as Pickett's Charge take place?
Gettysburg
9. The Greek letter phi (or sometimes tau) is used in mathematics to denote what ratio?
The golden ratio
10. Which 19th century British General was known colloquially as 'Chinese'?
Charles George Gordon
11. In a show of prowess between Saladin and Richard the Lionheart what material is Richard said to have cleaved with his sword?
Steel (also accept 'iron')
12. What is the basic mineral of a ruby?
Corundum (also accept 'alumina' or 'aluminium oxide')
13. Whose last novel is *Weir of Hermiston*?
Robert Louis Stevenson
14. Which poem begins with the line '*I met a traveller from an antique land*'?
Ozymandias (Shelley)
15. Who in the 17th century attempted to steal the English crown jewels from the Tower of London?
Colonel Thomas Blood
16. Who had the English crown jewels melted down?
Oliver Cromwell

17. Who, according to the poem, stole *The Green Eye of the Little Yellow God*?
Mad Carew
18. What is the last unfinished novel of Charles Dickens?
The Mystery of Edwin Drood
19. What is the basic mineral of an emerald?
Beryl
20. In the show of prowess between Saladin and Richard the Lionheart what material is Saladin said to have cut with his scimitar?
Silk
21. Which US General and President was known colloquially as *Old Hickory*?
Andrew Jackson
22. What is the value of the Golden Ratio to 2 decimal places?
1.62 (calculated as $(1+\sqrt{5})/2$)
23. The National Army Museum has recently published a list of the twenty battles it considers the greatest in British History. Only two of these took place on British soil; name either.
Culloden and Naseby
24. Although Pope Francis later gained a qualification in philosophy, in which subject did he gain his high school diploma?
Chemistry
25. How is Aeschylus, the ancient Greek poet, said to have died?
An eagle dropped a tortoise on his head
(supposedly mistaking his bald head for a rock; accept any eagle or tortoise-related answer)
26. In which Commonwealth country are the Laurentian Mountains?
Canada
27. In what country was Aziz Sancar, joint winner of the 2015 Nobel Prize in Chemistry, born?
Turkey
28. Who is the author of *Dictator*, the recently published final part of a trilogy on the life of Cicero?
Robert Harris
29. What was the World War 2 P-51 fighter-bomber aircraft known as in the RAF?
The Mustang
30. Who is credited with building the world's first reflecting telescope in 1668?
Isaac Newton

First Written Round – THERE IS A THEME

31. Of which heavy metal group, founded in 1991 in New Orleans, is Phil Anselmo the vocalist?
Down
32. What is the name (first name and surname) of the character played by Alan Halsall in *Coronation Street*?
Tyrone Dobbs

33. Who was appointed principal flautist of the Berlin Symphony Orchestra in 1969?
James Galway [see pedantic note 1](#)
34. What US healthcare centre was established, as St Marys Hospital, at the request of the Sisters of St Francis following a tornado in 1883?
The Mayo Clinic
35. What form of poetry can be described as being mainly in five-line, predominantly anapestic meter with a strict rhyme scheme of AABBA?
Limerick
36. For which constituency was Jeffrey Archer first elected to Parliament in a 1969 by-election?
Louth
37. Who was the losing Democratic Party candidate in the 2004 US presidential election?
John Kerry
38. Which impermeable material is mainly harvested from *Quercus suber*?
Cork
39. What college, founded in 1326, is the second oldest (after Peterhouse, 1284) in the University of Cambridge?
Clare College
40. Which England international footballer scored 23 goals for Coventry City in the 1997–1998 season?
Dion Dublin
- Theme is Irish counties**

Second Verbal Round

41. Who scored the winning goal in the FA Cup Final replay when Chelsea beat Leeds United 2-1?
David Webb
42. Albert Einstein was born in 1879 – in which German city?
Ulm
43. In which British town/city did The Jam play their farewell gig on 11 December 1982?
Brighton
44. Who promoted the theory of Uniformitarianism in his 1830s publication *The Principles of Geology*?
Charles Lyell
45. Which singer released the album *Back to Bedlam* in November 2003?
James Blunt
46. Which country did fly half Nathan Hiramama represent in the current Rugby World Cup?
Canada
47. At which NW of England racecourse do the winning connections receive a Sticky Toffee Pudding to take home?
Cartmel
48. *Olympéa* is the latest fragrance from which perfume company?
Paco Rabanne

49. Which TV chef is currently appearing on *Strictly Come Dancing*?
Ainsley Harriott
50. How many Premiership Football teams' grounds have been used in the current Rugby World Cup?
Four (Leicester City, Newcastle United, Aston Villa, Manchester City)
51. In what year did the Manchurian Crisis start?
1931
52. Who in 1922 saw 'wonderful things'?
Howard Carter (Tutankhamun's tomb)
53. The father of which famous brothers, born in the 1860s, ran a photographic firm in Besançon, France?
Lumière
54. What restaurant chain specialising in Portuguese-Mozambican food opened its first branch in Johannesburg in 1987?
Nando's
55. Which European country adopted an isolationist policy between 1944 and 1990, while under communist control?
Albania
56. Which Asian country adopted an isolationist policy called *Sakoku* from the 17th century until 1868?
Japan (although the policy was breached in 1853 with the arrival of the US Navy)
57. Which British restaurant chain with over 200 outlets, with a name meaning 'Price' in Italian, opened its first branch in London in 2000?
Prezzo
58. Which famous brothers were born into a family of French paper manufacturers in the 1740s?
Montgolfier
59. Which city in Turkey was excavated in the 1870s by Frank Calvert and Heinrich Schliemann?
Troy (also accept 'Hisarlik')
60. In which year did Italy invade Abyssinia?
1935 **see note 2**
61. How many English Football League teams' grounds have been used in the current Rugby World Cup?
Three (MK Dons, Brighton & Hove Albion, Leeds United)
62. Which TV weather presenter is currently appearing in *Strictly Come Dancing*?
Carol Kirkwood
63. *Decadence* is a new fragrance by which fashion house?
Marc Jacobs
64. In which Irish county is the Laytown/Bettystown course, where the horses race on the beach?
Meath
65. Which country did fly half AJ MacGinty represent in the current Rugby World Cup?
USA
66. Which singer released the album *White Ladder* in November 1998?
David Gray

67. Which German geophysicist first proposed the theory of Continental Drift?
Alfred Wegener **see note 3**
68. The Jam famously played their formative gigs in Michael's Club – in which Surrey town?
Woking
69. Albert Einstein died in 1955 – in which US state?
New Jersey (Princeton)
70. Who scored the winning goal in the 1971 FA Cup Final when Arsenal beat Liverpool 2-1?
Charlie George

Second Written Round

71. With which sportswear company does singer Rita Ora have a fashion line?
Adidas
72. Which fast food chain's recent product was found to turn faeces green?
Burger King (their Halloween Whopper)
73. Which fashion magazine was originally produced in 1892 as a weekly newspaper?
Vogue
74. Which English king's sole male heir died in the White Ship Disaster?
Henry I (his son William Adelin in 1120)
75. What is the standard domestic voltage used in Japan?
100 volts
76. In which country does the annual Elephant motorcycle rally take place?
Germany
77. Who founded the Gestapo?
Herman Goering
78. Which country is the largest producer of coffee in Africa?
Ethiopia
79. Which British actor, who died in 2014, was called 'a testicle on legs' by critic Pauline Kael?
Bob Hoskins
80. The notorious Burma Railway was constructed to link Burma with which of its neighbours?
Thailand

Spares

1. To within one year, what is the current orbital period of Comet 67P Churyumov– Gerasimenko?
6.45 years (accept 5.45 – 7.45)
2. Two European countries other than UK and Ireland use the UK square, 3-pin electrical plug; name either.
Cyprus and Malta
3. In which decade did American Gene Sarazen win each of golf's four major championships?
1930s

4. What is the name of the fictitious island used on ITV show *Take Me Out*?

Fernando's

5. Where can you watch rugby or league football at Rodney Parade?

Newport (Newport County and Gwent Dragons)

6. Which two countries were bound by the Treaty of Tordesillas in 1494?

Spain (accept Castile) and **Portugal**

7. What was the location of the first British Empire Games, subsequently known as the British Commonwealth Games?

Hamilton (Ontario, Canada)

8. What public post in the Manchester area is held by Ecologist, Malcolm Press?

Vice-chancellor of Manchester Metropolitan University

Notes

1. Galway was principal flautist with the Berlin **Philharmonic** Orchestra.
2. 1935 was the second time that Italy and Abyssinia went to war. The first war began with minor incursions in 1893 and a full-scale (unsuccessful) Italian invasion in 1895.
3. A rudimentary theory of Continental Drift was proposed by sixteenth century Flemish geographer Abraham Ortelius, more than 300 years before Wegener developed the idea.

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