

KNOCKOUT QUALIFYING MATCHES THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER 2015
QUESTIONS BY LITTLE JACK HORNER

First Verbal Round see note 1

1. On which river does Londonderry stand?
Foyle
2. As at 1 October 2015, who is the Shadow Education Secretary?
Lucy Powell
3. How many gold medals did Team GB win at this year's World Athletics Championship?
Four
4. Coming between eta and iota what is the eighth letter of the Greek alphabet?
Theta
5. Specifically what shape, architecturally speaking, is a lunette?
Half-moon (not 'moon-shaped')
6. To which part of the anatomy does the adjective *volar* refer?
The palm or the sole of the foot
7. Which African kingdom uses the loti as its currency?
Lesotho
8. From which club did Manchester United sign the world's most expensive teenager, Anthony Martial?
AS Monaco
9. Which city is home to Spanish La Liga club Real Betis?
Seville
10. On which island is the Japanese city of Sapporo?
Hokkaido
11. Who wrote the plays *Funny Money* and *Caught in the Net*?
Ray Cooney
12. In which city are the headquarters of Mercedes- Benz?
Stuttgart
13. Which fruit has varieties Durondeau, Gorham and Josephine de Malines?
Pear
14. Which part of the body were *greaves* designed to protect?
Shins (accept 'legs')
15. Which party did Viscount Melbourne represent?
Whig
16. In what year did Blériot make the first cross-channel aeroplane flight?
1909

17. In Greek mythology who was the brother of Agamemnon, married to Clytemnestra's half-sister?
Menelaus
18. Anglo-Egyptian forces defeated the Mahdist army in which decisive battle in 1898?
Battle of Omdurman
19. Which layer of the atmosphere is closest to the earth?
The troposphere
20. In which year did the following occur? U Thant was elected Acting Secretary General of UN; Dr Ramsey enthroned as Archbishop of Canterbury; Volcanic eruption on Tristan da Cunha.
1961
21. In which Dickens novel do the characters Walter Gay and Edith Granger appear?
Dombey & Son
22. Who won this year's women's US Open Tennis Championship?
Flavia Pennetta
23. With what would you associate Daler-Rowney, Winsor & Newton and Stockmar?
Artists' materials
24. What kind of animal is a *nilgai*?
An antelope
25. In which American state would you find the Mackinac Bridge?
Michigan
26. The Imperial (Bordeaux-shaped) and the Methuselah (Burgundy-shaped) wine bottles each contain the equivalent of how many standard wine bottles?
Eight
27. Who wrote *Faulcauld's Pendulum* and *The Name of the Rose*?
Umberto Eco [see note 2](#)
28. Who was this year's women's US Open Tennis Championship runner-up, after beating Serena Williams in the semi-final?
Roberta Vinci
29. In the human body circumvallate papilla, fungiform papilla and foliate papilla are commonly called what?
Taste Buds
30. In banking, what do the initials SEPA stand for?
Single Euro Payments Area

First Written Round – THERE IS A THEME

31. In which body of water would you find the highest tidal range in the world and the Old Sow whirlpool?
The Bay of Fundy
32. What is the common name for a variety of plant diseases caused by pathogenic fungi? Oats, beans, wheat, apple, pear, pine and many flowers including roses may be affected.
Rust

33. In terms of enemy aircraft shot down, which aircraft was the most successful allied biplane of the First World War?

Sopwith Camel

34. Which British bird, about the size of a pigeon, has the Latin name *Strix aluco*?

Tawny Owl

35. Which period in British history came after the Neolithic and before the Iron Age?

The Bronze Age

36. What was found by accident at Xian, China in 1974?

Terracotta Army

37. In which Italian city would you see the Palio horse race?

Sienna [see note 3](#)

38. Located in Swaledale, what is the name of Britain's highest pub?

The Tan Hill Inn

39. By what name was American actress Virginia Katherine McMath better known?

Ginger Rogers

40. Which long-distance trail runs from Frodsham to Whitchurch?

The Sandstone Trail

Theme: shades of brown

Second Verbal Round

41. In which city are the headquarters of Rolex?

Geneva

42. Which fruit has varieties Compact Stella, Governor Wood and May Duke?

Cherry

43. Which NASA mission of December 1972 remains the most recent manned moon landing?

Apollo 17

44. In Greek mythology who was the wife of Agamemnon?

Clytemnestra [see note 4](#)

45. In what year was the Panama Canal officially opened?

(15 August) **2014** [see note 5](#)

46. Who composed the music for the ballets *Rodeo* and *Billy the Kid*?

Aaron Copland

47. In which town is Timothy Taylor's brewery located?

Keighley

48. Ball, bead, staccato and ribbon are all types of what?

Lightning

49. In which Dickens novel do the characters Esther Summerson and Ada Clare appear?

Bleak House

50. In what sport might you see flicks, wood shots and underarm clears?

Badminton

51. An aircraft registered with the prefix VH is registered in which country?

Australia

52. The Bagua (meaning 'eight symbols') is a symbolic/diagrammatic system in which religion?

Taoism

53. Which constituency does new Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn represent?

Islington North

54. Give a year in the life of English scientist Michael Faraday?

1791 – 1867

55. In what sport did Swede Oscar Swahn become the oldest gold medallist at 64 years (in 1912) and the oldest medallist at 72 (silver in 1920)?

Shooting

56. In which country did Panama hats originate?

Ecuador

57. Which hugely popular Academy Award-winning actor was born on Christmas Day 1899?

Humphrey Bogart

58. Which rock veteran's latest solo album, released in September, is entitled *Rattle That Lock*?

Dave Gilmour

59. In which year did the following occur? Parliament voted for abolition of death penalty; the 50 pence piece was introduced; Golda Meir becomes Israel's Prime Minister.

1969

60. Which party did Viscount Palmerston represent?

Liberal [see note 6](#)

61. Which bird has the longest distance migration route?

Arctic Tern

62. Who wrote the plays *Rookery Nook* and *Dirty Work*?

Ben Travers

63. Which senior post in the Royal Households of the United Kingdom does Martin Rees hold?

Astronomer Royal

64. What is the capital of Tajikistan?

Dushanbe

65. How long would you have to be married to celebrate your oak anniversary?

80 years

66. Which British band, who have released albums called *A Certain Trigger* and *Too Much Information*, is named after a popular public meeting place in Havana?

Maximo Park [see note 7](#)

67. What is the name of the Volkswagen CEO who recently resigned after admission of the rigging of diesel emission test results?

Martin Winterkorn

68. In the 1954 Commonwealth Games what was the name of the British runner who arrived at the stadium 17 minutes ahead of his nearest rival, but collapsed yards from the finishing line and was unable to finish the race?

Jim Peters

69. As at 1 October 2015, who is the shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer?

John McDonnell

70. On which river does the city of Cork stand?

Lee see note 8

Second Written Round

71. Apart from Montenegrin, Montenegro has four official regional languages; name them.

Serbian, Bosniak, Albanian and Croatian

72. How is the complaint *urticaria* more commonly known?

Hives

73. What do the towns Stamford, Geddington and Waltham have in common?

They are all sites of the original Eleanor crosses

74. With what characteristic would you associate a person labelled with the Australian slang term *mollydooker*?

Left handedness

75. Who directed the 1982 cult sci-fi film *Blade Runner*?

Ridley Scott

76. In which book of the King James bible would we find the story of the Queen of Sheba?

Kings I

77. Name the female alter-ego featured in the life and vase artworks of English transvestite artist Grayson Perry?

Claire

78. Politically speaking, Joint List, Kulanu and Meretz are all types of what?

Israeli political parties

79. The O₂ mobile phone company was originally formed in 1985 as Cellnet, a joint venture between BT and which other company?

Securicor

80. In Formula One what is the normal duration of the Q3 qualifying session?

12 minutes

Spares

1. What is the smallest planet that is larger than any moon in our solar system?

Mars

2. To which country do the Moluccas or Maluku Islands belong?

Indonesia

3. In which city do American League baseball team the Blue Jays play their home games?
Toronto
4. What festive annual event was popularized by Ernest Hemmingway's novel *The Sun Also Rises*?
Pamplona Bull Run
5. Who is the king of Norway? Name and regal number required.
Harald V

Notes

1. Question setters are free to pair questions for knockout matches if they wish, but there is no requirement to do so. Pairing questions requires a significant effort, so why 'waste' them on a knockout match?
2. The correct title is *Foucault's Pendulum*
3. Although Siena's is by far the best known, it isn't the only Italian city to stage a *Palio* that involves horse racing. Cagliari, Parma and Asti are also correct answers, but obviously don't fit the theme.
4. A number of teams commented that the answer to this question was given away in the first half of the pair. Although at first glance/hearing it may *seem* that way, this is not the case. The only things 'given away' in the first question are that Agamemnon and Menelaus were brothers and that Menelaus was married to Clytemnestra's half-sister (Helen of Troy). The first question does **not** say that Agamemnon and Clytemnestra were married.
5. Presumably a typo or auto-correct problem. The canal opened in **1914**.
6. There is more than one correct answer to this question as Palmerston began his political career as a Tory, then joined the Whigs and finally became leader of the newly-formed Liberal party.
7. The band took their name from Maximo Gomez Park, which is a popular meeting place for Cuban ex-pats in Little Havana, a district of Miami.
8. 'The Curragheen River' (a tributary of the Lee) is also a correct answer.

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