LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 3 DECEMBER 2015 QUESTIONS BY THE RAILWAY FLIERS

First Verbal Round

1. What was the name of the South American country Belize prior to 1973?

British Honduras

2. From which club did Trevor Francis join Nottingham Forest in England's first £1 million transfer?

Birmingham City

The name of which disease is derived from the medieval Italian for 'bad air'?

Malaria

4. Which book of the bible tells the story of Samson and Delilah?

Judges

5. In the TV series Game of Thrones what character does Lena Headey play?

Cersei Lannister

6. In basketball which team won the 2015 NBA Championship?

Golden State Warriors

7. Which of Charles Dickens' novels is set in the time of the Gordon Riots (1780)?

Barnaby Rudge

8. Lichfield and which other English cathedral has three spires?

Truro

9. Who, as at 21 November 2015, is manager of the German men's football team?

Joachim Löw

10. If you ordered rognons in a French restaurant what would you get?

Kidneys

11. Which American city has neighbourhoods called Pacific Palisades, Laurel Canyon and Watts?

Los Angeles

12. In mathematics which Greek letter represents the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter?

Ρi

13. Who, as at 24 November 2015, is the oldest sitting MP in the House of Commons?

Gerald Kaufman

14. Which group released the albums Fifth Dimension, Younger Than Yesterday and Sweetheart of the Rodeo?

The Byrds

15. Which architect designed Gorton Monastery?

Edward Pugin

16. Who, as at 24 November 2015, is the youngest sitting MP in the House of Commons?

Mhairi Black

17. Which group released the albums Surrealistic Pillow, Crown of Creation and Volunteers?

Jefferson Airplane

18. Which architect designed Manchester Town Hall?

Alfred Waterhouse

19. In mathematics which Greek letter represents summation, the addition of a sequence of numbers?

Sigma

20. Which American city has neighbourhoods called Castro, Tenderloin and North Beach?

San Francisco

21. If you ordered fegato in an Italian restaurant what would you get?

Liver

22. Who, as at 21 November 2015, is the manager of the French men's football team?

Didier Deschamps

23. Which is the only English cathedral with an octagonal tower?

Ely Cathedral

24. Which of William Thackeray's novels has several chapters revolving around events at the Battle of Waterloo?

Vanity Fair

25. In baseball which team won the 2015 World Series?

Kansas City Royals

26. In the TV series Game of Thrones which character does Sophie Turner play?

Sansa Stark

27. Which book of the bible tells the story of David's seduction of Bathsheba?

2 Samuel

28. The name of which disease comes from the ancient Greek word meaning 'leather'?

Diphtheria

29. What was the name of the South Pacific country Vanuatu prior to 1980?

New Hebrides see note 1

30. To which club did Denis Law move from Manchester City in England's first £100,000 transfer?

Torino see note 1

First Written Round - THERE IS A THEME

31. Who is this? Born in 1882, he helped found the American Civil Liberties Union in 1920. He was a friend and adviser of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who appointed him to the Supreme Court in 1939. He served on the Supreme Court for 23 years and was a noted advocate of judicial restraint in the judgments of the Court. He died in 1965.

Felix Frankfurter

32. Officially in France it is called *La Marche de la Legion Étrangère* (*March of the Foreign Legion*); what is its more popular name?

Le Boudin

33. Who is generally regarded as the founder/inventor of the science of cybernetics?

Norbert Wiener

34. Collectively Emilio Estevez, Rob Lowe, Judd Nelson, Molly Ringwald, Ally Sheedy and Demi Moore (and some others) were known as what?

The Brat Pack

35. Which club was the losing finalist in the Heineken European Rugby Champions Cup in the 2003–4 season?

Toulouse

36. Which 1965 film based on a play by Ann Jellicoe, starred Rita Tushingham, Ray Brooks, Michael Crawford and Donal Donnelly?

The Knack (...and how to get it)

37. What feature of the Appalachian mountains did Lonnie Donegan sing about in 1957?

Cumberland Gap

38. What is the capital of the Italian region of Emilia-Romagna?

Bologna

39. Which American President had four sons named Robert, William, Edward and Tad?

Abraham Lincoln

40. Which song, written by Willie Nelson, was a US country No. 1 in 1961 for Faron Young?

Hello Walls

Theme is types of sausage:

Frankfurter, boudin, wiener, brat(wurst), saucisson de Toulouse, knack(wurst), Cumberland, Bologna, Lincoln and the inimitable Walls banger

Second Verbal Round

41. Which team won the last FA Cup Final to be played at the old Wembley Stadium in 2000?

Chelsea

42. Which American TV series, shown between 1981 and 1987, starred Daniel J. Travanti, Veronica Hamel, Joe Spano and Charles Haid?

Hill Street Blues

43. The band leader Harry James played which instrument?

Trumpet

44. Which Labour politician died on 3 October 2015 at the age of 98?

Dennis Healey

45. Who is the husband of the actress Sinéad Cusack?

Jeremy Irons

46. Which computer language created by Yukihiro Matsumoto shares its name with the killer of Lee Harvey Oswald?

Ruby

47. Which weather phenomenon is also the tile of a 1985 film starring Emilio Estevez, Rob Lowe and Demi Moore?

St. Elmo's fire

48. Which author created the detective Adam Dalgliesh?

P. D. James

49. The medical condition epistaxis affects which specific part of the body?

Nose (it's a nosebleed)

50. Which mythical creature has an eagle's head and wings, and a lion's body?

Griffin

51. The former Italian Prime minister Aldo Moro was kidnapped and killed in 1978 by which terrorist group?

The Red Brigades (Brigate Rosse)

52. The Jagiellonian University founded in 1364 is the oldest university in which country?

Poland

53. Pierre is the capital of which US state?

South Dakota

54. Young's beers, originally brewed at Wandsworth in London, are now brewed by which brewing company?

Charles Wells

55. What is the oldest university in Germany, founded in 1386?

Heidelberg

56. Patty Hearst, the granddaughter of the media mogul William Randolph Hearst was kidnapped by which leftwing terrorist group?

Symbionese Liberation Army

57. Morland beers, originally brewed in Abingdon, are now brewed by which company?

Greene King

58. Frankfort is the capital of which US state?

Kentucky

59. Which mythical creature has a lion's head, a goat's body and a serpent's tail?

Chimera

60. The French liqueur Kir is made from which fruit?

Blackcurrant see note 2

61. Which computer language created by Niklaus Wirth shares its name with a French philosopher and mathematician?

Pascal

62. The medical condition blepharitis affects which specific part of the body?

Eyelids

63. Which author created the detective Reg Wexford?

Ruth Rendell

64. Which celestial phenomenon is also the title of a 1995 book by Philip Pullman?

Northern Lights

65. The German liqueur Kirsch is made from which fruit?

Cherry

66. Who is the husband of the actress Prunella Scales?

Timothy West

67. Which Conservative politician died on 9 October 2015 at the age of 88?

Sir Geoffrey Howe

68. The band leader Glenn Miller played which instrument?

Trombone

69. Which American TV series, shown between 1978 and 1982, starred Judd Hirsch, Andy Kaufman, Danny DeVito and Marilu Henner?

Taxi

70. Which team won the last FA Cup Final to be played at the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff in 2006?

Liverpool

Second Written Round

71. Which British city's motto is Virtute et Industria?

Bristol

72. Who replaced Margaret Hodge as chair of the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee?

Meg Hillier

73. Whose latest book is The Road to Little Dribbling?

Bill Bryson

74. What was the currency unit of Slovenia prior to its adoption of the euro in 2007?

Tolar

75. What name is missing from this bunch of luminaries? Professor Sir Lawrence Freedman, Sir Martin Gilbert, Sir Roderic Lyne, Baroness Usha Prashar of Runnymede...

Sir John Chilcot (members of the Iraq Inquiry committee)

76. In what town does the cartoon character Desperate Dan live?

Cactusville

77. The church in Peak Forest, Derbyshire is dedicated to which English 'martyr'?

King Charles I

78. What name links Richard John Bingham, the Roman poet who wrote the *Pharsalia* and Old Mother Riley?

Lucan (Lord Lucan; Marcus Annaeus Lucanus, aka Lucan; Arthur Lucan)

79. Which children's author wrote the screenplay for the 1967 Bond movie You Only Live Twice?

Roald Dahl

80. Which river flows past Balmoral Castle?

River Dee

Spares

1. What was Mohammed Reza Pahlavi better known as?

Shah of Persia (or Iran)

2. Which character was played by Jimmy Jewell in the comedy series *Nearest and Dearest?*

Eli Pledge

3. Alexander the Great airport serves which capital city?

Skopje

4. Who composed the soundtrack music for the films Jaws and Star Wars?

John Williams

5. Who, as at 24 November 2015, is the head coach of the French men's rugby union team?

Guy Novès

6. What were the home colours of the comic strip football team Melchester Rovers?

Red and yellow

Notes

- 1. **All** question setters are reminded to double check that the pairing of questions is correct; in this case it wasn't.
- 2. Rather than a liqueur, Kir is a cocktail. It is made by mixing white wine and crème de cassis (which **is** a blackcurrant liqueur).

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