

KNOCKOUT QUALIFYING MATCHES THURSDAY 7 JANUARY 2016

QUESTIONS BY SMART ITALICS

First Verbal Round

- Which King was the father of Prince Henry Frederick, his eldest-born son who died at the age of 18, probably from typhoid?
James I (James VI of Scotland)
- Which English poet spent ten years of his life in the Patents Office in London before becoming a professor of Latin at University College London?
A. E. Housman
- Who composed the music for the musical *Annie*?
Charles Strouse
- Sometimes proposed as anti-bacterial agents with potential medical use, what is the general name for viruses that infect bacteria?
Bacteriophages (also accept 'phages')
- In Mesozoic times two supercontinents split off from the landmass Pangaea. One was Gondwana; name the other, which incorporated the future North America, Europe and Asia.
Laurasia
- About which branch of pure mathematics is it jocularly said that the exponents can't tell their doughnuts from their coffee cups?
Topology
- Which imperialist and businessman said that to be born an Englishman was to have drawn "*first prize in the lottery of life*"?
Cecil Rhodes
- What is the name for Scotland in Scottish Gaelic?
Alba
- Who wrote the 1948 play *The Lady's Not for Burning*?
Christopher Fry
- The Starwood hotel chain, owner of Sheraton hotels, was taken over by which hotel group in November 2015 to form the biggest hotel group in the world?
Marriott hotels [see pedantic note 1](#)
- The shoe company Bata was founded in which modern day country?
Czech Republic
- In which seaside town was John Cleese born?
Weston-super-Mare
- In which cathedral was Benjamin Britten's *War Requiem* first performed?
Coventry
- Which comedienne, who died in 2015, was known as the 'Sock it to me girl' after her catch-phrase in a popular comedy programme of 1968–1970?
Judy Carne

15. 'The past is a foreign country: they do things differently there' is the first line of which novel?
The Go-Between (by L.P. Hartley)
16. The theme tune for which radio show was *Somebody Stole My Gal*?
The Billy Cotton Band Show
17. Which 19th century novel is set in St. Ogg's?
The Mill on the Floss
18. Ashgabat (formerly Ashkhabad) is the capital of which country?
Turkmenistan
19. 'I thought the king had more affected the Duke of Albany than Cornwall' is the opening line from which Shakespeare play?
King Lear
20. Who is the patron saint of Germany?
St. Boniface **see note 2**
21. Wanderers won the first FA Cup Final in 1872. Who did they beat in the final?
Royal Engineers
22. Formerly known as Charing Cross by what name is this underground station currently known?
Embankment
23. In 1865, which chemist correctly determined the ring structure of the benzene molecule, later saying the idea came to him in a dream in which a snake took its own tail into its mouth?
August Kekulé
24. In which US city is Cornell University located?
Ithaca (in New York state)
25. Which company's 2015 Christmas advertising campaign features a man on the moon receiving a telescope as a present?
John Lewis
26. Which author of the ancient world wrote the *Georgics* and the *Eclogues*?
Virgil
27. If you knit a row, purl a row the pattern is called stocking stitch. What is the popular name for the pattern created if you knit one stitch, purl one stitch?
Rib
28. In which 1982 cult sci-fi film are Roy Batty, Zhora and Pris hunted by Rick Deckard?
Blade Runner
29. Which actress from the original pilot and first 1966 series of *Star Trek* went on to marry Gene Roddenberry, the series creator?
Majel Barrett
30. Which objects can be classified on a scale which ranges from 'flawless' to 'included'?
Diamonds/Gemstones

First Written Round – THERE IS A THEME

31. Which animated TV series of the 1980s is set in Eternia, whose Prince Adam is transformed when he holds aloft his magic sword and says “*By the power of Grayskull...I have the power!*”?

He-Man and the Masters of the Universe

32. What is the name of the purpose-built holiday resort in Tenerife, stretching west from Los Cristianos, that was built in the 1960s? Its beaches are man-made with imported sand from Africa due to the darkness of the native volcanic sand.

Playa de las Américas

33. What is the name of the wooden roller coaster at Blackpool Pleasure Beach that is one of only three surviving racing Möbius Loop roller coasters in the world?

Grand National

34. What is the title of Paul Weller’s third solo album that took its name from the thoroughfare in Woking where he grew up and whose cover collage was created by Peter Blake?

Stanley Road

35. Her birth name was Anne Frances Robbins, but by what name was she known as an actress before becoming the second wife of the future 40th President of the USA?

Nancy Davis (married to Ronald Reagan)

36. Only two golfers have won the US Open two years in a row since 1950. Ben Hogan won in 1950 and 1951. Who won it in 1988 and 1989 and went on to be captain in the 2002 Ryder Cup?

Curtis Strange

37. This person was married to Lady Ponsonby, who published the 1816 novel *Glenarvon* which portrayed the marriage and her affair with a famous writer, thus causing embarrassment to her husband. Under what title did he subsequently become Prime Minister?

Viscount/Lord Melbourne (married to Caroline Lamb, who had an affair with Byron).

38. Which No. 1 UK hit features the lyric: “*I’m stuck with a valuable friend. I’m happy. Hope you’re happy, too.*”

Ashes to Ashes (David Bowie)

39. This city stands on the east bank of the Hooghly river. Its metropolitan area is the third most populous in the country. It is notorious for a dungeon located in Fort William. By what name was it known until 2001?

Calcutta

40. Which football team won the FA Amateur Cup in 1963 while in the Isthmian League and subsequently won the FA Cup as a First Division side, making them one of only three clubs to have won both the FA Cup and its amateur counterpart?

Wimbledon **see note 3**

Theme: sporting trophies or events

Second Verbal Round

41. Which supermarket chain’s clothing range is called *Tu*?

Sainsbury’s

42. Which battle of the ancient world was fought at a place which means ‘*the hot gates*’ when translated into English?

Thermopylae

43. What is the name of the brand of whisky launched by David Beckham?

Haig Club see note 4

44. Which celebrity chef was a protégé of Gordon Ramsey, earning his first Michelin star at the age of 25? They were joint-owners of the restaurant Petrus, before splitting acrimoniously in 2008.

Marcus Wareing

45. For which fruit, which gives it its nickname, is the US state of Georgia famous?

Peach

46. Also the title of a famous literary work, who were Mrs Page and Mrs Ford?

The Merry Wives of Windsor

47. What is the home of a hare called?

Form

48. What is the only English language single word anagram of the word *crouton*?

Contour

49. Which mountain range is situated in Eastern France, principally in the regions of Alsace and Lorraine?

The Vosges

50. Feet of a *palmiped* have what particular feature?

They are webbed

51. UNHCR is the United Nations' High Commission for what?

Refugees

52. How old is a horse when it changes from a filly to a mare?

Four years

53. What is the name given to a locked case in which decanters can be seen but not used?

Tantalus

54. Which actor played Spock in the film *Star Trek Into Darkness*?

Zachary Quinto

55. What was the name of Hagrid's three-headed dog in *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*?

Fluffy

56. What is the Italian name for the pasta shaped like butterflies or bow-ties?

Farfalle

57. Which actor voices the characters of Moe, Chief Wiggum and Dr Nick Riviera in *The Simpsons*?

Hank Azaria

58. How many Ballon d'Or Awards has Lionel Messi won?

Four see note 5

59. Which perfumier produces the fragrances *Dune* and *Sauvage*?

Dior

60. The fictional characters Blanche, Dorothy, Rose and Sophia were collectively known as whom?

The Golden Girls

61. Name four of the Egyptian symbols which denote the categories in the quiz show *Only Connect*.

Four from: **Horned Viper; Eye of Horus; Twisted flax; Two reeds; Lion; Water**

62. Kate Malone and Keith Brymer Jones are the two presenters of which recent BBC2 programme?

The Great Pottery Throw-Down see pedantic note 6

63. In numismatics, a pair of terms is used to refer to the two sides of a coin. The 'bottom' side is termed the 'reverse' side; what term indicates the 'top' side?

Obverse

64. The Asian tree sometimes known as *Nux vomica* is a source of which highly toxic compound, used in alternative medicine and as a vertebrate pesticide?

Strychnine

65. Which 16th century Flemish cartographer created and gave his name to a type of map projection that is still used for nautical maps today?

Gerardus Mercator

66. Which German philosopher from the first half of the 19th century authored the book *The World as Will and Representation* and for 20 years paid regular damages to a woman whom he was found guilty of angrily pushing over?

Arthur Schopenhauer

67. Which children's TV series of the 1980s featured Farmer Giles, Constance Bulldog and Rum Baa Baa as enemies of the main character?

Henry's Cat

68. Which band's albums have included *Lungs* (2009), *Ceremonials* (2011) and *How Big, How Blue, How Beautiful* (2015)?

Florence and the Machine

69. Which composer's lesser-known works include *The Rock*, *The Isle of the Dead*, and a choral symphony called *The Bells*?

Sergei Rachmaninoff

70. Which 1994 film directed by James Cameron featured Arnold Schwarzenegger and Jamie Lee Curtis in the starring roles?

True Lies

Second Written Round

71. Used in computing, the hexadecimal number system has 16 as its number base and therefore utilises the letters A to F as well as the usual digits 0 to 9. What is the decimal value of the hexadecimal number FFF?

4095

(F represents decimal 15, so FFF represents decimal $[15 \times 16^2] + [15 \times 16^1] + [15 \times 16^0] = 4095$)

72. In astronomy, what term is used to indicate that three celestial bodies, especially the Sun, the Moon, and the Earth, have become positioned in a straight line?

Syzygy

73. The so-called 'War of Currents' in the USA in the late 19th century featured two competing power-transmission systems vying for adoption. Ultimately Edison's direct current system lost out to Westinghouse's alternating current system, which relied heavily for its success on the patents of which Serbian engineer?

Nikola Tesla

74. What is the capital of the French region of Midi-Pyrénées?

Toulouse see note 7

75. Name two of the three rivers which join at Passau on the Austrian-German border?
Two from: **the Danube, the Ilz and the Inn**
76. 'Did Mary Ever Visit Brighton Beach' is a mnemonic for what?
The order of (British) nobility (Duke, Marquess, Earl, Viscount, Baron, Baronet)
77. How did Nadiya Hussain achieve fame in October 2015?
She won *The Great British Bake-off*
78. What was the nickname of the Japanese rugby union team, who played so well in the 2015 World Cup?
The Brave Blossoms see note 8
79. In the *Back to the Future* trilogy, what is the name of the fictional town where the action is set?
Hill Valley
80. What nationality is the composer Arvo Pärt?
Estonian

Spares

- Who is the former political editor of the BBC who in 2015 took over from James Naughtie as a presenter on the Radio 4 programme *Today*?
Nick Robinson
- What was the name of the flagship of the taskforce sent by Britain to reclaim the Falklands in 1982?
HMS Hermes
- You would use round, star and leaf nozzles to do what?
Ice a cake
- In which North Yorkshire town is Newcastle Brown ale currently brewed?
Tadcaster
- In computing what 'R' is a part of Windows which stores information about all hardware and software installed on a PC?
Registry

Notes

- Although the merger was announced in late 2015 it isn't expected to be completed until mid-2016.
- Whilst undoubtedly the most well-known, Boniface is only one of umpteen patron saints of Germany. Others include Adalbert of Magdeburg, Ansgar, Archangel Michael, Bruno of Cologne, Daria, George, Kilian of Würzburg, Maurice, Our Lady of Altotting, Our Lady of Kevelaer, Peter Canisius and Suitbertus/Swithbert.
- Only two teams have won both the FA Cup and the FA Amateur Cup: Wimbledon and Old Carthusians.
- To clarify, David Beckham hasn't opened his own distillery. He endorses and appears in adverts for Haig Club whisky which, as its name would suggest, is produced by Haig.
- Although correct at the time of writing, Messi has since (11 Jan 2016) won his fifth Ballon d'Or award.
- Malone and Brymer Jones were the programme's expert judges. It was presented by Sara Cox.
- The French region of Midi-Pyrénées ceased to exist on 1 January 2016 and is now part of the snappily-named Languedoc-Roussillon-Midi-Pyrénées. Toulouse remains the capital (prefecture).

8. *Brave Blossoms* appears to be a recently-acquired nickname for the team. They are more commonly referred to by their 'traditional' nickname: *Cherry Blossoms*.

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