

# KNOCKOUT QUALIFYING MATCHES THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2015

## QUESTIONS BY THE STAR

### First Verbal Round [see note 1](#)

1. From what fruit should the cocktail ingredient grenadine be made?  
**Pomegranate**
2. Who provided the speaking voice for Tex Tucker, hero of Gerry Anderson's *Four Feather Falls*?  
**Nicholas Parsons**
3. Who is the female lead vocalist with The Cranberries?  
**Dolores O'Riordan**
4. In October 2015 why was Dido Harding in the news?  
**Chief Executive of TalkTalk, which suffered a data breach**
5. Who succeeded the Duke of Wellington as Prime Minister in 1830?  
**Earl Grey**
6. If you were 'dumping the laundry', in which sport would you be participating?  
**Drag Racing**
7. Which butterfly, the largest native to the UK, is to be seen in East Norfolk?  
**Swallowtail** (or *Papilio machaon britannicus*)
8. What is the denomination of the US banknote that features a portrait of President Grant?  
**\$50**
9. If you had 'YYZ' on your luggage tag, to which Canadian city would you be flying?  
**Toronto**
10. *Absolute Pandemonium* is the recently-published autobiography of which actor?  
**Brian Blessed**
11. At which venue will the Manchester Beer & Cider Festival be held in January 2016?  
**Manchester Central (Convention Centre)** (not 'GMEX' – it was renamed in 2007)
12. From her last birthday on 21 April, how old is Queen Elizabeth II?  
**89**
13. What was the name of the short-lived mid-70s sequel to ITV's *On The Buses*?  
**Don't Drink The Water**
14. What was the name given to the UK's first officially named storm, earlier this month?  
**Abigail**
15. On a fabric washing label, what symbol is used to indicate that tumble-drying is permitted?  
**A circle within a square**
16. Who is the Labour Shadow Minister for Young People and Voter Registration?  
**Gloria de Piero**

17. Of which early 20th century novel is this the first line: '*Buck did not read the newspapers, or he would have known that trouble was brewing*'?

***The Call of the Wild***

18. In what year was the first J D Wetherspoons pub opened?

**1989** (also accept '1990', as the pub was not initially branded as Wetherspoons) **see note 2**

19. In early November, Michelle Payne became the first woman to do what?

**Win the Melbourne Cup**

20. Give a year in the life of El Cid.

**1043–1099**

21. Name either of the two cities which will be European capital of culture for 2016.

**Wroclaw or San Sebastián**

22. Which two countries contested the first international cricket match?

**USA and Canada (1844)**

23. Which group, recently re-formed, will perform their *Alone in the Universe* tour in April next year?

(Jeff Lynne's) **ELO**

24. Who was awarded the 2015 Nobel Prize for Economic Sciences?

**Angus Deaton**

25. The Noel Coward play *Still Life* was the basis for which classic film?

***Brief Encounter***

26. How is the city of Swansea known in Welsh?

**Abertawe**

27. Which American heavyweight boxer, who died in 2013, was nicknamed 'The Truth'?

**Carl Williams**

28. After the preliminary rounds, how many non-league clubs enter the first round proper of the FA Cup?

**32**

29. In Greek mythology, Cadmus was the founder and first king of which city?

**Thebes**

30. What is the capital of Liechtenstein?

**Vaduz**

### **First Written Round – THERE IS A THEME**

31. Which author and broadcaster created Radio 4's *Bookshelf*, presented BBC TV's *Omnibus* and writes *Re:Joyce*, a weekly podcast on James Joyce's *Ulysses*?

**Frank Delaney**

32. What is the name of Manchester's Premier League ice hockey team?

**Manchester Phoenix**

33. Which *Carry On* actor shared his name with an early silent-film actor and theatre manager?

**Charles Hawtrey**

34. Who served as Vice President during F. D. Roosevelt's final term in office?  
**Harry S. Truman**
35. Which tax, a duty levied on the legal recognition of certain documents, was introduced in England in 1694, initially for a period of 4 years?  
**Stamp Duty**
36. Spoken by Macbeth, what five-word phrase follows the words 'It is a tale told by an idiot...'?  
**...full of sound and fury**
37. Who wrote the screenplays of *Shadowlands*, *Les Misérables*, and *Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom*?  
**William Nicholson**
38. Which famous figure was alleged to be reading *A Scientific Search for the Face of Jesus* at their time of death?  
**Elvis Presley**
39. Which river rises in Macclesfield Forest, passes through Ingersley Vale and the grounds of Adlington Hall, and joins the River Bollin near Wilmslow?  
**River Dean**
40. Who appeared as the fairy godmother in the video for Adam Ant's *Prince Charming*?  
**Diana Dors**
- Theme: each answer references a person in the cover artwork of a record by The Smiths**  
(Shelagh Delaney, Pat Phoenix, Charles Hawtrey, Truman Capote, Terence Stamp, Billy Fury, Viv Nicholson, Elvis Presley, James Dean, Diana Dors)

## Second Verbal Round

41. Which city will host the Eurovision song contest in 2016?  
**Stockholm**
42. In the England cricket team's recent Test match series against Pakistan, who captained the Pakistan team?  
**Misbah-ul-Haq**
43. In the stories by P.G. Wodehouse, Bertie Wooster was a member of which club?  
**The Drones**
44. Who is the oldest of the Grand Prix drivers competing in F1 this season?  
**Kimi Räikkönen (age 36)**
45. Who composed the *Warsaw Concerto*?  
**Richard Addinsell**
46. Mount Toubkal is the highest point in which mountain range?  
**Atlas Mountains**
47. Two different footballers, one playing for Tottenham Hotspur and the other for Fulham, have the same first and last names (with a slight spelling difference). What is the name?  
**Moussa Dembélé (Spurs) and Moussa Dembélé (Fulham)**
48. Which organization was founded by the anti-crime activist Curtis Sliwa in New York In 1979?  
**Guardian Angels**
49. 'Oh what a tangled web we weave when first we practice to deceive' is a line from a work by which author?  
**Walter Scott (Marmion)**

50. What was the title of The Troggs' only UK number one single?  
***With a Girl Like You***
51. Which classic film of 1939 concerned an eventful journey from Tonto to Lordsburg?  
***Stagecoach***
52. Where in the human body are the meibomian glands?  
**The eyelids** see note 3
53. Alphabetically, which Shakespeare play follows *Timon of Athens*?  
***Titus Andronicus***
54. Which motor manufacturer's current advertising campaign uses the slogan 'Intelligent Motion'?  
**Mitsubishi**
55. Blanche of Lancaster, Constance of Castille, and Katherine Swynford were the three wives of which historical figure?  
**John of Gaunt**
56. Who wrote the poem *The Green Eye of the Yellow God*?  
**J. Milton Hayes**
57. In the TV series *Emmerdale* which actress plays the character Diane Sugden?  
**Elizabeth Estensen**
58. *Keeving* is a method sometimes used in the making of which alcoholic drink?  
**Cider**
59. The half-crown ceased to be legal tender, Germaine Greer's *The Female Eunuch* was published and the first Glastonbury Festival was held. What was the year?  
**1970**
60. On which battlefield would you find Cemetery Ridge, the Peach Orchard, and Little Round Top?  
**Gettysburg**
61. The atmosphere of Mars consists mostly (~95%) of which gas?  
**Carbon dioxide**
62. In which English city are the Magpie and Castle Rock Breweries located?  
**Nottingham**
63. On an heraldic shield, what is a *fess*?  
**A horizontal band across the middle of the shield**
64. Which national team did the Belgians beat in the semi-finals to reach this weekend's Davis Cup final?  
**Argentina**
65. Which TV detective series is based on the books by Elizabeth George?  
***The Inspector Lynley Mysteries***
66. Which European country's Parliament is known as the *Vouli*?  
**Greece**
67. In which year did the first iPod go on sale?  
**2001**

68. In the first of what became known as the *Tom and Jerry* cartoons (*Puss Gets the Boot*), the cat was not called Tom. What was his name?

**Jasper**

69. On Talksport radio, what is the subject of the shows presented by Nigel Botherway?

**Fishing**

70. "OK, run me up the hill, son" is the last line of the 1962 film *The Longest Day*. Which actor speaks these words?

**Robert Mitchum**

## Second Written Round

71. The Nobel Peace Prize this year was awarded to which organisation, formed in 2013?

**(Tunisian) National Dialogue Quartet**

72. The Malpas tunnel, said to be the first navigable canal tunnel, can be found on which canal?

**The Canal du Midi**

73. Which two people wrote *The Loco-Motion*, a hit for Little Eva?

**Gerry Goffin and Carole King**

74. The Belém Palace is the official residence of which European country's head-of-state?

**Portugal**

75. The South Island of New Zealand straddles the boundary between two of the major tectonic plates. Name either.

**Pacific or Indo-Australian** [see note 4](#)

76. In the Bible, who was the fourth son of David and elder half-brother of Solomon? He expected to succeed David, but did not.

**Adonijah**

77. What type of creature is a *tragopan*?

**A bird**

78. Which opera, first performed in 1816, concerns the courtship and marriage of Count Almaviva and Rosina?

***The Barber of Seville***

79. In cricket, what is the distance between the popping crease and the bowling crease?

**4 feet or 1.22 metres**

80. Which river flows through the Irish city of Galway?

**River Corrib**

## Spares

1. In *The Archers*, which play was Lynda Snell's Christmas production in 2014? It was broadcast as the afternoon drama on Radio 4 on Boxing Day.

***Blithe Spirit***

2. Which layer of the atmosphere lies immediately above the troposphere?

**Stratosphere**

3. When did the Bank of England Base Rate last change?  
**March 2009**
4. Where in Germany is the headquarters of Volkswagen?  
**Wolfsburg**
5. Which staple food has the Latin name *Oryza sativa*?  
**(Asian) Rice**
6. Which was the first Thomas Harris novel to feature Hannibal Lecter?  
**Red Dragon**

## Notes

1. **All** question setters are reminded of the question-setting guidelines:  
*Don't make the questions too hard. This is the Stockport Quiz League, not University Challenge, and is meant to be a fun night out! As a general rule-of-thumb all teams should be able to answer at least half the questions correctly, so aggregate scores should not be lower than 80.*
2. The [first Wetherspoons pub](#) was opened in 1979, not 1989. It was branded as 'Wetherspoons' in 1980.
3. Is 'the eye' an acceptable answer? Discuss...
4. The Indo-Australian plate is now considered to be two separate plates (the Indian and Australian), so 'Australian plate' is an acceptable answer.

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