

KNOCKOUT QUALIFYING MATCHES THURSDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2017

QUESTIONS BY THE FINGERPOST

First Verbal Round

- The ruins of the ancient city of Persepolis are in which present day country?
Iran
- Christ Preaching at Cookham Regatta* is an unfinished work by which controversial British artist who died in 1959?
Stanley Spencer
- Devil's Island, the site of the former French penal colony, is in which overseas department of France?
(French) Guiana
- Jennifer Metcalfe and Tom Hiddleston were the 2016 winners of which award, presented annually to the man and woman who receive the most nominations in a secret on-line ballot?
Rear of the Year
- According to the *Second Book of Kings*, how was Jezebel, the widow of Ahab, killed?
By defenestration (she was thrown from a window)
- What is the common name of the coronal discharge seen as a blue/violet glow at the tips of ships' masts and similar pointed structures?
St. Elmo's Fire (or St. Elmo's Light)
- '*Stone walls do not a prison make, Nor iron bars a cage*' are lines penned by which 17th century poet?
Richard Lovelace (in *To Althea, from Prison*)
- Who was the first Englishman to win a stage of the Tour de France?
Brian Robison
- Name the regiment that, over the night of 22/23 January 1879, won seven VCs in a twelve-hour defence of Rorke's Drift Mission.
Accept either **24th (Regiment of) Foot** or **(2nd Battalion) Warwickshire Regiment**
- What was the stage name of the music hall artist Harry Relph?
Little Tich
- What was the name of all five yachts with which tea baron Sir Thomas Lipton repeatedly tried, unsuccessfully, to win the America's Cup?
Shamrock
- Who was the actress wife of the disgraced politician John Profumo?
Valerie Hobson
- Born Margaretha Zelle, by what sobriquet did she become better known?
Mata Hari
- Which star of the golden age of cinema was the original 'blonde bombshell'?
Jean Harlow

15. Who said "*I find television very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set I go into the other room and read a book.*"?

Groucho Marx

16. In an open letter to the President of France, published under the headline *J'Accuse...!*, which prominent novelist famously denounced several senior French military figures for their roles in the Dreyfus Affair?

Émile Zola

17. Which car manufacturer produces a model called the *Kadjar*?

Renault

18. How are members of the Princess Royal's Volunteer Corps informally known?

FANYs (from the Corps' original title, First Aid Nursing Yeomanry)

19. Alice Addertongue and Martha Careful are among the *noms-de-plume* of which 'Founding Father'?

Benjamin Franklin

20. Which charity was established in 1953 by the Reverend Chad Varah?

The Samaritans

21. What is the principal spice that gives the liqueur *Kümmel* its distinctive flavour?

Caraway seeds

22. What is the byname of nurseryman John Chapman, who planted apple orchards across large parts of North America in the early 19th century?

Johnny Appleseed

23. Which Cheshire village has a church with a memorial window to George Mallory, who was born in the village in 1886 and who died in 1924 attempting to reach the summit of Mount Everest?

Mobberley (the church is St Wilfrid's)

24. In January 1919 which celebrity pianist and composer became Prime Minister of the Polish Republic, newly created the previous November?

(Ignacy) **Jan Paderewski**

25. Who was the last consort of a Tudor monarch?

Philip II of Spain (husband of Mary I)

26. In the English folk song *Green Grow the Rushes O*, what are there nine of?

Bright shiners

27. What is the capital city of Moldova?

Chişinău **see note 1**

28. *The Mabinogion* is a collection of folk tales from which country?

Wales

29. Which writer of some of British TV's best loved sitcoms died last year on 23rd October aged 93?

Jimmy Perry

30. A sphygmomanometer is an instrument for measuring what?

Blood pressure

First Written Round **THERE IS A THEME**

Identify or Locate:

31. Entertainment on the eve before a contretemps at Quatre Bras.

The Duchess of Richmond's Ball

32. A circular, waymarked ramble through the Welsh Marches.

The Three Castles Walk

33. Home to Francis Drake's cabin chest and scene of an allegedly horrific murder.

Berkeley Castle

34. *Lonicera periclymenum*.

Woodbine (also accept 'honeysuckle') **see note 2**

35. A Holbein work featuring his most celebrated anamorphosis.

The Ambassadors

36. The site of Gilbert's Anteros.

Piccadilly Circus

37. A first class cricket fixture of many yesteryears.

Gentlemen v Players

38. The last Governor of New Amsterdam.

Peter Stuyvesant

39. A notorious 1980 incident in South Kensington.

The Iranian Embassy Siege

40. 'A horse designed by a committee'.

A camel

Theme is each answer includes the name of a cigarette brand:

Richmond, Three Castles, Berkeley, Woodbine, Ambassador, Piccadilly, Player's, Stuyvesant, Embassy and Camel

Second Verbal Round

41. Name any two of the four countries that make up the *MINT* economic group.

Any two from: **Mexico, Indonesia, Nigeria and Turkey**

42. Who wrote the novels *Mr Golightly's Holiday* and *Miss Garnet's Angel*?

Salley Vickers

43. Jazz musician Miles Davis was noted for playing which instrument?

Trumpet

44. The 1820 attempt to assassinate Prime Minister Lord Liverpool and the members of his cabinet is known as what?

The Cato Street Conspiracy

45. The Marsh Test was the first forensically reliable method for detecting the presence of which poison?

Arsenic

46. With reference to the three digit number found on the back of credit cards etc., what do the initials CVC stand for?

Card Verification Code

47. What alternative name for colour blindness comes from that of a famous scientist who suffered from the affliction?

Daltonism (after John Dalton)

48. Which state of the USA is nicknamed *The Magnolia State*?

Mississippi

49. In falconry, what name for a male hawk is also that of a Toyota car produced in five model incarnations between 1978 and 1999?

Tercel

50. After London, which was the next city to have a public underground railway system (i.e. more than two stations)?

Budapest

51. What are *Noh* and *Kabuki*?

Styles of Japanese theatre

52. Which organisation has as its logo a strand of barbed wire wrapped round a burning candle?

Amnesty International

53. In which film of 1982 did Peter Ustinov play Hercule Poirot, a character he had earlier portrayed in the film *Death on the Nile*?

Evil Under the Sun

54. In Shakespeare's play *The Tempest*, which character speaks the line: 'We are such stuff as dreams are made on, and our little life is rounded with a sleep'?

Prospero

55. To within a year, in which year was Alcatraz Island in San Francisco Bay first used as a prison?

1861 (accept 1860 to 1862) (it was used to house Confederate POWs)

56. Who was the first female bishop to sit in the House of Lords?

Rachel Treweek (Bishop of Gloucester)

57. Whose Symphony No. 5 in D Major is known as *The Reformation*?

Felix Mendelssohn

58. Following the Norman Conquest, who was the first English monarch to marry a commoner?

Edward IV (married Elizabeth Woodville)

59. What name was chosen by viewers for the young female eagle featured on the BBC *Springwatch* and *Autumnwatch* programmes last year?

Freya

60. By achieving a third consecutive victory, which award, now displayed in the London Science Museum, did Britain win outright in 1931?

The Schneider Trophy (don't accept 'Schneider Cup', which was a different, earlier award)

61. Give the exact date of Elizabeth II's accession to the British throne.

6 February 1952

62. Rowan Atkinson, Griff Rhys Jones, Mel Smith and Pamela Stevenson came to prominence in which TV series that ran from 1979 to 1982?

Not the 9 O'Clock News

63. What was the nationality of the artist Frida Kahlo?

Mexican

64. Which statesman, a national figurehead, died on 2 August 1934?

Paul von Hindenburg

65. Give either the name or the occupation of the only woman to be awarded a George Cross for gallantry in peacetime.

(Barbara) Jane Harrison or Air Hostess/Flight Attendant/Cabin Crew

66. How is Michael Henchard referred to in the title of a Thomas Hardy novel?

The Mayor of Casterbridge

67. According to his own words of 1965, who '*ain't gonna work on Maggie's farm no more*'?

Bob Dylan

68. The Wilberforce House museum is in which English city?

(Kingston-upon-)Hull

69. By what adopted name was the person born Ioseb Jughashvili better known?

Joseph Stalin

70. Which American folk hero was shot and killed by Jack McCall while playing poker?

James Butler 'Wild Bill' Hickok

Second Written Round

71. Which major engagement of the Crimean war has been christened *The Soldiers' Battle*?

Inkerman

72. To which former racing driver and three-times bankrupt did Sir Philip Green sell BHS Ltd. for £1 in March 2015?

Dominic Chappell

73. The White Boar was the personal badge of which English monarch?

Richard III

74. Who was England's first Astronomer Royal?

John Flamsteed

75. Which present-day country was created from an amalgamation of the Trucial States?

United Arab Emirates (UAE)

76. What is the English translation of the Latin phrase '*alea iacta est*', that Suetonius attributes to Julius Cæsar on crossing the Rubicon?

The die is cast

77. The Indri is the largest living member of which superfamily of animals?

Lemuroidea (accept 'Lemurs')

78. What is the name of the traditional French-Canadian meat pie usually made with minced pork, though some recipes specify alternatives?

Tourtière

79. What is a person who collects matchbooks and matchbox labels called?

A phillumenist

80. Whose last words are said, apocryphally, to have been "*I die a queen but I would rather have died the wife of Culpeper*"?

Catherine Howard

Spares

1. How is the drug flunitrazepam better known?

Rohypnol (or 'date rape drug')

2. Who was the only boxer to go a full fifteen rounds with Rocky Marciano?

Ezzard Charles

3. In the 2016 USA presidential election there were two female candidates. Hillary Clinton was one, name the other.

Jill Stein

4. Who hosted the Radio 4 version of *Mastermind* that that aired between 1998 and 2000?

Peter Snow

5. Which infamous prisoner had the prison number 964055?

Myra Hindley

6. Which Premiership football team is sponsored by a Bangkok travel agent?

Leicester City **see note 3**

7. As at 1st January 2017, how much savings interest may a basic tax rate payer receive tax free

£1,000

Notes

1. Although Chişinău is now the preferred term, it probably wouldn't be unreasonable also to accept the previous Anglicised form: *Kishinev*.

2. It's probably not a good idea to include a question with an acceptable answer that doesn't fit the theme.

3. Leicester City's main sponsor, King Power, is a bit more than 'a Bangkok travel agent'. It is Thailand's largest travel and duty-free retail group.

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