

KNOCKOUT QUALIFYING MATCHES THURSDAY 15 DECEMBER 2016

QUESTIONS BY HMRUFC

First Verbal Round

1. What collectively are Stoke, Desborough and Burnham known as?
The Chiltern Hundreds (stewardship of which is one means of an MP resigning their seat)
2. Quechua was the language of which empire?
Inca
3. Who would wear a Sokol suit?
Soviet or Russian Cosmonauts
4. What is *ology* the study of?
Birds eggs (also accept 'nests' or 'breeding behaviour')
5. Which Caribbean island's capital is Scarborough?
Tobago
6. The mythical beast Minotaur consists of which two parts?
Head of a bull and body of a man
7. Who was the Chancellor of the Exchequer from 1945 to 1947?
Hugh Dalton
8. Which film features the family of the Duke of Chalfont?
Kind Hearts and Coronets
9. Who was the first chairman of the Committee on Standards in Public Life set up by John Major after the 'cash for questions' scandal?
Lord Nolan
10. What part of the body does *atheroma* affect?
Arteries
11. Which dessert means 'pick me up' in Italian?
Tiramisu
12. What word links a 450-acre country park in Nottinghamshire, the village in Jamaica where Usain Bolt grew up and a British bronze medal-winner in the 400 metres hurdles at the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City?
Sherwood (Sherwood Forest, Sherwood Content and John Sherwood)
13. In the 1950s and 1960s Brian Rix presented a number of farces, some of which were also shown on TV. Actors included Terry Scott and Andrew Sachs. Collectively they were named after which London theatre?
Whitehall Theatre (the Whitehall farces)
14. Name **either** of the two chefs who are the expert judges on MasterChef: The Professionals.
Monica Galetti or Marcus Wareing
15. *Unguarded* is the very honest autobiography of which sportsman?
Jonathan Trott

16. Who scored two tries in England's 37–21 rugby victory over Australia on 3 December?
Jonathan Joseph
17. Who has written best-selling children's books including *Mr Stink*, *Gangsta Granny*, and *Awful Auntie*?
David Walliams
18. π (pi), e and $\sqrt{2}$ (square root of 2) are examples of which type of number?
Irrational
19. Which Premier League club provided the most number of players to the countries in the Euro 2016 tournament?
Liverpool (12)
20. Give a year in the life of poet Edmund Spenser.
1552–1599
21. What is the name of the female politician, at present Governor of South Carolina, who Donald Trump has nominated as US Ambassador to the United Nations?
Nikki Haley
22. Phil Collins had a number 1 hit in 1988 with *A Groovy Kind of Love*, but which group had a number 2 hit with the same song in 1966?
The Mindbenders
23. If Angels on Horseback are oysters wrapped in rashers of bacon, what is the traditional filling for Devils on Horseback?
Prunes or Plums see note 1
24. What was composer Rimsky-Korsakov's first name?
Nikolai
25. The manatee and the dugong belong to which order of mammals?
Sirenia
26. In which town would you find the Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art?
Gateshead (do not accept 'Newcastle')
27. When the Thai Crown Prince succeeded his late father King Bhumibol in October this year, what name did he adopt? (need name and regnal number)
Rama X
28. Which instrumental tune was in the UK charts for 55 weeks in the early 1960s peaking at number 2?
Stranger on the Shore (Acker Bilk)
29. Which US city is served by the rapid transport system known as *MARTA*?
Atlanta (Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transport Authority)
30. When Othello kills himself in Shakespeare's play, he claims that he killed a Turk in similar fashion in which near-eastern city, one much in the news recently?
Aleppo

First Written Round

31. It is defined as 'an environment in which temporary positions are common and organisations contract with independent workers for short-term engagements'. What is the two-word name for this?

Gig Economy

32. What hyphenated word did Oxford Dictionaries declare was the International Word of the Year in 2016?

Post-truth

33. Which writer said "Bigamy is one wife too many. Monogamy is the same"?

Oscar Wilde

34. Who was the second boxer to beat Mohammed Ali?

Ken Norton

35. Ronald Reagan's last film appearance was in a film which also starred Lee Marvin. Name the film.

The Killers

36. In 1864 the bursting of the Dale Dyke Dam flooded which City?

Sheffield

37. What is the name of the brimless tasselled hat which is of ancient Greek origin and is similar to the modern fez?

Tarboosh

38. The Circle of Willis is a system of arteries located where in the human body?

The Brain

39. Which Tory politician unsuccessfully stood for the leadership in 1995 and 1997?

John Redwood

40. To which of the main rock types do granite and basalt belong?

Igneous

Second Verbal Round

41. What surname is shared by knighted artist Peter and children's book illustrator Quentin?

Blake

42. Which local MP is Shadow Secretary of State for Education?

Angela Rayner (MP for Ashton Under Lyne)

43. Who is the central character in the *Sword of Honour* trilogy by Evelyn Waugh?

Guy Crouchback

44. The world's first cashpoint was opened in 1967 in Enfield, Middlesex by which British sitcom actor?

Reg Varney

45. John McArthur established the success of which Australian livestock breed?

Merino sheep

46. What is the name of the multi-national food packaging company founded by Ruben Rausing in 1951?

Tetra Pak

47. Who plays Private Godfrey in the 2016 film *Dad's Army*?

Michael Gambon

48. The River Colne flows through what is thought to be England's oldest recorded town. Which town?

Colchester

49. Who preceded Colin Powell as US Secretary of State?

Madeleine Albright

50. The drug MDMA (3,4-Methylenedioxyamphetamine) is commonly known as what?

Ecstasy (also accept 'E' or 'Molly') **see note 2**

51. The Ryman Auditorium in Nashville Tennessee is probably best known for hosting which long-running musical show both on radio and then TV?

The Grand Ole Opry

52. Who published the 1828 *American Dictionary of the English Language*?

Noah Webster

53. The current President of the International Paralympic Committee is British. Who is he?

Sir Philip Craven

54. Which novel was Charles Dickens working on when he died and was published posthumously?

The Mystery of Edwin Drood

55. *Weymouth Bay: Bowleaze Cove and Jordon Hill*, *Seascape Study with Rain Clouds* and *Rainstorm Over the Sea* are works from the early 19th century by which English landscape artist?

John Constable

56. Which temperature is the same on both the Fahrenheit and Centigrade scales?

Minus 40

57. Christopher Columbus is credited with discovering the New World for the Spanish. Before gaining backing from Spain, he tried and was rejected by three other countries. Name any two of the three.

Portugal, France, England

58. What was the collective name given to the following American poets, amongst others: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, William Cullen Bryant, John Greenleaf Whittier, James Russell Lowell and Oliver Wendell Holmes Snr?

The Fireside Poets **see note 3**

59. The island of Timor is divided between East Timor and which other country?

Indonesia

60. Salicylic acid is treated with acetic anhydride to produce a very well-known medicine, along with acetic acid (which is considered a by-product). What is the medicine?

Aspirin

61. Which country produces the wine known as *Tokay*?

Hungary

62. What was the name given to several exclusive clubs for high society rakes established in Britain and Ireland in the 18th century founded, amongst others, by Sir Francis Dashwood and Philip, Duke of Wharton?

Hellfire Clubs

63. In physics the Ideal Gas Law is a combination of Avogadro's Law and which two other laws?

Boyle's and Charles' Laws

64. Which author created the fictional detective Adam Dalgliesh?
P. D. James
65. What does the German word *Weihnachten* mean in English?
Christmas
66. What name is shared by an ex-Scottish soccer international and a maker of hardware for horses' harnesses, such as bits and spurs?
Lorimer
67. Who is the actress/comedienne who was the only regular female member of the *Monty Python's Flying Circus* team, appearing in 30 episodes?
Carol Cleveland
68. Yoho, Waterton Lakes, Jasper, Kluane and Fundy are national parks in which country?
Canada
69. Which East coast town is home to a rebuilt pier completed in 2002 and Adnams Brewery
Southwold
70. Built in 1946 it is the last seagoing, passenger-carrying paddle steamer in the world and is named after a Walter Scott novel. What is its name?
(PS) Waverley

Second Written Round

71. *A Handbook for Instruction in Good Citizenship* is the alternative title for which well-known book?
Scouting for Boys
72. Who became the leader of UKIP on 28 November 28 this year?
Paul Nuttall
73. The so-called Joshua Tree which grows in North America is not actually a tree. To which plant genus does it belong?
Yucca
74. Which Commonwealth country celebrated 50 years of independence on 30 November this year?
Barbados
75. Greater Manchester's bid to host the World Expo trade exhibition in 2025 has been rejected by the British Government. Which Italian city hosted the same event in 2015?
Milan
76. By what name were the Bee Gees supposedly known in the 1960s, the reference to which led them to walk off Clive Anderson's chat show in 1996?
Les Tosseurs (also accept 'The Tossers')
77. *Six Concerts* is the English translation of the original title for which series of six musical works by Bach?
Brandenburg Concertos
78. The record *Bobby's Girl* went to number three in the British singles hit parade in 1962. Who sang it?
Susan Maughan
79. What was the name of the last deep mine in Britain which was the subject of the BBC TV programme *The Last Miners*?
Kellingley

80. What is the name of the trophy competed for biennially between a team of women amateur golfers from the USA and a team of women amateur golfers from Great Britain and Ireland?

Curtis Cup

Spares

1. In which town or city will the 2017 Tour De France start?
Düsseldorf
2. What breed of horse is ridden by the world famous Spanish Riding School?
Lipizzaner
3. *The Gleaner* is a national newspaper in which Caribbean Island?
Jamaica
4. To which tribe of Israel did Samson belong?
Danites
5. The McMurray Test is used to evaluate damage to what part of the body?
The Knee

Notes

1. 'Dates' is also an acceptable answer.
2. If 'E' and 'Molly' are acceptable then presumably so are umpteen other street names, such as Smartees, Vitamin X, Doves, Disco Biscuits, Beans, Scooby Snacks etc..
3. 'Schoolroom Poets' and 'Household Poets' are also acceptable answers.

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