LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2016 QUESTIONS BY HMRUFC

First Verbal Round

1. Which British composer wrote the opera *Sir John in Love*, based on Shakespeare's *The Merry Wives of Windsor*?

Ralph Vaughan Williams

2. Which US city is known as *The Big Easy*?

New Orleans

3. Which well known High Street Company is name after the first mate of the ship *Pequod* in the novel *Moby Dick*?

Starbucks

4. Who was the running mate of Democrat Hillary Clinton in last week's US Presidential election?

Tim Kaine

5. Where in the body is the pinna?

On the head (it is the visible portion of the external ear)

6. Through which four capital cities does the Danube flow?

Vienna, Bratislava, Budapest, Belgrade see note 1

7. In a 1997 boxing match, Mike Tyson was disqualified for biting a chunk out of his opponent's ear. Who was the opponent?

Evander Holyfield

8. Which famous singer was born with the name Eunice Kathleen Waymon in North Carolina in 1933?

Nina Simone

9. Alpin, Dunkeld, Sverre and Balliol are the names of what in Scottish history?

Royal Houses of Scottish Monarchs

10. As of 2 November 2016 who is Secretary of State for Northern Ireland?

James Brokenshire

11. Alastair Cook broke the record for the number of Tests for England as Captain in the First Test against India. Whose record did he beat?

Michael Atherton

12. What is the currency of Syria?

The Pound

13. Which Manchester venue was the winner of Visit England's Gold Prize for Large Visitor Attraction of the Year 2016?

Whitworth Art Gallery

14. Which two British birds are name after the berries they eat? (need both)

Hawfinch and Mistle Thrush

15. Name the town in Sri Lanka where a Buddhist shrine supposedly contains the Buddha's tooth.

Kandy

16. Where in the body is the thenar eminence?

On the hand (it is the fleshy lump below the thumb)

17. Name either of the last two Republican candidates to withdraw from the Presidential election campaign.

John Kasich or Ted Cruz

18. There are four Tate Art Galleries in the U.K. Two are in London and one in Liverpool. Where is the fourth?

St Ives

19. Name the long-distance footpath and bridleway (approx. 225 miles) that starts in Bledlow, Buckinghamshire and finishes at Tiviot Way in Stockport.

The Midshires Way

20. Which British composer wrote the opera *The Fairy-Queen*, based on Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream?*

Henry Purcell

21. As of 2 November 2016, who is Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport?

Karen Bradley

22. Name the cube-shaped structure that is in the centre of the Great Mosque at Mecca, around which Muslim pilgrims parade and pray during the Hajj.

Kaaba

23. The Mekong river rises in China and flows through which four other countries before it enters the sea in Vietnam?

Burma (Myanmar), Thailand, Laos, Cambodia see notes 1 and 2

24. Stuart Broad became the 14th player to win 100 caps for England in the First Test against India. Who was the first player to achieve this?

Colin Cowdrey

25. Which US city is known as Sin City?

Las Vegas

26. Which British boxer fought Muhammad Ali in a World championship bout in August 1966, losing in the third round?

Brian London

27. Which famous singer was born with the name Clementine Dinah Bullock in Middlesex in 1927?

Cleo Laine

28. Which part of Scotland is still referred to as a 'kingdom'?

Fife

29. What is the currency of Kenya?

The Shilling

30. Name the long-distance footpath (35 miles) that runs from Disley station to Kidsgrove station.

The Gritstone Trail

First Written Round

31. The 2015 Man Booker Prize was won by Marlon James for *A Brief History of Seven Killings*. It was a novel based upon of the real-life attempted murder of which well-known individual from the pop world?

Bob Marley

32. Lion and water are two of the six Ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics which contestant choose from to reveal their questions in the BBC quiz *Only Connect*. Name three of the other four.

Any three from: Two reeds, Twisted flax, Horned viper, Eye of Horus

33. Which disaster took place on 6 May 1937 in Manchester Township, New Jersey?

The Hindenburg Disaster

34. The foundations of modern calculus are usually attributed to Isaac Newton and which other 17th/18th century mathematician?

Gottfried Leibnitz

35. What is the nickname of Mansfield Town FC?

The Stags

36. What is the SI unit for radioactivity (decays per unit time)?

Becquerel

37. Which town is the administrative centre for Cheshire East?

Sandbach

38. How are the New Zealand comedy duo Jermaine Clement and Bret McKenzie better known?

Flight of the Conchords

39. Who is the Managing Director of the World Monetary Fund?

Christine Lagarde see note 3

40. On 6 January 1941 Franklin Roosevelt gave his *Four Freedoms* speech, where he defined four fundamental freedoms which everybody in the world ought to enjoy. Freedom of Speech and of Worship were two of them; what were the other two

Freedom from Want and Freedom from Fear

Second Verbal Round

41. Scone Abbey, original home of the Stone of Scone, is situated close to which Scottish City?

Perth

42. What is the name of the fortified wine from Sicily that usually uses grapes of the Grillo, Inzolia or Catarratto varieties?

Marsala

43. In the government department DEFRA, what do the letters 'EFRA' stand for?

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

44. Which US State has the widely recognised nickname of *The Old Line State*?

Maryland

45. The Hindu god Ganesha has the head of which animal?

Elephant

46. On 23 October 2016 which was the first sport other than Rugby (Union or League) to be played at Twickenham Stadium?

American Football (NY Giants vs LA Rams)

47. Which 1960s band helped springboard the careers of guitarists Eric Clapton, Jeff Beck and Jimmy Page?

The Yardbirds

48. Name either of the two lead presenters of the current series of the BBC TV programme Watchdog.

Sophie Raworth or Matt Allwright

49. What name is given to the stretch of sea that separates the Malay Peninsula from the Indonesian island of Sumatra?

Straits of Malacca or Malacca Strait

50. William Frederick Yeames was best known for his oil-on-canvas picture that depicts the son of a Royalist being questioned by Parliamentarians during the English Civil War. What is the name of this painting?

(And) When Did You Last See Your Father

51. As of 1 November 2016 who is the Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union?

David Davis

52. In food terms, what is a Komodo Dragon?

A chilli pepper

53. If you are sat in Liszt Ferenc Square which capital city are you in?

Budapest

54. As of 15 October 2016 between which two cities is the world's longest scheduled international passenger flight?

New Delhi and San Francisco (approx 15000km or 9300 miles)

55. Which world famous singer has very recently released a compilation of their hits and some early songs called *Chapter and Verse*?

Bruce Springsteen

56. The Egyptian god Anubis had the head of which animal?

Jackal see note 4

57. Which US State has the widely recognised nickname of *The Tar Heel State*?

North Carolina

58. As of 1 November 2016 who is the Shadow Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union?

Keir Starmer

59. What country does the wine known as Bull's Blood come from?

Hungary

60. What does 'M.G.' stand for in Booker T. and the M.G.s?

Memphis Group

61. Name the BBC sports reporter and presenter who has featured in this year's Strictly Come Dancing.

Ore Odugu see note 5

62. On which river does Perth, Western Australia stand?

Swan River

63. Who painted the picture Blue Boy?

Thomas Gainsborough

64. In the government department DBEIS, what do the letters 'BEIS' stand for?

Business, Energy, Industrial strategy

65. On 8 October 2016 a Rugby Championship game was played for the first time outside of the southern hemisphere at Twickenham Stadium. One team was Australia, who was the other?

Argentina (who were the 'home' team)

66. The Torres Strait separates which two countries/land masses?

Australia and Papua New Guinea (or the island of New Guinea)

67. As of 2 November 2016 between which two countries is the world's shortest scheduled international passenger flight?

Switzerland and Germany (from St. Gallen-Altenrhein to Friedrichshafen; 13 miles)

68. Who recently published his autobiography entitled Not Dead Yet: The Autobiography?

Phil Collins

69. In food terms what is a Wenatchee Moorpark?

An Apricot

70. If you are sat in Slaveykov Square which capital city are you in?

Sofia

Second Written Round

71. What is the value of the irrational number e correct to 3 decimal places?

2.718

72. Which fictitious TV antique dealer shares his name with the Minister of the First Church of Springfield in *The Simpsons*?

Lovejoy

73. How is Raymond Babbitt referred to in the title of a 1988 film?

The Rain Man

74. Name the winning singer of this year's (2016) Eurovision Song Contest?

Jamala (Ukraine)

75. Bramall Hall was for 500 years the home of which family?

The Davenports

76. Who is the official Labour Party candidate for the Mayor of Manchester election?

Andy Burnham

77. Name the two African countries who are members of the Commonwealth but have no previous colonial or constitutional ties with Britain?

Mozambique and Rwanda

78. Who wrote the novels featuring the detective Adam Dalgliesh?

P. D. James

79. Which constituency does Theresa May represent in Parliament?

Maidenhead

80. Name the three indigenous British mammals that hibernate.

Hedgehog, Dormouse, Bat

Spares

1. Selling out the Bridgewater Hall on 31 October 2016, band members include China Forbes, Thomas Lauderdale, and Timothy Nishimoto. Their new album *Je dis oui!* was released a week earlier. Which band?

Pink Martini

2. What is the name of the lighthouse at Land's End?

Longships

3. What is the medal called that is known as the animals' VC?

Dickin Medal

4. Which US city (harbour and port) sits on the Patapsco River?

Baltimore

5. What is the state capital of South Carolina?

Columbia

Notes

- 1. A reminder of the <u>question-setting guidelines</u>:

 Teams have thirty seconds to answer, so it's unreasonable to ask for a multiple answer, such as the last five Presidents of France. It also makes it comparatively easy for a team's opponents to identify and correct any mistake(s) in the given answer. If you want to ask a multi-answer question, do so as an early question in one of the written rounds, so that teams have a suitable amount of time to formulate an answer.
- 2. In at least one match the wording of the question meant there was some uncertainty as to whether the 'four other countries' included Vietnam.
- 3. Lagarde is MD of the **International** Monetary Fund.
- 4. Traditionally Anubis has been described as having the head of a jackal. However the animal previously referred to as the Egyptian jackal has <u>recently been re-classified</u> as the Egyptian wolf (*Canis aureus lupaster*). Therefore 'wolf' is now an equally acceptable description and should also be accepted as a correct (if not better) answer.
- 5. His correct name is Ore **Oduba**.

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