

PLATE FINAL THURSDAY 11 MAY 2017

QUESTIONS BY PRINTERS AND STAR

First Verbal Round

1. What is the name of Donald Trump's controversial, combative White House press secretary whose gaffes have been a feature of the administration's first hundred days?
Sean Spicer
2. Name any one of the four UK restaurants to hold three Michelin stars as of 10 May 2017.
One from: **The Fat Duck, Restaurant Gordon Ramsay, Alain Ducasse at the Dorchester, The Waterside Inn**
3. The Waikato is the longest river in which country?
New Zealand
4. What was the role of a loblolly boy on a sailing ship?
Assistant to the ship's surgeon (also accept 'medical assistant' or similar)
5. Which London theatre is the home of the English National Opera?
The Coliseum
6. In heraldry which word designates a broad vertical stripe down the centre of a shield?
Pale
7. Which island, which is home to a monastery, lies off the South Wales coast opposite Tenby?
Caldey Island (also accept 'Ynys Bŷr')
8. In the line-up of presenters for the next series of *Great British Bake-Off*, now to appear on Channel 4, which comedian will appear alongside Paul Hollywood, Prue Leith and Sandi Toksvig?
Noel Fielding
9. Horatio Nelson lost his right arm as a result of an abortive attack upon which island?
Tenerife
10. Which film-maker wrote, directed and produced the bizarre 1974 fantasy movie *Zardoz*, featuring Sean Connery and Charlotte Rampling?
John Boorman
11. Cypriot, Macedonian and Servant are all species of which mammal?
Mouse
12. In which newspaper cartoon strip is Marlon perpetually pursued by Maisie?
The Perishers
13. Whose first two wives were Jane Chapman and Claudia Bracchitta?
Jeremy Corbyn
14. At 21 years 104 days who is the youngest winner of the US Masters Golf Tournament?
Tiger Woods
15. According to the Forbes 2017 list of the world's billionaires, which country, with 114, has the third most after USA and China?
Germany

16. The SKA is an international project to build the world's largest radio telescope, with sites in South Africa and Australia and an HQ at Jodrell Bank. For what do the initials SKA stand?

Square Kilometre Array

17. The modern art movement *neo-concretism*, whose exponents included Lygia Clark and Hélio Oiticica, developed during the 1950s in which country?

Brazil

18. Whose 2016 autobiography is entitled *The Man in the Middle*?

Howard Webb (former football referee)

19. Which snooker player, who was dubbed *The Beckham of the Baize*, died in 2006 aged 27?

Paul Hunter

20. Songs with which four-letter title appear on the debut albums by both Queen and the Sex Pistols?

Liar

21. The Chinese manufacturer Flying Pigeon, based in Tianjin, is best known for the production of which items?

Bicycles

22. The distilleries of Ardbeg, Lagavulin and Laphroaig are found on which Scottish island?

Islay

23. Give a year in the reign of Henry I of England.

1100–1135

24. The late Queen Mother had two other Christian names in addition to Elizabeth. Name either.

Angela or Marguerite

25. Which retailer took the title Baron Trent when he was elevated to the peerage in 1929?

Jesse Boot

26. Which cathedral has the postcode WS13 7LD?

Lichfield

27. If distaff is used to refer to the female side of the family, what word is used to refer to the male side?

Spear

28. Which American singer won his second Grammy for Best Jazz Vocal Album in 2017 for *Take Me to the Alley*?

Gregory Porter

29. Which 109-mile-long National Trail runs from Helmsley to Filey?

Cleveland Way

30. Until the recent dissolution of Parliament who was Minister of State for Universities, Science, Research and Innovation?

Jo Johnson

First Written Round
THERE IS A THEME

31. In the *Batman* comics, in which institution does the Joker regularly reside?

Arkham Asylum (accept just 'Arkham')

32. What is the principal unit of currency in Costa Rica?

Colón

33. Which Cambridgeshire town on the River Nene is home to the National Trust property Peckover House and was also formerly the site of a Norman castle?

Wisbech

34. What is the five-letter scientific name of the genus to which most apple trees belong?

Malus

35. Which company were the first to be the official named sponsors of the Manchester Arena, from its opening in 1995 until 1998?

Nynex

36. In 1960 which Frenchman became the first actor to portray Patricia Highsmith's character Tom Ripley on film?

Alain Delon (in *Plein Soleil*, English title *Purple Noon*)

37. Which medical term refers to an abnormal sideways curvature of the spine?

Scoliosis

38. Which critically-endangered animal is the largest species of lemur?

Indri

39. Home to around 200 million people which is the most populous state in India? Located in the north of the country it shares a border with Nepal and its capital is Lucknow.

Uttar Pradesh

40. Who is the author of the 1910 novel *The Phantom of the Opera*?

Gaston Leroux

Theme: each answer begins with the official two-letter abbreviation of a US state:

Arkansas, Colorado, Wisconsin, Massachusetts, New York, Alabama, South Carolina, Indiana, Utah, Georgia

Second Verbal Round

41. Which now obsolete UK coin was known as a 'bender'?

Sixpence

42. The Imperial War Museum at Duxford Airfield lies beside which UK motorway?

M11

43. *Los Colchoneros* (The Mattress Makers) is one of the nicknames of which Spanish football team?

Atlético Madrid

44. Where, precisely, is your calcaneus bone?

The heel

45. Which Indian state has an IPL cricket team called The Lions?

Gujarat

46. *Many a New Day* and *Out of My Dreams* are songs from which 1940s musical?

Oklahoma!

47. Which motor company manufactures a model called the Kodiaq?

Škoda

48. Expressed as centimetres to the kilometre, what scale are Ordnance Survey Landranger maps?
2 cm to 1 km (i.e. 1: 50,000)
49. Who stars alongside Robson Green as the lead character in *Grantchester*?
James Norton
50. Which British institution is promoted in the USA by the Royal Oak Foundation?
The National Trust
51. Ari Up and Viv Albertine were members of which all-female, post-punk band?
The Slits
52. The SI unit of time, the second, is defined with reference to atoms of which metal?
Caesium
53. In the 2016 US Presidential election, who was Hillary Clinton's running mate?
Tim Kaine
54. Give a year in the life of the Scottish King Robert I (aka Robert the Bruce).
1274–1329
55. "Settle down now" was the catchphrase of which comedian who died in 2012?
Ken Goodwin
56. Name either of the people who opened the River Café on the north bank of the Thames in Hammersmith in 1987.
Ruth Rogers or Rose Gray
57. Named due to its slimy appearance and general shape, what kind of animal is a 'snot otter'?
Salamander (hellbender salamander)
58. As Education Minister which Labour politician steered the School Milk Act through Parliament in 1946, giving a daily third of a pint of milk to all pupils under 18?
Ellen Wilkinson
59. Which of the 32 council areas of Scotland, formerly known as Haddingtonshire, is home to the National Museum of Flight?
East Lothian
60. Green Anjou, Red Anjou, Forelle and Seckel are all types of which fruit?
Pear
61. Which Austrian composer wrote the operetta *Light Cavalry* in 1866?
Franz von Suppé
62. Which French port is depicted in the Monet painting *Impression, Sunrise* which gave its name to the Impressionist movement?
Le Havre
63. Who was the daughter of Henry I and mother of Henry II?
(Empress) **Matilda** (also accept 'Maude')
64. In what decade was the Royal Navy's daily rum ration abolished?
1970s

65. With which castle in the Weald of Kent are Vita Sackville-West and her husband Harold Nicholson associated?
Sissinghurst
66. Who wrote the TV sitcom *As Time Goes By* which starred Judi Dench and Geoffrey Palmer?
Bob Larbey
67. Which 1953 song was Perry Como's first UK number one single?
Don't Let the Stars Get in Your Eyes
68. *The Good Times Are Comin'* sung by Mama Cass was the theme to which 1970 western film that starred Lee Marvin in the title role?
Monte Walsh
69. Prior to adopting the Euro which unit of currency was used in Slovakia?
Koruna
70. In which US state would you find Grand Teton National Park?
Wyoming

Second Written Round

71. Name both of Matt LeBlanc's main co-hosts in the recently-completed series of *Top Gear* on BBC TV.
Chris Harris and Rory Reid
72. The Kennel Club covers the registration of pedigree dogs in the UK. The equivalent registry for pedigree cats is the GCCF: for what do these letters stand?
Governing Council of the Cat Fancy
73. Who were the sponsors of the 2017 Grand National horse race?
Randox Health
74. On the north African coast there are two Spanish enclaves that share a border with Morocco. Name either.
Ceuta or Melilla
75. As at 10 May 2017 who is the US Secretary of Defense?
James Mattis
76. Who was the director of the 1994 film *The Madness of King George*?
Nicholas Hytner
77. Who preceded Clement Attlee as leader of the Labour party?
George Lansbury
78. Identify the year: the first Westminster Bridge was opened, the Jockey Club was founded and J. S. Bach died.
1750
79. Which poem, by which writer, begins '*Once upon a midnight dreary, while I pondered, weak and weary*'?
***The Raven* by Edgar Allen Poe**
80. Who, in 1951, was the last British athlete to hold the men's 100 metres world record?
McDonald Bailey

Extra-time written round (if required)

1. Founded in 1879, which is the oldest London football club to have played in the Premier League?
Fulham
2. The ocean-going vessel the *Earl of Pembroke* was renamed in 1768 and became famous under what name?
The Endeavour (Captain James Cook's ship)
3. The international airport of Dar es Salaam is named after which statesman?
Julius Nyerere
4. Standing at 436 feet, in which country is the tallest lighthouse in the world?
Saudi Arabia (Jeddah Light)
5. Which church in the Strand, London, serves as the central church of the Royal Air Force?
St Clement Danes
6. Prior to the recent dissolution of Parliament which Cabinet position was held by Alun Cairns?
Secretary of State for Wales
7. Who is the current Children's Laureate?
Chris Riddell
8. Gordal and Kalamata are varieties of which fruit?
Olive
9. Which motor manufacturer has the advertising slogan '*The Ultimate Driving Machine*'?
BMW
10. Who presents the ITV Game Show *Tipping Point*?
Ben Shephard

Spares

1. Which fictional detective appears in the 1958 novel *Playback*?
Philip Marlowe
2. What is the name of the clown in Stephen King's story *It*?
Pennywise (also accept 'Bob Gray')
3. Which element has the chemical symbol Mc?
Moscovium
4. Which fictional duo live at 62 West Wallaby Street, Wigan?
Wallace and Gromit
5. In March 2017 which Scottish band, considered pioneers in the indie genre, released *Damage and Joy* – their first album for nineteen years?
The Jesus and Mary Chain
6. Which electronic music group had a top ten UK hit with the Kate Bush-sampling single *Something Good* in 1992 and again with a remix with a new vocal in 2008?
Utah Saints

Tie-breaker

1. Measured to the top of its antenna, how tall (in feet) is the Empire State Building?
1,454 feet (443.2 m)
2. In the election for Manchester's Mayor last week, how many votes did the runner-up Sean Anstee receive?
128,752

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