KNOCKOUT QUALIFYING MATCHES THURSDAY 6 OCTOBER 2016 QUESTIONS BY THE RAILWAY

First Verbal Round

1. Ben Rumson is the name of one of the lead characters of which musical?

Paint Your Wagon

2. In what year was the singer-songwriter Adele born?

1988

3. *Skyr* is a cheese from which northern country?

Iceland

4. What do the initials of the jihadist organization ISIL stand for?

Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant

5. Which Adrian Mole book was published in 2004?

Adrian Mole and the Weapons of Mass Destruction

6. What was the name of the character played by Gene Wilder in Blazing Saddles?

The Waco Kid see note 1

7. Who was Margaret Thatcher's first Lord Chancellor?

Lord Hailsham (or Quintin McGarel Hogg)

8. Usain Bolt has run the fastest 100m. Who is the next fastest?

Tyson Gay see note 2

9. To within one year, in what year did Stockport County move to Edgeley Park?

1902 (accept 1901 to 1903)

10. Which League One football club play at the Highbury Stadium?

Fleetwood Town

11. What word is used for a fine mince of mushrooms, onions/shallots and herbs in butter?

Duxelles

12. Many of us have used POP3 in our email settings. What does POP stand for?

Post Office Protocol

13. Which programming language's name is taken from a British comedy sketch show?

Python

14. Who is the Secretary of State for Defence?

Michael Fallon

15. What did Max Pohlig and Ernst Gottschall patent a version of in 1920?

Pogo stick

16. Which horse won the Epsom Derby in 2015?

Golden Horn

17. The road leaving the A1 for Hartlepool, takes you towards which horse racing course?

Sedgefield

18. What is the capital of the west African country of Ghana?

Accra

19. 'Up from suede shoes to my baby blues...' (a number 7 hit in 1988). The next line has what five words please?

'Hot dog, jumping frog, Albuquerque' (Prefab Sprout - King of Rock and Roll)

20. Which US band had hits with Broken Wings (1985) and Kyrie (1986)?

Mr. Mister

21. Which 1990s sitcom starred Jimmy Ellis, Robert Lindsay (who sang the theme tune) and David Threlfall?

Nightingales

22. Whose autobiography *The Didi Man* was released in 2012?

Dietmar Hamann

23. How is the *chaparral cock* better known?

Roadrunner

24. Who wrote A Vindication of the Rights of Woman, published in 1792?

Mary Wollstonecraft

25. Name one of the two presenters of the BBC Manchester weekday breakfast show?

Phil Trow or Alison Butterworth

26. Who is Deputy Leader of the Labour Party?

Tom Watson

27. Which famous artist's exhibition at the Tate Modern finishes on 30 October 2016?

Georgia O' Keeffe

28. Recently deceased Jamaican musician Cecil Campbell was better known as?

Prince Buster (middle name Bustamente)

29. Which Latin saying/phrase translates as 'with praise'?

Cum laude

30. What do you call raw salmon cured in sugar, salt and dill?

Gravlax (or gravadlax)

First Written Round

31. What is awn?

The beard on the grain of cereals (or grasses)

32. Which popular thriller writer wrote *The Way to Dusty Death* published 1973?

Alistair MacLean

33. In what season did the Football League introduce three points for a win?

1981-1982

34. What creatures are *fingerlings*?

(Young) Fish

35. *Mute* is a collective nouns for what (not swans)?

Hounds (not dogs) see note 3

36. Which planet in the solar system has the shortest day?

Jupiter (just under 10 hours)

37. Alice Addertongue was the pen name of which famous early American?

Benjamin Franklin

38. Who gets the Black Spot from Blind Pew?

Billy Bones

39. A US citizen might call it a beltway; what would we call it?

A Ring Road

40. To within £100, what is the standard Tax Free Personal Allowance?

£11,000 (accept £10,900-11,100)

Second Verbal Round

41. Cape Comorin is the southernmost point of the mainland of which country?

India (the Cape is now known as Kanyakumari)

42. Musician John Henry Deutschendorf (deceased) is better known as?

John Denver

43. Tell-el-Muqayyar (in South Iraq) is the site of which ancient city?

Ur

44. Who wrote the comics V for Vendetta, Watchmen and Batman: The Killing Joke?

Alan Moore

45. Which Australian school did Prince Charles attend in 1966?

Treetops/Geelong School see note 4

46. What is the usual translation of *Malleus Scotorum*?

Hammer of the Scots

47. Which liqueur is flavoured with the laraha fruit?

Curaçao

48. What is the maximum number of clubs normally allowed under the rules of golf?

Fourteen

49. Which philosopher born in 1813 (not British) is widely held to be the first existentialist?

Søren Kierkegaard

50. What is the capital of Slovenia?

Ljubljana

51.	What was Hopalong Cassidy's horse called?
	Topper
52.	Elkie Brooks and Robert Palmer played together in which seventies band?
	Vinegar Joe
53.	Which supermarket has it roots in a Blackpool shop called <i>The China House</i> , which opened 1847?
	Booths
54.	Ground stibnite has been used for thousands of years for what purpose?
	Kohl/mascara
55.	Which activity has six main styles including Cotswold, Border, North West and Molly?
	Morris dancing
56.	The Horrible Histories cast produced which puppet-populated, family, comedy programme?
	Yonderland
57.	What is alien armpit (apart from an extraterrestrial body part or a smell)?
	A shade of green
58.	Saubus aucuparia is the Latin for which small tree?
	Rowan or Mountain Ash see note 5
59.	New Year's Eve in German-speaking countries (and others) celebrates which saint's day, an ex-Pope?
	St Sylvester
60.	Trillions of which particle (a fermion), pass through us each second?
	Neutrinos
61.	The Shaftesbury Memorial in Piccadilly Circus is popularly known by what name?
	Eros (it actually represents his brother, Anteros)
62.	Which British Prime Minister once edited <i>The Church Times</i> ?
	Edward Heath see pedantic note 6
63.	Which Roman Emperor followed Trajan?
	Hadrian
64.	David Bowie's China Girl (Iggy Pop co-writer) is from which album?
	Let's Dance
65.	What is the largest lake in the British Isles?
	Lough Neagh
66.	In <i>Hamlet</i> how did Ophelia die?
	Drowned
67.	In the binary system, what number does 1011 represent?
	Eleven
68.	What is the name of the Russian group, thought to have hacked WADA?
	Fancy Bear
69.	The novel One for My Baby was written by which journalist/novelist?
	Tony Parsons

70. Meg Whitman is the CEO of which American multinational IT company?

Hewlett Packard (Enterprise)

Second Written Round

71. In baseball, to within two feet, what is the distance between the centre of the bases?

90 feet (accept 88 to 92)

72. Wood's metal is an alloy of four metals. Name three of the four please.

Any three from: Bismuth, Lead, Tin, Cadmium

73. Argyl Pink Jubilee, Alexander Pushkin, Uncle Sam and Amarillo Starlight are all what?

Diamonds

74. Give a year in the life of Catherine de Medici.

1519-1589

75. Which (very) multi-platform game has 495 million copies sold/paid downloads?

Tetris

76. Old Honiton, Genoese and Mechlin are types of what?

Lace

77. Who wrote the symphonic poem *Les préludes*, premiered 1854?

Franz Liszt

78. The Four Marys was a long-running story (over forty years) in which publication?

Bunty

79. Which brewery has the postcode SK1 3JN?

Cryptic

80. Which fashion designer was born in Morecambe in 1961?

Wayne Hemingway

Spares

According to The King James Bible (and others), what age did Methuselah live to?

969

2. 'A little learning is a dangerous thing' is attributed to which writer?

Alexander Pope

3. Which alcoholic drink, which contains caffeine, is the preferred tipple of 'neds'?

Buckfast Tonic Wine (also accept 'Bucky') ('ned' is Scottish slang for a lout)

4. The first J. H. Haynes' book, titled Owners Workshop Manual (published in 1965) was for which car?

Austin-Healey Sprite

Ben Goldacre, author of Bad Science, registered what as a member of the American Association of Nutritional Consultants?

His (dead) cat, Henrietta (accept 'pet')

Notes

- 1. 'Jim' is an equally-acceptable answer ("Well, my name is Jim, but most people call me... Jim").
- 2. Arguably Usain Bolt is also the next fastest, as he has recorded the two fastest times in the history of the men's 100 metres (9.58 and 9.63 secs). The third-best time (9.69 secs) is shared by Bolt, Tyson Gay and Yohan Blake.
- 3. 'Hares' would also appear to be an acceptable answer.
- 4. More accurately, Prince Charles spent two terms at the Timbertop Campus of Geelong Grammar School.
- 5. The tree's correct name is **Sorbus** aucuparia.
- 6. Heath was the **News** Editor, rather than the Editor.

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