

LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 3 MAY 2018

QUESTIONS BY THE FINGERPOST

First Verbal Round

1. Wooley Edge and Markfield are service stations situated on which British motorway?
M1
2. In conventional editions of the *Old Testament* which book falls between *Judges* and *the First Book of Samuel*?
Ruth
3. In 2018, 26 new 10p coins will be issued, one for each letter of the alphabet celebrating the best of British. What will be used to represent the letter P?
Post box
4. *Lobjoits Green*, *Winter Density* and *Little Gem* are three varieties of which garden crop?
Lettuce
5. Who wrote *The Unicorn*, published in 1963?
Iris Murdoch
6. The 66-mile-long Shropshire Union Canal links the city of Wolverhampton to which town situated in Cheshire?
Ellesmere Port
7. Give a year during the Seven Years' War.
1754–1763
8. There are only three types of British mammals that hibernate; dormice and hedgehogs are two, what is the third?
Bats
9. Some constellations of the southern hemisphere are named due to their resemblance to parts of ships. What part is represented by *Carina*?
Keel
10. Who was the US Vice President who became the tenth President in 1841, after the death of William H. Harrison, and served only one term?
John Tyler
11. Bodrum, a Turkish town, is home to one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. What was its name in ancient times?
Halicarnassus
12. Which female detective is played on TV by Essie Davis?
Phryne Fisher (in *Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries*)
13. In 1953 which golfer won both the British Open and US Open championships?
Ben Hogan
14. Located in Derbyshire, Willersley Castle (originally Hall) was built for which famous industrialist?
Sir Richard Arkwright
15. Which North Wales town is included in the name of a pop star that had a number one hit with *It's Only Make Believe* in 1958?
Conway Twitty

16. *Mintonette* was the original name for which ballgame?
Volleyball
17. In the BBC sitcom *Are You Being Served?* what was Mr Humphries first name?
Wilberforce
18. The name of which martial art means 'the way of the sword'?
Kendo
19. The iconic steam locomotive *King George V* was produced during the tenure of which railway Chief Mechanical Engineer?
Charles Collett
20. Name one of the three current main presenters of the BBC consumer programme *Rip Off Britain*?
Angela Rippon, Gloria Hunniford or Julia Somerville
21. Which shipyard was responsible for the construction of *RMS Titanic*?
Harland and Wolff
22. In which US state did the Battle of Yorktown take place in 1781?
Virginia
23. Which composer was responsible for the 1874 opera *Boris Godunov*?
Modest Mussorgsky
24. What is usually added to silver to make Sterling Silver?
Copper
25. Espoo is the second-largest city in which European country?
Finland
26. What was the nerve agent allegedly used by the Russians in Salisbury?
Novichok
27. The artist Doménikos Theotokópoulos is better known by which name?
El Greco
28. This tree has the Latin name *Fraxinus excelsior*, by what name is it more commonly known?
(European or Common) **Ash**
29. Who is the current presenter of the BBC Radio 2 programme *Sounds of the Eighties*?
Sara Cox
30. Which is the smallest country in area in mainland Africa?
Gambia

First Written Round **THERE IS A THEME**
(when the answer is a person's name, the surname is relevant to the theme)

31. What is the state capital of the German state of Lower Saxony?
Hanover
32. In Greek mythology who was the eldest son of Priam and Hecuba?
Hector
33. If you were born on 30 September under which star sign were you born?
Libra

34. An emerald is a type of which mineral?

Beryl

35. Which group had a 1992 hit single with *End of the Road*?

Boyz II Men

36. Which space mission was launched in 1997 to study the planet Saturn?

Cassini-Huygens [see note 1](#)

37. Which explorer led the 1893–1896 *Fram* expedition to reach the geographic north pole?

Fridtjof Nansen

38. Which Shelley poem takes its name from the Greek name for Ramesses II?

Ozymandias

39. Which cartoon character drawn by Wally Fawkes featured in the *Daily Mail* between 1949 and 1984?

Flook

40. 'If I have seen further it is by standing on the shoulders of giants' is a quote from a letter from which famous person?

Isaac Newton

Theme: answers begin with the symbols of the first ten elements in the periodic table
(H, He, Li, Be, B, C, N, O, F, Ne)

Second Verbal Round

41. There are only three native British conifers; the Yew and Scots Pine are two, what is the third?

(Common) **Juniper**

42. Some constellations of the southern hemisphere have been named due to their resemblance to parts of ships. What part is represented by *Vela*?

Sails

43. Who was the US Vice President who became the thirteenth President in 1850, after the death of Zachary Taylor, and served only one term?

Millard Fillmore

44. In 1971 which golfer won both the British Open and US Open championships?

Lee Trevino

45. *Rondo*, *Amsterdam Forcing* and *St Valery* are three varieties of which vegetable crop?

Carrot

46. Clacket Lane and South Mimms are service stations situated on which British motorway?

M25

47. In conventional editions of the *Old Testament* which book falls between *Nehemiah* and *Job*?

Esther

48. Which shipyard was responsible for the construction of the *Queen Elizabeth 2*?

John Brown & Company (Upper Clyde Shipbuilders)

49. The 43-mile-long Llangollen Canal links the town of Llangollen to which Civil Parish situated in Cheshire?

Hurleston

50. Who is the current presenter of the BBC Radio 2 programme *Pick of the Pops*?
Paul Gambaccini
51. Name one of the three current presenters of the BBC consumer programme *Watchdog*?
Matt Allwright, Nikki Fox or Steph McGovern
52. The iconic steam locomotive *Royal Scot* was produced during the tenure of which Chief Mechanical Engineer?
Sir Henry Fowler
53. Which female detective is played on TV by Lauren Lee Smith?
Frankie Drake (in the *Frankie Drake Mysteries*)
54. In 2018, 26 new 10p coins will be issued, one for each letter of the alphabet celebrating the best of British. What will be used to represent the letter S?
Stonehenge
55. *Gossima* is one of the original names for which ball game?
Table Tennis
56. Which North Wales town is included in the name of a pop group which had a number two hit with *When I'm Dead and Gone*?
McGuinness Flint
57. The name of which martial art means 'the way of the spirit of harmony'?
Aikido
58. Who wrote *The Centaur* published in 1963?
John Updike
59. Which is the smallest country in area in mainland South America?
Surinam **see note 2**
60. Give a year during the War of the Austrian Succession?
1740–1748
61. The tree with the Latin name *Sambucus nigra* is better known by which common name?
(European) **Elder**
62. Selçuk, a Turkish town, is home to one of the seven ancient wonders of the world. What was the city's name in ancient times?
Ephesus
63. In which US state did the Battle of the Little Bighorn take place in 1876?
Montana
64. The architect Charles-Édouard Jeanneret is better known by what name?
Le Corbusier
65. Located in Northumberland, Cragside was built for which famous industrialist?
(First Baron) **William Armstrong**
66. Which composer was responsible for the 1888 symphonic suite *Scheherazade*?
Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov
67. What is usually added to copper to make pinchbeck?
Zinc

68. In the BBC sitcom *Are You Being Served?* what was the first name of Mr Rumbold?

Cuthbert

69. What does the Russian word *novichok* mean?

Newcomer

70. Tartu is the second-largest city in which European country?

Estonia

Second Written Round

71. On which continent would you find the McMurdo Sound?

Antarctica

72. How many figures make up Rodin's sculpture group *The Burghers of Calais*?

Six

73. *Put onto charm* is an anagram of which historic royal palace?

Hampton Court

74. The 1977 Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to which human rights organisation?

Amnesty International

75. The young offender's institutes that used to be called 'borstals' took their name from a village in which English county?

Kent

76. In media terms what does the acronym BARB stand for?

Broadcasters' Audience Research Board

77. George Frederick Handel composed *Zadok the Priest* for the coronation of which British monarch?

George II

78. Which is the longest river wholly inside the country of Myanmar?

The Irrawaddy (or Ayeyarwady)

79. In theatre, film and television Felix Ungar and Oscar Madison are referred to as what?

The Odd Couple

80. Blue vitriol is a common name for which chemical compound?

Copper sulphate (pentahydrate)

Spares

1. What do the initials OPCW stand for in international organisations?

Organisation for the Prevention of Chemical Weapons [see note 3](#)

2. Who wrote *The Diary of a Wimpy Kid*?

Jeff Kinney

3. Where will the 2022 Winter Olympics be held?

Beijing

4. Where would you find the mineral armalcolite?

On the moon (named after **Arm**strong, **Ald**rin and **Coll**ins) [see note 4](#)

5. What is toponomy?

The study of place names

Notes

1. The mission is frequently referred to as just 'Cassini', which would seem to be an alternative, acceptable answer.
2. French Guiana (or Guiana) is much smaller than Surinam, but it is an overseas département and region of France, rather than a sovereign nation, so is not included in many lists of South American countries.
3. The 'P' stands for prohibition, not prevention.
4. Armalcolite was first discovered on the moon, but has since been found to occur in several locations on Earth.

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