

## LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2017

### QUESTIONS BY RAILWAY FLIERS

#### First Verbal Round

1. Which singer who died in 2008 was affectionately known as 'Mama Africa'?  
**Miriam Makeba**
2. Floors Castle is the ancestral seat of which Scottish peer?  
**Duke of Roxburghe**
3. As at 2 November 2017 who is Secretary-General of the Commonwealth?  
**Baroness Patricia Scotland**
4. Palmers Brewery is located in which UK town?  
**Bridport**
5. Which classical composer wrote *The Swan of Tuonela*?  
**Jean Sibelius**
6. Which common garden bird has the Latin name *Erithacus rubecula*?  
**Robin**
7. Don Bradman is top of the cricket Test Match batting averages. After him there are, as at 2 November 2017, only four players with an average greater than 60: Grahame Pollock, Herbert Sutcliffe, George Headley and who?  
**Adam Voges (61.87)**
8. Philip Wakem, Stephen Guest and Maggie Tulliver are characters in which Victorian novel?  
***The Mill on the Floss***
9. Which Metrolink station is between Timperley and Altrincham?  
**Navigation Road**
10. The Kelpies, 30-metre-high horse-head sculptures, are located in which Scottish council area?  
**Falkirk**
11. The politician Stanley Baldwin and the spies Guy Burgess and Kim Philby were educated at which Oxbridge College?  
**Trinity College, Cambridge**
12. Which 1960s TV spin-off from *Z-Cars* was set in the fictional region of Wyvern?  
***Softly, Softly***
13. Mohammad Reza Pahlavi is better known by what title?  
(The last) **Shah of Persia (or Iran)**
14. In TV's *Game of Thrones* Lena Headey plays which character?  
**Cersei Lannister**
15. Who commanded the British troops at the First Battle of El Alamein in July 1942?  
**Claude Auchinleck**
16. Which is the largest of the Greek Dodecanese island group?  
**Rhodes**

17. What was the first name of the Italian composer Rossini?

**Gioachino**

18. The metical is the currency of which African country?

**Mozambique**

19. Which English king died in Berkeley Castle?

**Edward II**

20. What is the more common name for the flower *Erythronium*?

**Dogtooth Violet** [see note 1](#)

21. As at 2 November 2017 who is the Prime Minister of Japan?

**Shinzo Abe**

22. Which island was the northernmost inhabited place in the UK until the lighthouse, built by Thomas and David Stevenson, was automated?

**Muckle Flugga**

23. Who was appointed as UK Ambassador to Washington in 1977 – it was controversial at the time because he was the son-in-law of the Prime Minister and had no previous diplomatic experience?

**Peter Jay**

24. Which football club's ground is called Valley Parade?

**Bradford City**

25. Which singer had number one hits in the UK in 1959 with *Dream Lover* and *Mack the Knife*?

**Bobby Darin**

26. The city of Cork in Ireland stands on which river?

**River Lee** (also accept 'Curraheen')

27. In which 1974 film is Bart, a black railway worker, appointed Sheriff of Rock Ridge?

**Blazing Saddles**

28. Whom did Charlotte Corday assassinate in 1793?

**Jean-Paul Marat**

29. In Greek mythology to whom was Medea married?

**Jason** [see note 2](#)

30. Who was the author of the sequence of novels entitled *Strangers and Brothers*?

**C. P. Snow**

**First Written Round** **THERE IS A THEME (sometimes hidden)**

31. Under what name did the country singers Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson and Waylon Jennings perform together?

**The Highwaymen** [see note 3](#)

32. Which country's flag has two large carmine red horizontal stripes containing a smaller white horizontal stripe between them?

**Latvia**

33. Which trees belong to the family *Platanaceae*?

**Plane trees**

34. What is the missing word in this quotation from Ophelia's speech in *Hamlet*? "There's fennel for you, and columbines. There's ----- for you; and here's some for me".

**Rue**

35. Reputedly the longest bar in Manchester is in the Lowry Hotel. What is its name?

**The Terrace**

36. What French term describes something covered in pastry and baked?

**En croûte**

37. Which singer was the front man and co-lead singer with Jimmy Griffin of the group Bread?

**David Gates**

38. Which Tameside village is located between Mottram in Longdendale and Charlesworth?

**Broadbottom**

39. What is the Muslim equivalent of the Red Cross?

**Red Crescent**

40. Where in the UK is the headquarters of Clarks Shoes?

**Street**

**Theme is the answers contain the names (in various languages) of types of thoroughfare:**  
Highway, Via, Lane, Rue, Terrace, Route, Gate, Road, Crescent, Street.

## Second Verbal Round

41. Inveraray Castle is the ancestral home of which Scottish peer?

**Duke of Argyll**

42. Which singer who died in 1966 had the nickname 'The Last of the Red Hot Mamas'?

**Sophie Tucker**

43. What is an erythrocyte?

**A red blood cell**

44. As at 2 November 2017, who is Secretary-General of the United Nations?

**António Guterres**

45. The city of Derry stands on which river?

**River Foyle** (also accept 'River Faughan')

46. Tafari Makonnen Woldemikael is better known by what title?

**Emperor Haile Selassie**

47. Which common garden bird has the Latin name *Cyanistes caeruleus*?

**Blue tit**

48. Which classical composer wrote *The Lark Ascending*?

**Ralph Vaughan Williams**

49. Anne Catherick, Marian Holcombe and Count Fosco are characters in which Victorian novel?

***The Woman in White***

50. Which Metrolink station is between Barlow Moor Road and Northern Moor?

**Sale Water Park**

51. What is the name of the installation on Crosby beach of 100 cast-iron figures by Anthony Gormley?  
**Another Place**
52. Which English king died in Pontefract Castle?  
**Richard II**
53. Arkell's Brewery is located in which UK town?  
**Swindon**
54. Who is the only post-World War 2 English bowler to have a Test Match bowling average of less than 20?  
**Frank Tyson (18.56)**
55. In TV's *Game of Thrones* what character does Sophie Turner play?  
**Sansa Stark**
56. What was the first name of the Italian composer Respighi?  
**Ottorino** [see note 4](#)
57. Which UK island has a lighthouse designed by David Stevenson and hosts the world's largest breeding colony of Northern Gannets?  
**Bass Rock**
58. Which 1979-1980 TV series starred Trevor Eve as a private investigator and presenter on Radio West?  
**Shoestring**
59. The kwanza is the currency of which African country?  
**Angola**
60. The politicians Dennis Healey and Edward Heath and the drug smuggler Howard Marks were educated at which Oxbridge College?  
**Balliol College, Oxford**
61. Which football club's ground is called Ashton Gate?  
**Bristol City**
62. Which academic economist was appointed US Ambassador to India by J. F. Kennedy in 1961?  
**John Kenneth Galbraith**
63. What name is shared by the largest of the Pelagian Islands and an Italian author?  
**Lampedusa**
64. Who was in overall command of the German army at the First Battle of the Marne in 1914?  
**Helmuth von Moltke**
65. Which singer had number one hits in the UK in 1959 with *What Do You Want* and in 1960 with *Poor Me*?  
**Adam Faith**
66. As at 2 November 2017, who is the President of the People's Republic of China?  
**Xi Jinping** [see note 5](#)
67. Who assassinated Archduke Franz Ferdinand in Sarajevo in 1914?  
**Gavrilo Princip**
68. In Greek mythology, who was the son of Odysseus?  
**Telemachus**
69. Who was the author of the sequence of novels entitled *A Dance to the Music of Time*?  
**Anthony Powell**

70. In the 1972 film *Cabaret* what is the name of the club where Sally Bowles is a singer?

**The Kit Kat Klub**

## Second Written Round

71. Name the five Major League Baseball teams that are based in the state of California.

**Los Angeles Dodgers, Los Angeles Angels, San Diego Padres, San Francisco Giants, Oakland Athletics (or A's)**

72. In the infamous 1964 Smethwick by-election, where the Conservatives used the slogan 'If you want a n\*\*\*\*\* for a neighbour, vote Labour', who was the losing Labour candidate?

**Patrick Gordon Walker** see pedantic note 6

73. In which UK city is the Ferens Art Gallery?

(Kingston upon) **Hull**

74. What name is given to salt-resistant or salt-tolerant plants that thrive and complete their life cycles in soils or waters containing high salt concentrations?

**Halophytes**

75. In what year was it announced that Conscripton (or National Service) would be phased out?

**1957**

76. The 1967 film *The Graduate* is based on a novel of the same name by whom?

**Charles Webb**

77. In which UK county is the National Trust property Gibside?

**Durham** see note 7

78. Who presents the BBC Radio 4 programme *The Life Scientific*?

**Jim Al-Khalili**

79. What name was given to the trial in 1963–64 at which Nelson Mandela was convicted and sent to Robben Island?

**Rivonia**

80. Which St Helens Rugby League legend, who scored 392 tries in 409 appearances, died in October 2017?

**Tom van Vollenhoven**

## Spares

1. Which actress' birth name was Lucille Fay LeSueur?

**Joan Crawford**

2. Pierre is the capital of which American state?

**South Dakota**

3. Who wrote the poem *The Idylls of the King*?

**Alfred Lord Tennyson**

4. Sir Michael Fallon who resigned because of his 'inappropriate behaviour' is MP for which constituency?

**Sevenoaks**

5. Narita International Airport serves which capital city?

**Tokyo**

6. In Middle Eastern cuisine what is *taboon*?

**Flatbread** [see note 8](#)

## Notes

1. This question has other equally-acceptable answers, including Adder's Tongue, Trout Lily, Fawn Lily and Avalanche Lily.
2. Medea was also married to Aegeus, King of Athens.
3. The group also included Kris Kristofferson.
4. Ottorino's wife was also a composer, so 'Elsa' is an acceptable, if less likely, answer.
5. The Chinese custom is to give the surname/family name first, so in accordance with our rules just 'Xi' is an acceptable answer.
6. Gordon Walker lost the seat during the General Election of 1964, rather than in a by-election.
7. The [National Trust website](#) puts Gibside in Tyne and Wear, rather than County Durham.
8. Taboon also refers to a type of clay oven.

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