LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2019 QUESTIONS BY THE ALEXANDRA

First Verbal Round

1. The town of Godmanchester, on the River Great Ouse, is in which English county?

Cambridgeshire

2. Derived from the distinctive shape of its nest, *Bumbarrel* is a traditional British name for which garden bird with the Latin name *Aegithalos caudatus*?

Long-tailed tit see note 1

3. Which city is the capital of the Canadian province Manitoba?

Winnipeg

4. What name is commonly given to the approximately 3000 insect species that comprise the sub-order *Anisoptera*, in the order *Odonata*?

Dragonflies

5. Which band's albums include *Future Games*, *Penguin* and *Mirage*?

Fleetwood Mac

6. Not to be confused with Veterans' Day in November, which celebrates <u>all</u> military service, the US national holiday Memorial Day, which commemorates those who have <u>died</u> in uniform, is held on the last Monday of which month?

May

7. Which northern Italian city's international airport is named after the engineer Guglielmo Marconi?

Bologna

8. In which year did William Holden, Hoagy Carmichael and Bob Marley die? The same year saw the birth of Britney Spears, Meghan Markle and Roger Federer.

1981

9. When Nottingham Forest won their second European Cup in 1980, which Englishman was on the losing side in the final?

Kevin Keegan (for Hamburg)

10. Which French composer wrote the music for the ballet *Daphnis et Chloé*, which premiered in June 1912?

Maurice Ravel

11. Caroline of Ansbach was the wife of which British King?

George II

12. Oasis rhythm guitarist Paul Arthurs, who left the band in 1999, was usually known by which nickname?

Bonehead

13. The Faroe Islands are a self-governing overseas territory of which country?

Denmark

14. Whaddon Road is the home of which English Football League Division Two team? For sponsorship reasons the ground is currently known as the Jonny-Rocks Stadium.

Cheltenham Town

15. The Great Red Spot is a well-known atmospheric feature of the planet Jupiter, but on which planet would you find the Great **Dark** Spot?

Neptune

16. In a similar vein to the previous question, which planet's atmosphere has a feature known as the Great **White** Spot?

Saturn

17. Which English Football League Division Two team plays home games at Broadhall Way? For sponsorship reasons the ground is currently known as the Lamex Stadium.

Stevenage Borough

18. The Pitcairn Islands are an overseas dependency of which country?

UK (or 'Great Britain')

19. Stone Roses bassist Gary Mounfield is usually referred to by which nickname?

Mani

20. Which British King was married to Adelaide of Saxe-Meiningen?

William IV

21. Which Russian composed the opera *Prince Igor*, which premiered in November 1890?

Alexander Borodin

22. When Liverpool won their third European Cup in 1981, which Englishman was on the losing side in the final?

Laurie Cunningham (for Real Madrid)

23. Which year saw the deaths of Orson Welles, Rock Hudson and Yul Brynner and the births of Cristiano Ronaldo, Keira Knightley and Lewis Hamilton.

1985

24. Which northern Italian city's international airport is named after the composer Giuseppe Verdi?

Parma

25. The US national holiday known as Labor Day, which celebrates the contribution made by workers to the nation's development, is held on the first Monday of which month?

September

26. Which band's albums include Murmur, Green and Monster?

REM

27. What name is commonly given to the 2000 or so species that comprise the order of insects *Dermaptera*?

Earwigs

28. Which city is the capital of the Canadian province Saskatchewan?

Regina

29. Which wading bird with the Latin name *Tringa totanus* has the nickname 'Warden of the Marshes', as it is often the first to take flight in the presence of a possible predator?

Redshank

30. Birthplace of comedians Sarah Silverman and Adam Sandler, Manchester is the most populous city in which US state?

New Hampshire

First Written Round THERE IS A THEME (which includes sound-a-likes)

- 31. What two-word name is commonly given to the marine mammals of the genus *Globicephala*, which has two species: long-finned and short-finned? **Pilot whales**
- 32. *Tragically I Was an Only Twin* is a collection of the writings of which influential British comedian?

Peter Cook

33. Situated near the southern edge of Regent's Park, which is the closest London Underground station to Madame Tussauds? One of the original six Metropolitan Line stations that opened in January 1863, it nowadays sits at the intersection of five lines, including the Circle, Jubilee and Hammersmith & City.

Baker Street

34. Who won the men's triple jump at the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles? His sister won a heptathlon silver medal at the same games and his wife was a multiple-gold medallist four vears later in Seoul.

Al Joyner

(brother of Jackie Joyner-Kersee and, by 1988, husband of Florence Griffith-Joyner)

- 35. First shown in 2012, which popular BBC TV drama is based on the memoirs of Jennifer Worth, who narrates the show through the voice of Vanessa Redgrave?

 Call the Midwife
- 36. Which Rossini opera, based on a French comedy by Pierre Beaumarchais, is subtitled *The Futile Precaution*? It was first performed in Rome in 1816 under its original title of *Almaviva*. *The Barber of Seville*
- 37. South African RAF pilot and Battle of Britain ace Adolph Malan was usually known by which rather incongruous nickname?

'Sailor'

38. Which <u>two</u> men were the protagonists in the programme that achieved BBC 2's record audience of 18.5 million, in the early hours of Monday 28 April 1985.

Steve Davis and Dennis Taylor

39. Name this cricketer. Born in Bombay in 1938 he played in 46 Tests for India between 1961 and 1975. He also kept wicket for the Rest of the World team that stood in for the banned South Africans in Test series against England and Australia in the early 1970s. He played county cricket for Lancashire from 1968 to 1976.

Farokh Engineer

40. Which prolific American author is best known for his *Perry Mason* novels?

Earl Stanley Gardner

Theme is occupations/job titles

(pilot, cook, baker, joiner, midwife, barber, sailor, tailor, engineer, gardener)

Second Verbal Round

41. On which local radio station is the breakfast show presented by Chelsea Norris?

Radio Manchester

42. Which member of ITV's Loose Women panel was once married to Chris Evans?

Carol McGiffin

43. Which tool has types that include Corner, Firmer, Skew and Butt?

Chisel

44. Slovenia shares its southern border with which country?

Croatia

45. As at 8 February 2019, who is the beleaguered President of Venezuela?

Nicolás Maduro

46. What is the everyday name of the flowering plant Helianthus annuus?

Sunflower

47. Its correct name is *Gonna Fly Now*, but it is better known as the theme tune to which film series?

Rocky

48. Give **either** of the two first names of US author J. D. Salinger.

Jerome or David

49. Four Scottish men have held the title of World Professional Snooker Champion. Walter Donaldson was the first, in 1947 and 1950. Name any two of the other three.

Any two from: Graham Dott, Stephen Hendry and John Higgins

50. Which poet was born in York on today's date in 1907 and died in Vienna in 1973? His better-known works include *Funeral Blues* and a verse commentary to the 1936 documentary film *Night Mail*.

W. H. Auden

51. As at 8 February 2019, who is the current MP for West Suffolk and the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care?

Matt Hancock

52. For which club did Michael Owen make his final league appearance in England? He played eight games for them in the 2012–13 season.

Stoke City

53. Give a year in the reign of King Edward I of England.

1272-1307

54. Bruce Foxton and Rick Buckler were two thirds of a band formed in Woking in 1972. Who was the third member?

Paul Weller (The Jam)

55. In which year (allow one year either way) was the completion of Giles Gilbert Scott's Anglican Cathedral in Liverpool marked by a service of dedication and thanksgiving?

1978 (accept 1977 to 1979)

56. In which year (allow one year either way) was Gaudi's *Sagrada Familia* in Barcelona consecrated by the Pope, allowing the still-unfinished building to be used for religious services?

2010 (accept 2009 to 2011)

57. Ignoring Henry Padovani, who left before they had any chart success, give the **full** name of **either** of Sting's band-mates in The Police.

Andy Summers or Stewart Copeland (full names required)

58. Give a year in the reign of King Henry I of England.

1100-1135

59. For which club did Robbie Fowler make his final league appearance in England? He played three times for them in 2008, before joining North Queensland Fury.

Blackburn Rovers

60. As at 8 February 2019, who is the current MP for South Staffordshire and the Secretary of State for Defence?

Gavin Williamson

61. Who was shot dead by members of the Nation of Islam in Manhattan's Audubon Ballroom on today's date in 1965?

Malcolm X (also accept his real name, Malcolm Little)

62. Name any two of the three Welsh men that have held the title of World Professional Snooker Champion.

Any two from: Ray Reardon, Terry Griffiths and Mark Williams

63. Give either of the two first names of English novelist E. M. Forster.

Edward or Morgan

64. Its correct name is *Pop Looks Bach*, but it is better known as the theme tune to which long-running BBC TV programme?

Ski Sunday

65. What is the everyday name of the flowering plant *Bellis perennis*?

Daisy

66. Who has recently completed his first year in office as President of South Africa?

Cyril Ramaphosa

67. Belarus shares its southern border with which country?

Ukraine

68. Which tool has types that include Artillery, Pad, Salt and Turkish?

Saw

69. Which member of ITV's *Loose Women* panel is married to Eamonn Holmes? Her screen name is needed, i.e. 'Mrs Holmes' will **not** suffice!

Ruth Langsford

70. Give the **full** name of **either** of the regular presenters of the Radio Manchester Sunday morning show, which celebrated its thirtieth anniversary last year.

Eamonn O'Neal or Jimmy Wagg

Second Written Round

71. At which year's FIFA World Cup finals were red cards introduced? They weren't actually used until four years later, when Chile's Carlos Caszely was sent off against West Germany.

1970 (México)

72. The rivers Nene, Welland and Warwickshire Avon each have their source near which Northamptonshire village that also has a notable place in British military history.

Naseby

73. With which French town was Stockport twinned in 1972?

Béziers

74. Which European car manufacturer produces the *Nemo*, *Aircross*, *Cactus* and *C-Elysée*?

Citroën

75. Narrated by Alexander Armstrong, which CBeebies television programme is about a brown dog who leads the Squirrel Club?

Hey Duggee

76. Which castle near Kelso in the Scottish Borders is the seat of the Duke of Roxburghe?

Floors Castle

77. The so-called Coronation Riots that took place in England during the eighteenth century were in response to the crowning of which King?

George I

78. Originating as a Royal Navy slang term, *Janner* is a name given to an inhabitant of which English city?

Plymouth see note 2

79. Which company produces the Switch games console?

Nintendo

80. As featured on a sign on his Oval Office desk, the phrase '*The Buck Stops Here*' was popularised by which US President?

Harry Truman

Spares

- Probably better known for reducing Bradley Walsh to hysterics in an out-take from *The Chase*, Fanny Chmelar was a competitor in which sport
 Skiing
- 2. Which Grammy-winning jazz artist—also renowned for his headwear—has released the albums *Liquid Spire* and *Take Me to the Alley?*

Gregory Porter

3. Only two Northern Ireland footballers have won the European Cup/Champions League. Name them both.

George Best and Martin O'Neill

4. On 27 March 1945 Ivy Millichamp of Orpington, Kent became the last person in Britain to be killed in this way. How did she die?

In a V-2 missile attack

5. King Charles I of England was executed in which year?

1649

6. What connects SE Electricity, synthetic cream, plover oil and unmatched entries?

Anagrams of Premier League football teams (Leicester City, Manchester City, Liverpool and Manchester United)

Notes

- 1. 'Long-tailed bushtit' is also an acceptable answer, as are the 31 English dialect names for the bird as described in this fascinating article
- 2. According to the <u>English Oxford Living Dictionary</u> a janner is "a person from Devon, especially the city of Plymouth", so 'Exeter' would also appear to be an acceptable answer.