

**PLATE FINAL THURSDAY 16 MAY
QUESTIONS BY RAILWAY AND TIVIOT**

First Verbal Round

1. Who recently became only the second British racehorse trainer, after Martin Pipe, to saddle 200 winners in a National Hunt season?
Dan Skelton
2. Whose work is the subject of a current exhibition at the British Museum, entitled *Love and Angst*?
Edvard Munch
3. Which village in Brittany gives its name to Europe's largest concentration of megalithic monuments, which include the Méneac alignments and the Kerlescan alignments?
Carnac
4. Which river is formed by the confluence of the Tigris and Euphrates, and flows into the Persian Gulf?
The Shatt al-Arab (also accept its Persian name 'Arvand Rud')
5. What's the only London borough with land on both sides of the Thames?
Richmond-upon-Thames (accept just 'Richmond')
6. In the 1994 Oscar-nominated bio-pic *Tom & Viv*, starring Willem Dafoe and Miranda Richardson in the title roles, who was Tom?
T. S. Eliot
7. Alluding to an ancient fable, what phrase can be used to describe someone who holds on to something he doesn't need, simply to prevent someone else from using it?
Dog in the manger
8. Which genus of flowering plants, common in gardens, has a name that's literally Greek for 'a flame'?
Phlox
9. What name was shared by the first steamship to cross the Atlantic and the first nuclear-powered merchant ship?
Savannah
10. Which much-married actor, who appeared in more than 300 films and died in 2014, was born Joseph Yule in 1920?
Mickey Rooney
11. What's the common name for 29 of the 34 species in the mammal family *Herpestidae*, which also includes the meerkat?
Mongoose
12. The first image of a black hole was recently captured by a network of telescopes known as the *EHT*. What does *EHT* stand for?
Event Horizon Telescope
13. Margaret of Anjou was the wife and consort of which English king, effectively ruling the country during his frequent bouts of mental illness?
Henry VI
14. The act that won the Brit award for Best International Group in 2019 is a duo performing under what name?
The Carters (comprising Beyoncé and Jay-Z, whose real (married) surname is Carter)

15. In cribbage, how many points are scored by a hand of three fives and the Jack of the fourth suit, if the fourth five is turned up?

Twenty-nine (best possible score: 12 for four-of-a-kind, plus 16 for eight 15s and 'one for his nob')

16. According to *The Farmers' Almanac*, the 'wolf moon' is the full moon that occurs in which month of the year?

January

17. In Greek mythology who was the daughter of King Minos, who gave Theseus the ball of thread by which he found his way out of the Labyrinth?

Ariadne

18. Name either of the well-known sports teams that are based at Foxborough, Massachusetts.

New England Patriots (NFL) or **New England Revolution** (MLS)

19. Which US President refused to be sworn in on the Sabbath, leading to David Aitchison becoming President for one day, in 1849 (according to a well-known urban myth)?

Zachary Taylor

20. At the beginning of *Les Misérables*, Jean Valjean has just been released from prison where he has served 19 years for what **specific** crime?

Stealing a loaf of bread (QM should prompt for 'more' if a team answers with 'stealing' or 'theft')

21. Which Sri Lankan batsman, who retired in 2016, is the sixth-highest run scorer in Test cricket? He is also second-highest scorer, behind Sachin Tendulkar, in One-Day Internationals.

Kumar Sangakkara

22. Which Commonwealth country consists of over 700 coral islands and cays (pronounced keys), the largest of which is Andros?

The Bahamas

23. Which British rock star spent a night in jail in New York, fifty years ago today (16 May 1969) for kicking a policeman off stage?

Pete Townshend

(the policeman grabbed the microphone off Roger Daltrey, to announce to the audience that the building next door was on fire and they needed to evacuate the Fillmore Hall. He was in plain clothes and Townshend didn't realise he was a policeman)

24. Which musical instrument gives its name to a quarter-bottle of Champagne?

Piccolo

25. Which port on the Bay of Biscay was the site of a major German U-boat base and the last French city to be liberated at the end of World War Two?

La Rochelle

26. In which city are the headquarters of Greenpeace?

Amsterdam

27. Which London plumber improved on Alexander Cumming's S-bend by inventing the U-bend, as a means of preventing sewer gases from entering buildings?

Thomas Crapper

28. Antarctica's most active volcano was named after Sir James Ross's ship, which in turn was named after the Greek god of darkness, the son of Chaos. What name do they all share?

Erebus

29. Which company was said to have accounted for 70% of the market capital of the Helsinki Stock Exchange, at its peak in the year 2000?

Nokia

30. In which UK city was a 7-metre high, 10,000-tonne statue entitled *Messenger* installed recently?

Plymouth

First Written Round THERE IS A THEME

(where the answer is a person's name, the first name may be required to fit the theme)

31. The airport serving the city of Grand Rapids, Michigan is named after which American President?

Gerald Ford

32. Which actor provided the voice of Puss-in-Boots in the *Shrek* series of films?

Antonio Banderas

33. What is the name of the first novel in Mervyn Peake's *Gormenghast* trilogy?

Titus Groan

34. What was Groucho Marx's real first name?

Julius

35. Which horse gave its name to the fence that is ninth and twenty-fifth in the Grand National, having reputedly jumped it in an unusual way in 1840?

Valentine (Valentine's Brook)

36. Who is the current Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police?

Cressida Dick

37. Which artist created the 2009 project entitled *One & Other*, in which members of the public occupied Trafalgar Square's fourth plinth?

Antony Gormley

38. Based in Wichita, Kansas, which subsidiary of Canadian Bombardier Aerospace was founded in the 1950s as Swiss American Aviation Corporation?

Learjet

39. Which celebrity offspring began modelling for Burberry in 2012 at the age of ten? (full name required)

Romeo Beckham

40. Pianist Jacques Loussier, who died in March 2019, is perhaps best known for playing on a famous television advert for which brand?

Hamlet (cigars)

Theme: each answer contains part or all of a Shakespearean title character

Mistress Ford – one of the *Merry Wives of Windsor*; *Antonio* – the *Merchant of Venice*; *Titus Andronicus*; *Julius Caesar*; *Valentine* – one of the *Two Gentlemen of Verona*; *Cressida* – of *Troilus and Cressida*; *Antony* - of *Antony & Cleopatra*; *King Lear*; *Romeo* – of *Romeo and Juliet*; *Hamlet*.

Second Verbal Round

41. Who scored the first Premier League goal at Tottenham's new stadium?

Son Heung-Min (accept just 'Son')

42. Who wrote and starred in the recent TV series *Fleabag*?

Phoebe Waller-Bridge

43. Which music hall performer popularised the children's favourite *The Laughing Policeman*?

Charles Penrose (also accept his pseudonym, Charles Jolly)

44. What do the letters *BSA* stand for in the motorbike manufacturer's name?

Birmingham Small Arms

45. What name is given to the clouds that are delicate white wisps of ice high in the heavens? Their name comes from the Latin for 'lock of hair'.

Cirrus

46. Which archaic, three-letter plural word follows 'Chorlton', 'Stretford' and 'Sale' to describe water meadows/flood basins adjacent to the River Mersey.

Ees

47. Which Anglesey seaside resort lies between Moelfre (*pronounced 'moyl-vreh'*) and Red Wharf Bay?

Benllech

48. Which word can be a type of confectionery, a Cornish coastal village or a type of music?

Rock

49. Which fictional thoroughfare links a 1947 Lana Turner film, a jazz standard and novels by Elizabeth Goudge and Sebastian Faulks?

Green Dolphin Street

50. Level 7 of the English Football League (the one below National Leagues North and South) comprises three regional leagues sponsored by makers of what type of product?

Glue or Adhesives (Evostik and Bostik leagues)

51. Who is the subject of the recently released film *White Crow*?

Rudolph Nureyev

52. Which three words complete this iconic statement on journalism by the famous Guardian editor C. P. Scott: '*Comment is free, but...*'.

'...facts are sacred'

53. Which work of sacred music includes the anthem *How Lovely are Thy Dwellings Fair*?

German Requiem (by Brahms)

54. In the fictional village of Ambridge, what is the **first** name of Jill Archer's new gentleman friend?

Leonard

55. What sort of company is Beagle Street, which uses a beagle dog in its TV adverts?

Insurance

56. Which king of France acceded to the throne in the same year that Henry VIII of England died?

Henri II (1547)

57. How many cervical vertebrae are there in the human body?

Seven

58. In which city did the world's largest Primark store open on 12 April 2019?

Birmingham

59. Situated in the grounds of Windsor's Home Park estate, what is the name of the 'cottage' that will be home to the Duke and Duchess of Sussex and their new baby Archie?

Frogmore (Cottage)

60. In the world of pets, for what does the acronym *BARF* stand?

Bones and raw food (also accept '**Biologically-acceptable raw food**')

61. The first Timpson shoe shop opened on Oldham Road, Manchester in which year of the nineteenth century?
(allow five years either way)

1865 (accept 1860–1870)

62. Which seventeenth century European war included the battles of Lutzen and Nordlingen, the death of Gustavus Adolphus and the sack of Magdeburg?

The Thirty Years' War

63. At the end of this summer Cedric Robinson will retire after 56 years in a unique, part-time job in north-west England. What is this job?

Queen's Guide to the Sands in Morecambe Bay (accept 'Morecambe Bay guide' or similar)

64. Musically, in which major key is C natural the dominant note in the octave scale?

F (major)

65. Give **either** of the two English counties that are both home to an iron age hill fort called Maiden Castle?

Cheshire or Dorset

66. Two of the *Three Rivers* in the name of the Manchester-made gin are the Irk and the Irwell. Which is the third?

Medlock

67. In the world of philately for what do the letters *FDC* stand?

First Day Cover

68. Based on a series of crime novels that includes *Raven Black*, *Red Bones* and *Blue Lightning*, which BBC TV series has the central character Jimmy Perez?

Shetland

69. How many winners of the Nobel Peace Prize have also held the office of President of the United States?

Four (Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, Jimmy Carter and Barack Obama)

70. Which fictional French Hussar officer in the Napoleonic wars was created by Arthur Conan Doyle, appearing in seventeen short stories, a play and a historical novel? The name became known in another context in the later twentieth century.

Brigadier Gerard

Second Written Round **THERE IS A THEME**

71. *The Clones of Doctor Funkenstein* and *Mothership Connection* were 1970s US top twenty albums by which band?

Parliament

72. Which Devon town was the birthplace of Sir Francis Drake and gives its name to a canal linking it to the river Tamar?

Tavistock

73. *Risso's*, *Hourglass* and *Short-beaked Common* are species of which animal?

Dolphin

74. Which Stockport-born Rugby Union scrum half played most of his career at Sale and won 28 England caps, including five as captain in 1982/3?

Steve Smith

75. Which famous 89-year-old British man was jailed for seven days in 1961 for breach of the peace following a nuclear disarmament demonstration?

Bertrand Russell

76. Which famous athletics club has headquarters in Wimbledon and a home track in Battersea Park?
Belgrave Harriers
77. Who won the Academy Award for Best Actress for her role in the 2010 film *Black Swan*?
Natalie Portman
78. Which dessert consists of a short-crust pastry shell, spread with raspberry jam, covered with custard filling and topped with coconut flakes and a maraschino cherry?
Manchester tart
79. What colour and type of animal appears on the royal arms of Scotland?
Red Lion
80. Name the most southerly of the British shipping forecast areas.
Trafalgar
- Theme is famous London squares:**
Parliament, Tavistock, Dolphin, Smith, Russell, Belgrave, Portman, Manchester, Red Lion, Trafalgar.

Additional Written Round (for use in the event of a tie)

81. Nicknamed *the City of the Tribes*, which Irish city is to be a European Capital of Culture in the year 2020?
Galway
82. Which country did Great Britain beat last month to win promotion to the World Group in the Federation Cup?
Kazakhstan
83. A measure of the average distance that a gas molecule travels between collisions with others is often abbreviated to *MFP*. For what does this stand?
Mean Free Path
84. What's the name of the new son, welcomed (or not) into the Addams family, in the 1993 film *Addams Family Values*?
Pubert
85. Give both of the middle names (in either order) of Queen Elizabeth II.
Alexandra and Mary
86. The Duke of Wellington rode a chestnut stallion named after which battle of 1807?
(Second battle of) **Copenhagen**
87. Who was the most recent Tory Prime Minister to have graduated from Cambridge University?
Stanley Baldwin
88. George Best's last competitive match for Manchester United was a 3-0 defeat on New Year's Day 1974 against which London club?
Queens Park Rangers
89. Founded in 1958 by Eric Broadley, which British racing car manufacturer produced the Mk6 GT?
Lola
90. Founded by Annabel Lewis, which haberdashery calls itself '*the leading brand for ribbons, trimmings, tassels, feathers and flowers*'?
V V Rouleaux

Tie-breakers

The first Academy Awards ceremony took place 90 years ago today. It was attended by 270 people, who each paid five dollars for a ticket. According to usinflationcalculator.com, how much, in dollars and cents, is that five dollars equivalent to today?

\$74.33

Give the date of birth of Pope Francis.

17 December 1936

Spares

1. How old were both Marilyn Monroe and Princess Diana when they died?

Thirty-six

2. In Greek mythology, who was the father of the Pleiades?

Atlas

3. Which type of cotton fabric has a name that comes from Malayan and has come to be used for the checked design in which the fabric is often produced?

Gingham

4. Which bird is the symbol of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)?

The avocet

5. There are two living species of alligator. One is native to North America; which country is home to the other?

China

6. What's the more correct name for the water bird that's sometimes known as the dabchick?

The Little Grebe

7. Which Tory Chancellor had the nickname *Mogadon Man*?

Geoffrey Howe

8. Lake Itasca is the primary source of which American river?

Mississippi

9. Which Mogul emperor's forces defeated the Delhi Sultanate under Ibrahim Lodi in the Battle of Panipal in 1526?

Babur

10. Which capital city has districts called Oriental Bay, Te Aro, Kelburn, Brooklyn and Ngaio?

Wellington (New Zealand)