

**LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 21 MARCH 2019**  
**QUESTIONS BY THE SUN & CASTLE**

**First Verbal Round**

1. Which DC Comics character has been recently portrayed by Gal Gadot?

**Wonder Woman**

2. Give a year in the life of King Canute (aka Cnut).

**990–1035** see note 1

3. The scaup is a species of what kind of bird?

**Duck**

4. What useful domestic appliance was invented by Percy Spencer?

**Microwave**

5. Which company owns the Maserati brand?

**Fiat Chrysler Automobiles** (accept just 'Fiat')

6. Which airline acquired Jet America Airlines and Horizon Air in 1986 and Virgin America in 2016?

**Alaska Airlines** see pedantic note 2

7. In thermodynamics, what is defined as 'the temperature and pressure at which the vapour, liquid and solid phases of a substance are in equilibrium'?

**Triple point**

8. What names are initialised in the name of author G. K. Chesterton?

**Gilbert Keith**

9. Which Australian state capital is named after the British Prime Minister William Lamb's title?

**Melbourne**

10. Which brewery started in a garage in 2012 and is based in Newport, South Wales?

**Tiny Rebel**

11. In the *Two Ronnies* series of sketches *The Phantom Raspberry Blower of Old London Town*, who famously provided the raspberries?

**Spike Milligan** see note 3

12. The Blackcap is a species of what kind of bird?

**Warbler**

13. The German word *pferd* translates in English as what animal?

**Horse**

14. What is defined as 'the absence of measurable electrical resistance in materials at critical low temperatures', a property first discovered in 1911 by Kamerlingh Onnes?

**Superconductivity**

15. Starting operations in 1974, British Airways was a merger of four airlines. BEA and BOAC were two of them, name the other two.

**Cambrian Airways** and **Northeast Airlines**

16. Ducati motorcycles is a subsidiary of which other motor vehicle company?

**Lamborghini**

17. Which motorway was completely re-numbered as part of the M60 in 1999?  
**M63**
18. Which Marvel Comics character has been recently played by Tom Holland?  
**Spiderman**
19. What names are initialised in the name of author H. P. Lovecraft?  
**Howard Phillips**
20. What was Spike Milligan's first name?  
**Terence**
21. Give a year in the life of Alfred the Great.  
**849–899**
22. Where in the UK would you find the eerie tourist attraction Mary King's Close? **see note 4**  
**Edinburgh**
23. What useful domestic appliance was invented by Alva J. Fisher?  
**Electric Washing Machine**
24. Which Australian state capital is named after the consort of King William IV?  
**Adelaide**
25. Which Roman Emperor is named in the Smiths song *Heaven Knows I'm Miserable Now*?  
**Caligula**
26. The M96 is a short stretch of motorway in which English county? It is used for Fire Service training.  
**Gloucestershire**
27. Which brewery was founded by Logan Plant, son of Led Zeppelin's Robert Plant, in 2011?  
**Beavertown**
28. The German word *vogel* translates in English as what animal?  
**Bird**
29. Where in Europe would you find the eerie tourist attraction Saint Michan's Church? **see note 4**  
**Dublin**
30. Which Egyptian Pharaoh is named in the Smiths song *Some Girls Are Bigger Than Others*?  
**Cleopatra**

**First Written Round** **THERE IS A THEME**

31. Which 1981 film, based on a book by John Fowles, earned a Best Actress Academy Award nomination for Meryl Streep?  
***The French Lieutenant's Woman***
32. Which British tennis player was runner-up at the Wimbledon finals in 1958 and went one better to win the title in 1961?  
**Angela Mortimer**
33. Which cut of lamb is one half of the loin side, boned with the fell removed and then rolled?  
**Cannon**

34. Which 1999 family comedy film, based on a book by E. B. White, featured Michael J. Fox as the voice of the title character?

**Stuart Little**

35. Who wrote the books *As I Walked Out One Midsummer Morning* and *A Moment of War*? They were the second and third parts of a trilogy with a much more famous book released first in 1959.

**Laurie Lee** [see note 5](#)

36. Which footballer, who is currently chief scout at Everton, started his career at Bournemouth before playing for Norwich City, Manchester and Burnley? He made two full international appearances for England in season 1979–80

**Kevin Reeves**

37. Who finished second in the Eurovision song contest in 1995, representing the UK with the song *One Step Out of Time*?

**Michael Ball**

38. Which man has made an FA Cup appearance for Southampton, played cricket for England and reputedly turned down the throne of Albania?

**C. B. Fry**

39. What was built on the France-Switzerland border between 1998 and 2008 to test the many theories of particle physics?

**Large Hadron Collider**

40. Which *Viz* character, the master of the double entendre, often misunderstood his neighbour Mr. Gimlet?

**Finbarr Saunders**

**Theme is comedy duos** (French & Saunders, Reeves & Mortimer, Cannon & Ball, Little & Large, Fry & Laurie)

## Second Verbal Round

41. Which American Actress died on 23 February 2019 at the age of 89? She appeared in many US sitcoms and also two of Terry Gilliam's films.

**Katherine Helmond**

42. What is Noddy Holder's real first name?

**Neville**

43. Alex Debogorski, Hugh Rowland and Lisa Kelly have made regular appearances in which reality TV show?

**Ice Road Truckers**

44. Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović became President of which European country in February 2015?

**Croatia**

45. Literally translated, what does *Cosa Nostra* mean?

**'Our thing'**

46. Which is the only stadium to have hosted both Football and Rugby Union World Cup finals?

**Stade de France**

47. In which Dickens novel does the character Mr Cruncher appear?

**A Tale of Two Cities**

48. Sig Hansen, Jake Anderson and Sean Dwyer have all been captains on which reality TV show?

**Deadliest Catch**

49. Who as at 9 March 2019 is the Secretary of State for Education?  
**Damian Hinds**
50. On the 25 February 2019 Mark Hollis died. With which band was he the lead singer?  
**Talk Talk**
51. Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca became President of which European country in April 2014?  
**Malta**
52. To what animal does the adjective *vulpine* relate to?  
**Fox**
53. Who presents Radio 4's *A Good Read*?  
**Harriet Gilbert**
54. Airing on BBC television from 2012 to the present day, who portrays *Citizen Khan*?  
**Adil Ray**
55. What is Ozzy Osbourne's actual first name?  
**John**
56. Salvador Dali provided the inspirations for the dream sequences in which Hitchcock film?  
**Spellbound**
57. Who faced calls to resign recently, after his department paid £33 million to settle a legal action over no-deal Brexit preparations?  
**Chris Grayling**
58. What is the literal translation of *Sinn Fein*?  
**'We ourselves'** (accept just 'Ourselves') **see note 6**
59. Which stadium will host the 2019 UEFA Europa League Cup Final?  
**The Olympic Stadium, Baku** (Azerbaijan)
60. Which Labour MP criticised celebrities who travel to Africa making films for Comic Relief, branding them 'white saviours' and prompting a row with Stacey Dooley?  
**David Lammy**
61. Airing on BBC television from 2013–2017, who portrayed the title character of *Count Arthur Strong*?  
**Steve Delaney**
62. What is the name of Rolls-Royce's newest model and their first ever SUV (Sports Utility Vehicle)?  
**Cullinan**
63. When West Germany won their first ever Football World Cup in 1954, who did they beat 3-2 in the final?  
**Hungary**
64. Who as at 9 March 2019 is the Shadow Secretary of State for Education?  
**Angela Rayner**
65. To what animal does the adjective *lupine* relate to?  
**Wolf**
66. In which Dickens novel does the character Miss Mowcher appear?  
**David Copperfield**
67. Which Dutch artist painted *Café Terrace at Night*?  
**Vincent van Gogh**

68. When Brazil won their first Football World Cup in 1958, who did they beat 5-2 in the final?

**Sweden**

69. The *Urus* is which car manufacturer's first-ever SUV?

**Lamborghini**

70. Who presents Radio Four's *Beyond Belief*?

**Ernie Rea**

## Second Written Round

71. What is the second-largest city in Denmark by population?

**Aarhus**

72. Swansea City manager Graham Potter managed which Swedish Club between 2011 and 2018?

**Ostersunds FK**

73. Who plays the part of Higgins in the 2018 reboot of *Magnum P.I.*? Her sister appeared in a long-running wartime drama.

**Perdita Weeks** (Honeysuckle Weeks played Sam Stewart in *Foyle's War*)

74. Kanjira, Djembe and Mridangam are all types of which musical instrument?

**Drums**

75. Opening on 11 January 2017, the *Elbphilharmonie* is a concert hall in which European city?

**Hamburg**

76. *Thumb Lock*, *Mongolian Release* and *Mediterranean Draw* can be used in which sport?

**Archery**

77. Who was Pope throughout World War 2?

**Pius XII**

78. In which year did Great Britain win the Winter Olympic Gold medal in ice hockey?

**1936**

79. What sporting trophy is named after the US Secretary of War in the 1920's?

**Davis Cup** (after Dwight Filley Davis)

80. Which King founded Reading Abbey?

**Henry I**

## Spares

1. Which oceanographer used the former British Royal Navy minesweeper *RV Calypso*?

**Jacques-Yves Cousteau**

2. Who was the cult leader in the Waco siege in 1993?

**David Koresh** [see note 7](#)

3. Which American state has the fewest counties?

**Delaware** (three: New Castle, Kent and Sussex)

4. Robert Curthose was the son of which king?

**William the Conqueror**

5. West Indies cricketer Rohan Kanhai played for which English county between 1968 and 1977?  
**Warwickshire**

## Notes

1. The exact year of Canute's birth is not known. Various sources put his birth somewhere between 985 and 995.
2. Alaska Airlines acquired Jet America Airlines in 1987, not 1986
3. Despite some sources claiming that the voice providing the raspberry of the title was Spike Milligan, it was actually David Jason who was responsible for the sound effects, as confirmed in his 2013 autobiography.
4. When asking for a location, it's advisable to state how specific the answer should be, e.g. 'In which city/town...?'.
5. If the 'theme word' is contained in a person's first name, the question should state that the full name is required.
6. Equally acceptable answers are 'ourselves alone' and 'solely us'.
7. His real (birth) name—Vernon Wayne Howell—is also an acceptable answer.

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