

**LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 11 APRIL 2019**  
**QUESTIONS BY TAME VALLEY**

**First Verbal Round**

1. Complete the next two words in this quotation:  
*'It is spring, moonless night in the small town, starless and...'*  
**Bible black** (in Dylan Thomas's *Under Milk Wood*)
2. In T. S. Eliot's *Cats* who was the original conjuring cat?  
**Mr Mistoffelees** see pedantic note 1
3. The word 'taxi' is derived from a contraction of what word or words?  
**Taximeter** see note 2
4. From which author's story is the plot of the opera *The Barber of Seville* taken?  
**Pierre Beaumarchais**
5. Which ship brought back to England the news of Nelson's death after Trafalgar?  
**HMS Pickle**
6. In Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings* what was the nickname of Grima, son of Galmod?  
**Wormtongue**
7. Which planet of the solar system has the least density?  
**Saturn**
8. Which football team once had a fanzine called *To 'Ell and Back*?  
**Leeds United**
9. Which Alpine peak stands between the Eiger and the Jungfrau?  
**The Mönch** ('Monk' in English)
10. Who was the leader of the Trumpton Fire Brigade, who read out the famous roll call "*Pugh, Pugh, Barney McGrew, Cuthbert, Dibble, Grub*"?  
**Captain Flack**
11. George Hamilton Gordon served as British PM 1852-1855 under what title?  
**Earl of Aberdeen**
12. Which British motorcycle company produced the *Dominator* model?  
**Norton**
13. The last words of which Shakespeare play are '*To part the glories of this happy day*'?  
**Julius Caesar**
14. Who had a 2018 UK number one single with *Perfect*?  
**Ed Sheeran**
15. Who painted the work *The School of Athens*?  
**Raphael**
16. Complete the next two words in this quotation:  
*'Look upon his works ye mighty...'*  
**And despair** (in Shelley's *Ozymandias*)

17. In T.S. Eliot's *Cats* who was the railway cat?  
**Skimbleshanks** see pedantic note 1
18. The word 'cab' is derived from the contraction of which other word?  
**Cabriolet**
19. Mussorgsky's opera *Boris Godunov* was based on a work by whom?  
**Alexander Pushkin**
20. From which French ship was the musket ball fired that led to Nelson's death?  
***The Redoubtable***
21. In Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings* what was the nickname of Thorin, son of Thrain?  
**Oakenshield**
22. Which planet is known as 'the horned planet'?  
**Venus**
23. Which football team once had a fanzine called *Ferry 'Cross the Wensum*?  
**Norwich City**
24. In 1932 an Olympic gold medal was awarded for the first successful ascent of which specific part of which mountain?  
**The north face of the Matterhorn**
25. Who was the operator of TV's *Magic Roundabout*?  
**Mister Rusty**
26. Robert Banks Jenkinson served as British PM 1812-1827 under what title?  
**(Second) Earl of (or Lord) Liverpool**
27. Which British motor cycle company produced the *Bonneville* model?  
**Triumph**
28. The last words of which Shakespeare play are 'Go, bid the soldiers shoot'?'  
***Hamlet***
29. Who had a 2018 UK number one single with *God's Plan*?  
**Drake**
30. Who painted the famous work *Las Meninas*, now in the Prado Gallery?  
**Diego Velázquez**

**First Written Round** **THERE IS A THEME (including some soundalikes)**

31. What general word is used for the fruit of forest trees such as oak and beech?  
**Mast**
32. Fill in the blank word from this Keats poem:  
'O for a \_\_\_\_\_ of vintage that hath been cool'd a long age in the deep delved earth.'  
**Draught**
33. What is the name of the north-easterly wind that blows down from the Cross Fell escarpment on the Pennines?  
**The Helm wind**

34. Which M6 motorway services lies between Stafford and Crewe?  
**Keele**
35. Who wrote *The Life and Opinions of Tristram Shandy*?  
**Laurence Sterne**
36. Named after the Italian for 'butterflies', the pasta *farfalle* is usually described as what shape?  
**Bow-tie**
37. What was the name of Lord Byron's dog to which he wrote an epitaph?  
**Boatswain (Bosun)**
38. In a 1973 Government table, which brand of cigarettes was shown to have the highest nicotine content?  
**Capstan (Full Strength)**
39. *Darnforth*, *Northill* and *Herreshoff* are all types of what?  
**Anchor**
40. Which city was UK City of Culture in 2017?  
**Hull**

**Theme is parts of a boat** [see pedantic note 3](#)

## Second Verbal Round

41. What is the name for the dot on top of a letter i?  
**A tittle**
42. Which is the only country to have a flag of only one colour and nothing else on it?  
**Libya**
43. What was the first of the twelve labours of Hercules?  
**Slay the Nemean Lion** [see note 4](#)
44. Which English king was married to Eleanor of Castille?  
**Edward I**
45. In which English county was the Battle of Naseby fought?  
**Northamptonshire**
46. In Churchill's *Iron Curtain* speech he cited one end as Stettin and the other where?  
**Trieste**
47. Which rock star's 2018 autobiography is called *Thanks a Lot Mr Kibblewhite*?  
**Roger Daltrey**
48. Which amendment to the US Constitution abolished slavery?  
**Thirteenth**
49. In what make of plane did Alcock and Brown make the first transatlantic non-stop flight?  
**Vickers Vimy**
50. Who was *New York Times Man of the Year* in 1938? [see note 5](#)  
**Adolf Hitler**
51. The National Trust property Woolsthorpe Manor is in which English county?  
**Lincolnshire**

52. What is the formula for the surface area of a sphere?  
 **$4\pi r^2$**  (four pi r squared) **see note 4**
53. In TV's *Game of Thrones* who plays Tyrion Lannister?  
**Peter Dinklage**
54. The last words of which film are '*The way we're swimming, old girl*'?  
***The African Queen***
55. Who was female *Rear of the Year 2018*?  
**Michelle Keegan** **see note 4**
56. What's the name for the plastic or metal tag on either end of a shoelace?  
**Aglet**
57. What is the only country to have a flag that is not rectangular?  
**Nepal**
58. What was the final labour of Hercules?  
**The capture of Cerberus** **see note 4**
59. Which English King was married to Eleanor of Aquitaine?  
**Henry II**
60. In which English county was the Battle of Sedgemoor fought?  
**Somerset**
61. Route 66 in America runs from Santa Monica to which city?  
**Chicago**
62. Which rock stars recent autobiography is called *I Talk Too Much*?  
**Francis Rossi**
63. Which amendment to the US Constitution introduced prohibition?  
**Eighteenth**
64. In which make of plane did Lindbergh make his first solo Atlantic crossing?  
**Ryan Monoplane**
65. Who was the *New York Times Man of the Year* in 1939? **see note 5**  
**Joseph Stalin**
66. The National Trust Property Sissinghurst Castle and Gardens is in which English county?  
**Kent**
67. What is the formula for the volume of a sphere?  
 **$\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$**  (four thirds pi r cubed) **see note 4**
68. In *Game of Thrones* who plays Jon Snow?  
**Kit Harington**
69. The last words of which film are '*For a minute I thought we were in trouble*'?  
***Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*** **see pedantic note 6**
70. Who was male *Rear of the Year 2018*?  
**Aidan Turner** **see note 4**

## Second Written Round

71. Charles II was nicknamed *Old Rowley*. Who or what was Old Rowley that the name came from?  
**A horse**
72. *Ange ou Démon* is a perfume by which parfumeur?  
**Givenchy**
73. How many players are on each team in the Ryder Cup?  
**Twelve**
74. On which day of the week was President J. F. Kennedy shot?  
**Friday**
75. Which Welsh town was awarded city status in 2012 to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee?  
**St. Asaph**
76. Which TV detective had a manservant called Magersfontein Lugg?  
**Albert Campion**
77. What was the name of Dan Dare's co-pilot, in *The Eagle* comic adventures?  
**Digby**
78. In Norse mythology Fenrir, a child of the god Loki, took the form of what animal?  
**Wolf**
79. Who was dubbed 'the thinking man's crumpet' by Frank Muir?  
**Joan Bakewell**
80. Who, after the release of a film, was dubbed 'the sinking man's crumpet'?  
**Kate Winslet (after *Titanic*)**

## Spares

1. *Portrait of the Artist as a Young Girl* is an autobiography of which British artist?  
**Grayson Perry**
2. Which piece of sporting equipment can be *square*, *macon* or *cleaver*?  
**Oars**
3. Which six-letter word can mean 'a bundle of sticks bound together as fuel' and also 'a ball of seasoned meat and offal'?  
**Faggot**
4. Which Damon Runyon character is also the title of a Mercury Prize-winning album by Elbow?  
**The Seldom Seen Kid**
5. The five youngest men to win a Nobel Prize all did so in which category?  
**Physics**
6. What is the official residence of the First Minister of Scotland?  
**Bute House**

## Notes

1. Eliot's book is correctly known as *Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats*, rather than just *Cats*.
2. 'Taxi' is an abbreviation of 'taxicab' or 'taximeter cab'. 'Taximeter' refers to the device that records the distance and fare.
3. The draft is not **part** of a ship—it is the depth to which a ship displaces water—and the boatswain/bosun is a member of crew, rather than a part of a ship.
4. All question setters are reminded of the guideline that states '*Don't be too 'obvious' with pairings as this can give an unfair advantage to the team getting the second of a pair, allowing them to 'predict' the question they are likely to receive.*'
5. The *Man of the Year* title was awarded by *Time* magazine, rather than by the *New York Times*. In 1999 the award's name was changed to *Person of the Year*.
6. The actual words are '*For a **moment there** I thought we were in trouble*'

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