LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER 2019 QUESTIONS BY HMRUFC

First Verbal Round

1. The airports of Arlanda and Bromma serve which city?

Stockholm

2. Who wrote the play A Day in the Death of Joe Egg?

Peter Nichols

In which city is the Dohány Street Synagogue, the largest synagogue in Europe?

Budapest

4. Majestic, Arran Pilot and Vivaldi are varieties of which vegetable?

Potato

5. In *The Bible*, who was the mother of King Solomon?

Bathsheba

6. What does the word *utopia* mean literally?

'No place'

7. Which was the first film in the 'Road Series' starring Bing Crosby and Bob Hope?

The Road to Singapore

8. With over 200,000 naval personnel involved and fought in October 1944, which battle is considered the largest sea battle of World War II?

Battle of Leyte Gulf

9. Who in 2018 became the first rapper to win a Pulitzer Prize?

Kendrick Lamar

10. For what specific crime was John Bellingham hanged in 1812?

Assassinating the Prime Minister (Spencer Perceval)

11. Which football league team play at the Keepmoat Stadium?

Doncaster Rovers

12. Which famous US lawyer wrote the book Reversal of Fortune about Claus Von Bulow?

Alan Dershowitz

13. The subject of a series of novels by M. J. Trow, what is the name of the Detective Inspector in the Sherlock Holmes books, who was portrayed by Rupert Graves in *Sherlock?*

Lestrade

14. Which shipping line owned the *Titanic*?

White Star Line see note 1

15. What does the word *Islam* mean literally?

'Submission' or 'Surrender' (to God)

16. In *The Bible* who was the youngest son of Joseph?

Benjamin see note 2

17. Jazz, Elstar and Jonagold are varieties of which fruit?

Apple

18. Which actress sang the song *Team Work* with Bing Crosby and Bob Hope in the film *The Road to Hong Kong?*

Joan Collins

19. Who wrote the play Equus?

Peter Shaffer

20. Which football club other than Newcastle have a ground named St James' Park?

Exeter City see ultra-pedantic note 3

21. In physics what is the SI unit of capacitance?

Farad

22. The airports of Linate and Malpensa serve which city?

Milan

23. Which is the only French liner to hold the transatlantic Blue Riband, last holding it in August 1937?

SS Normandie

24. In which London borough is the Swaminarayan Hindu temple, the largest in Europe which opened in 1995?

Neasden

25. Charles Julius Guiteau, Leon Czolgosz, who comes next?

Lee Harvey Oswald (assassinated US Presidents)

26. Which American University awards the Pulitzer Prizes?

Columbia

27. What is the pen-name of Daniel Handler, the author of the rather dark series of novels *A Series of Unfortunate Events*?

Lemony Snicket

28. In physics what is the SI unit of inductance?

Henry

29. Fought in May 1942, which battle of World War II was the first battle where aircraft carriers engaged each other?

Battle of the Coral Sea

30. Who was the playwright and poet whose alleged career as a spy for Sir Francis Walsingham is the subject of a series of novels by M. J. Trow?

Christopher (Kit) Marlowe

First Written Round

31. A winged arrow is the logo/emblem of which car manufacturer?

Skoda

32. Maureen Lipman is playing an increasingly prominent role in *Coronation Street*. What is her character's first name and surname?

Evelyn Plummer

33. Which river, a branch of the mighty Ganges, flows through Calcutta/Kolkata?

Hooghly

34. Two US state capitals end in the five letters 'polis'. Name both of them.

Indianapolis (Indiana) and Annapolis (Maryland)

35. What was the last imperial dynasty of China?

Qing

36. At the 2017 Oscars who incorrectly announced *La La Land* as Best Picture, instead of the actual winner *Moon Light*?

Faye Dunaway

37. Which slogan used during the late 1960s and early 1970s as a symbol of non-violent ideology was coined by the American beat poet Allen Ginsberg?

Flower power

38. What star sign would you be under if you were born on St George's Day (23 April)?

Taurus

39. What name, from the Greek for 'well-born', is given to the study of selective breeding?

Eugenics

40. Which pole-dancing entrepreneur has allegedly developed a profitable relationship with Boris Johnson?

Jennifer Arcuri

Second Verbal Round

41. What Motorway links Leicester and Coventry?

M69

42. What product is made and sold at the National Trust property at Nether Alderley?

Flour (it's a working mill)

43. Name the principal island in the Orkney Islands

Mainland

44. *New Moon* was the first film of which saga?

Twilight see note 4

45. Which newsreader and journalist has just published an autobiography entitled An Improbable Life?

Sir Trevor McDonald

46. What is the county town of Buckinghamshire?

Aylesbury

47. What and where on your body is the philtrum? (precise answer required)

It is the groove below your nose on the top lip

48. In maths, what is the value of the reciprocal of two?

1/2 or **0.5**

49. In this year's Cricket World Cup, which Australian batsman had the best batting strike rate for the tournament?

Glenn Maxwell (150)

50. Sir Peter Ratcliffe, William Kaelin and Gregg Semenza have won a 2019 Nobel Prize in which field?

Physiology or Medicine

51. Which Russian lake is the second largest in Europe and contains the island of Kizhi?

Lake Onega

52. Which Roman city, other than Pompeii, was destroyed by the eruption of Vesuvius in AD 79?

Herculaneum

53. What name is given to the fear of bees?

Apiphobia see note 5

54. In which year did the Peerage Act, which enabled newly inherited peerages to be renounced, come into force?

1963

55. Xanadu was a number one UK hit for Olivia Newton John in 1980, but who had a number one hit with *The Legend of Xanadu* in 1968?

Dave Dee, Dozy, Mick and Tich see note 6

56. Which Hebridean island is linked to North and South Uist by a causeway?

Benbecula

57. John B. Goodenough, M. Stanley Whittingham and Akira Yoshino have won the 2019 Nobel Prize for Chemistry for the development of which everyday product?

Lithium-ion batteries

58. What Motorway links London and Cambridge?

M11

59. What was the hereditary title renounced by Tony Benn?

Viscount Stansgate

60. In this year's Cricket World Cup, which Sri Lankan bowler had the best bowling average for the tournament?

Angelo Matthews (6.0)

61. On which lake does the National Trust operate a steam gondola?

Coniston

62. The building of the Aswan Dam led to the creation of which Lake?

Lake Nasser

63. The Man of Property and To Let are books in which literary saga?

The Forsyte Saga

64. *Lucille* was a hit for Little Richard in 1957 and for the Everly Brothers in 1960, but who had a hit with a different song with the same title in 1977?

Kenny Rogers

65. What is the name of the hospital near Aylesbury that is famous for treating paraplegics and where the Paralympics were born?

Stoke Mandeville

66. Which pop icon has recently released a memoir entitled Face It?

Debbie Harry

67. In which modern day country are the ruins of the ancient city of Carthage?

Tunisia

68. What and where on your body is the *tragus*? (precise answer required)

It is the 'flap' on your ear that you press when you don't want to listen

69. In maths what is the value of 20 (two to the power zero)?

One

70. What name is given to the fear of birds?

Ornithophobia

Second Written Round

71. Which film was nominated for Best Picture, Best Director and Best Writing of an Adapted Screenplay at the Oscars, but lost out in all three categories to *Bridge on the River Kwai*?

12 Angry Men

72. Jarvis Lorry and Miss Pross are characters in which Dickens novel?

A Tale of Two Cities

73. Mark King was the lead singer and bass player of which '80s band?

Level 42

74. Name the American comedy series that is named after the address of the TV studios where it is made.

30 Rock see note 7

75. A muscle with the function of stretching or tightening a part is known as what?

A tensor

- 76. What links the singer Adele, a card game, the chemical element Scandium and the ending of prohibition?
 - **21** (album title, Vingt-et-Un, atomic number, number of amendment)
- 77. Which Georgian Church stands on the corner of Trafalgar Square?

St Martin-in-the-Fields

78. George Clooney produced and co-starred in a TV adaptation, shown on Channel 4 this year, of which book?

Catch 22

79. What was Antonia in the title of a best-selling novel and film of the '90s?

Captain Corelli's Mandolin

80. Which country's monarchs were all Queens from 1890 to 2013?

The Netherlands

Spares

Island Records was founded in 1959 in which country?

Jamaica

2. Which protest movement was founded by Tarana Burke in 2006? It gained momentum in 2017 when actress Alyssa Milano used it as a Twitter response.

#MeToo

3. David Kirke did the world's first bungee jump in 1979. From where did he jump?

Clifton Suspension Bridge

4. Which fictional title character had a son called Sorrow?

Tess of the D'Urbervilles see note 8

5. What was Queen's first top ten single, their third single to be released?

Seven Seas of Rhye

6. Which is the most northerly town in Wales?

Amlwch (on Anglesey)

Notes

- 1. The White Star Line was also known as 'The Oceanic Steam Navigation Company', which is an equally acceptable answer.
- 2. Assuming that the Joseph referred to is the patriarch in *Genesis*, renowned for his many-coloured coat, the correct answer is 'Ephraim'.
 - Benjamin (who was Joseph's brother) was the twelfth and youngest son of **Jacob**.
- 3. Strictly speaking no other club has a ground with that name, as the official name of Exeter City's ground is St. James Park, i.e. without an apostrophe.
- 4. New Moon (released in 2009) was the **second** film in *The Twilight Saga*. The first was, not surprisingly, *Twilight,* in 2008.
- 5. 'Melissophobia' is also an acceptable answer.
- 6. It seems rather unfair to omit Beaky.
- 7. The TV show 30 Rock was inspired by its star and creator Tina Fey's experiences whilst working on Saturday Night Live, which is produced at the NBC studios at 30 Rockefeller Plaza, Manhattan. With the exception of two live episodes and outdoor scenes, the show 30 Rock was actually made at Silvercup Studios in Queens.
- 8. 'Madame Butterfly' is an equally acceptable answer.