

LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 16 JANUARY 2020
QUESTIONS BY TAME VALLEY

First Verbal Round

1. In which year was the highest-scoring aggregate in a football World Cup final?
1958 (Brazil 5 Sweden 2)
2. What is the only chemical element whose name begins with 'A', but whose symbol doesn't?
Antimony (Sb)
3. In which specific part of the body is the trapezium bone?
The wrist **see note 1**
4. A *descent* is a collective noun for a group of which birds?
Woodpeckers
5. In Terry Pratchett's novels, what is the name of the horse ridden by Death?
Binky
6. Meaning 'guardian', what name is given to someone who can recite the Koran by heart?
Hafiz
7. Virginia Woolf committed suicide by drowning herself in which river?
The Ouse (the one in Sussex, rather than the one in Yorkshire)
8. In Greek myth, which flowers sprang from the blood of Adonis mixed with Aphrodite's' tears after he was gored by a bull?
Anemones
9. How many colours are there on the South African flag?
Six
10. Taking its name from an eastern potentate, what is the name for a locomotive with a 2-8-2 wheel arrangement?
Mikado **see (very) pedantic note 2**
11. Meaning 'great hunting ground', what name is given to the alluvial plain extending from Bolivia through Paraguay into Northern Argentina?
The Gran Chaco **see note 3**
12. Which English writer wrote down the rules for many card games, most famously whist?
Edmond Hoyle
13. In *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* what is the name of Frank-N-Furter's valet?
Riff Raff
14. Which John Keats poem is set on the 20th of January?
The Eve of St. Agnes (the feast day is 21 January)
15. In the hierarchy of angels, which are the highest ranking?
Seraphims **see note 4**
16. Where in California did the first McDonald's open in 1948?
San Bernardino

17. What was the occupation of John Spilsbury, the inventor of the jig-saw puzzle?
Map maker (or cartographer)
18. A *Robinson* was an eighteenth century name for what device, named after the temporary one made by Defoe's Robinson Crusoe from animal skin?
Umbrella
19. Of the 78 cards in a Tarot pack, how many comprise the Major Arcana?
22
20. Who did Virginia Wade beat in the 1977 Wimbledon ladies' singles final?
Betty Stove
21. Who was the second man to run a sub-4 minute mile?
John Landy
22. In Terry Deary's *Horrible Histories*, how were the Normans described?
Stormin'
23. Who owned the grey mare, borrowed in the song, to go to *Widcombe Fair*?
Tom Pearce
24. What is the only state to border Maine?
New Hampshire
25. Who wrote the poem *Down by the Salley Gardens* in "an attempt to reconstruct an old song from three lines imperfectly remembered by an old peasant woman"?
W. B. Yeats
26. In the *Harry Potter* stories what was the name of Hermione Granger's cat?
Crookshanks
27. Which actress played the victim in the shower scene in *Psycho*?
Janet Leigh **see note 5**
28. What was the name of Euclid's classic mathematical work which included new definitions of odd, even and prime?
Elements
29. In which town was the action of the classic Western *High Noon* set?
Hadleyville
30. What are the next three words of this book title?
An Inquiry into the Nature and Causes of the ...?
Wealth of Nations

First Written Round **THERE IS A THEME**

31. In 1999 who became the first sponsors of the Scottish Football Premier League?
Bank of Scotland
32. How was Mr. Nervous originally known when he was introduced as the fifteenth *Mr. Man* in 1976?
Mr. Jelly
33. Which group has had UK number one hits with *Too Close* and *Come Back*?
Blue

34. Opened in Salford in 1884 by the London and North Western Railway, which railway station was used by the Great Western Railway as their northernmost terminus for almost 60 years until 1943?

Exchange

35. Tahiti is part of which group of islands in French Polynesia?

Society Islands see note 6

36. Which 1998 Tom Hanks film used the tag line '*Someone you pass in the street may already be the love of your life*'?

You've Got Mail

37. Which car company was founded in 1903 by Reginald Maudslay, with the last model leaving the factory in 1963 when under Leyland control?

Standard

38. Who in 1815, in partnership with Martha Jones and John Watts, opened a stoneware factory in Lambeth, London before his son expanded the business into bone china in Staffordshire?

John Doulton

39. What name is given at sea to a distance of 1.825 kilometres? see note 7

A nautical mile

40. Which confectionery product, made in Wigan for over 100 years, had its 4 billionth item encased in resin in 2011 and displayed in the Museum of Wigan Life?

Uncle Joe's Mint Balls

Theme is each answer contains a word that can be preceded by the prefix 'Royal'

(Bank of Scotland, Jelly , Blue, Exchange, Society, Mail, Standard, Doulton, Mile, Mint)

Second Verbal Round

41. Andrew Marvel and John Milton both served as Latin Secretary to which politician's Council of State?

Oliver Cromwell

42. What is the second opera in Wagner's *Ring Cycle*?

Die Walküre or **The Valkyrie** (accept either)

43. With what kind of painting was Elizabethan artist Nicholas Hilliard particularly associated?

Miniatures

44. Of whom did Oscar Wilde say:

"An excellent man; he hadn't an enemy in the world, and none of his friends liked him"?

George Bernard Shaw

45. Before Emily sang to wake him up, what form did Bagpuss take in the children's programme of that name?

A pyjama case see note 8

46. What is the weight of the men's Olympic discus?

2 kg or 4.4lb (accept either)

47. Which classic film contains the line '*Real diamonds! They must be worth their weight in gold.*'?

Some Like It Hot.

48. In 2010 the time limit on acceptance speeches for Oscars was reduced to what?

45 seconds

49. Which poet was taught at school by T. S. Eliot and at university by C. S. Lewis?

John Betjeman

50. Mary Peters won a trophy in 1972 and said "*Hasn't she kept it clean?*". To whom was she referring?

Princess Anne (the previous year's winner of *Sports Personality of the Year*)

51. *Where Do We Come From? What Are We? Where Are We Going?* is a painting by which artist?

Paul Gauguin

52. In the song *The Art of the Possible* from the musical *Evita*, what is the first game played?

Musical chairs

53. What is the stage name of Ana Lynch, female lead singer with the Scissor Sisters, DJ, author and TV presenter?

Ana Matronic

54. From the Greek for 'pebble,' the term *psephology* refers to the study of what?

Elections and voting patterns

55. Which fish is used in the dish Omelette Arnold Bennett?

(Smoked) **haddock**

56. What two words complete the quotation from Gilbert and Sullivan's *HMS Pinafore*?

'For he himself has said it, And it's greatly to his credit, That he is...'

An Englishman

57. What was the name of the inn run by Jim Hawkins' mother in the book *Treasure Island*?

The Admiral Benbow

58. What nickname was traditionally given to the waitresses of Lyons corner houses?

Nippies

59. Which month of the year is the setting for the prelude of Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*?

April (*'Whan that Aprille with his shoures soote'*) **see pedantic note 9**

60. In algebraic chess notation, what does a hash symbol signify?

Checkmate

61. Which jazz pianist wrote the 1940s classic *'Round Midnight*, one of the most often recorded jazz standards of all time?

Thelonious Monk

62. In the former Soviet Union what slang Russian word was used for a Communist functionary and came to be used in English for a minor petty bureaucrat?

Apparatchik

63. What is the least dense planet of the solar system?

Saturn

64. Which London sports ground has the postcode NW8 8QN?

Lord's

65. What specific item was made by a *bodger*?

Chair legs (also accept cylindrical parts for chairs)

66. In Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings*, how many rings were '*for mortal men*'?

Nine

67. In the song *All Around My Hat* for how long will I 'wear the green willow'?

12 month and a day (or one year and one day)

68. What is the length of the Suez canal in miles? Allow 5 miles either way.

120 miles (accept 115 to 125)

69. What were the *Nine Tailors* in the Dorothy L. Sayers book of that name?

Church bells

70. Who introduced the concept of the *Collective Unconscious*?

Carl Jung

Second Written Round

71. What term did Gerry Anderson coin for his puppetry technique as used in series such as *Thunderbirds*?

Supermarionation

72. In the nineteenth century fans of which sport were *The Fancy*?

Boxing

73. In which component of a car would you find sodium azide?

Airbag

74. Which author who died in 2009 had the epitaph *The defence rests it's case*?

John Mortimer (as did his creation, Rumpole of the Bailey)

75. Invar is an alloy of iron and which other metal?

Nickel

76. Where on the Cumbrian coast does Wainwright's coast-to-coast walk begin?

St Bees Head

77. Which American car manufacturer, owned by GM, is named after the French explorer who founded Detroit?

Cadillac

78. Who refereed the 1896 Championship boxing match between Bob Fitzsimmons and Tom Sharkey in San Francisco?

Wyatt Earp

79. What was the pen name of the thirteenth century Italian mathematician Leonardo of Pisa?

Fibonacci

80. The ten commandments appear twice in the *Hebrew Bible*; once in *Exodus* and where else?

Deuteronomy

Spares

1. Which Damon Runyon character is also the name of an album by the band Elbow?

The Seldom Seen Kid

2. What is the official residence of the First Minister of Scotland?

Bute House

3. *Portrait of the Artist as a Young Girl* is an autobiography by which British artist?

Grayson Perry

4. What piece of sporting equipment can be 'square', 'macon', or 'cleaver'?

An oar

5. The five youngest men to win a Nobel Prize all did so in which category?

Physics

Notes

1. 'The hand' is also an acceptable answer.
2. 2-8-2 steam locomotives were sometimes referred to in the US as 'MacArthurs'. General Douglas MacArthur was *de facto* ruler of Japan from 1945 to 1951, so 'MacArthur' is an equally acceptable, if somewhat contrived and unlikely, answer.
3. 'Dry Chaco' and 'The Chaco Plain' are also acceptable answers
4. The answer is correct only if the question relates to Christianity.
5. An equally acceptable answer is 'Anne Heche', who played Marion Crane in a 1998 re-make.
6. 'The Windward Group' is an equally acceptable answer, but obviously doesn't fit the theme.
7. The actual distance is 1.852, not 1.825, km.
8. There is no evidence that Bagpuss was a pyjama case. He was '*just an old, saggy cloth cat, baggy and a bit loose at the seams (but Emily loved him)*'.
9. The 'prelude' is more correctly known as *The General Prologue*.

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