

**KNOCKOUT MATCHES THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER 2024
QUESTIONS BY SWAN WITH TWO NECKS AND HMRUFC**

First Verbal Round

1. What nickname was given to Sir Henry Percy (1364–1403)?
Harry Hotspur (accept just 'Hotspur')
2. The deity Baphomet, who the Knights Templar were accused of worshipping, is most commonly depicted as having the head of which animal?
Goat
3. The painting *Freedom of Speech*, which has become a popular internet meme, is by which artist?
Norman Rockwell
4. *To Be Read at Dusk*, *The Signalman* and *A Madman's Manuscript* are ghost stories by which author?
Charles Dickens
5. How many syllables should a *haiku* poem have?
Seventeen
6. The popular movie fact that all of the clocks are stuck on 4:20 is associated with which film?
Pulp Fiction **see note 1**
7. An *epithalamium* poem is written to celebrate what occasion?
A wedding
8. In which television comedy would you find Dave's Coaches?
Gavin & Stacey
9. Which MP was suspended from her party in 2012 for appearing on *I'm a Celebrity...Get Me Out of Here*?
Nadine Dorries
10. Which two of Santa's reindeers share names with meteorological terms?
Donner and Blitzen (thunder and lightning in German)
11. Which town is the birthplace of George Formby and also the hometown of Wallace and Gromit?
Wigan
12. According to the lyrics of a 1960s song, where is there 'a barber showing photographs'?
Penny Lane
13. Billy Crystal's breakthrough role was as Jodie Dallas in which late 1970s sitcom
Soap
14. The first F1 Grand Prix to take place behind the Iron Curtain was in which country?
Hungary
15. Which local food is first mentioned by Thomas Muffet in his nutrition book *Health's Improvement*, published circa 1580?
Cheshire Cheese
16. In wine tasting, what does it mean when a wine is said to be 'hot'?
High in alcohol

17. In Roman mythology name the god of beginnings and doorways?
Janus
18. SMART, as in SMART car, is an acronym for what?
Swatch Mercedes Art
19. KP Snacks, whose favourites include Skips and Hula Hoops, are based in Slough. What does the KP stand for?
Kenyon Products see note 2
20. Which cavern in Castleton, Derbyshire, locally known as *the Devil's Arse*, has the largest cave opening in Britain?
Peak Cavern
21. 'Though she be but little, she is fierce' is a quote from which Shakespeare play?
A Midsummer Night's Dream
22. Greater mouse-eared, Natterer's, Bechstein's and whiskered are UK examples of which mammals?
Bats
23. What fruit is mentioned in the poem *This is Just to Say* by William Carlos Williams?
Plums
24. Born on 12 December 1929, which playwright wrote the plays *Look Back in Anger* and *The Entertainer*?
John Osborne
25. 69 AD was known as 'the year of four emperors'. Name two of them.
Any two from: **Otho, Galba, Vitellius and Vespasian**
26. *Turdus merula* is the scientific name for which bird?
(Common) **Blackbird**
27. Which American rock band formed in 1965 got its name from the title of an Aldous Huxley book?
The Doors
28. What is the capital city of Mongolia?
Ulaanbaatar (also accept anglicised version, Ulan Bator)
29. Whilst writing the poem *Kubla Khan* Samuel Taylor Coleridge was interrupted by a visitor from which Somerset village?
Porlock
30. What is the crime fighting *alter ego* of the cartoon character Penrod Pooch?
Hong Kong Phooey

First Written Round There is a theme

Full names needed for the link; two answers contained in the word; one very slightly different spelling

31. Who was the 22nd and 24th President of the USA, the first Democrat to win after the Civil War?
Grover Cleveland
32. Which US singer had a hit with the song *Sixteen Tons* in 1955?
Tennessee Ernie Ford
33. Which Manchester City men's team player scored his first senior goal for the club in January 2024, and his first senior international goal in November 2023?
Oscar Bobb (City & Norway)

34. The Tarantino film *Jackie Brown* was based on the novel *Rum Punch* written by which author?
Elmore Leonard
35. Jacob Collier MP represents which Staffordshire constituency, taking the seat from the Conservatives in this year's General Election?
Burton and Uttoxeter (accept just 'Burton')
36. In computing what is the name given to small blocks of data created by a web server whilst a user is browsing the internet?
Cookies
37. Which long-running British TV programme has, to date, had seven permanent presenters, the longest tenure being 23 years?
Countdown
38. What was the middle name of former first lady Edith Roosevelt (née Carow)? The name was also the first name of her and Theodore's son and grandson.
Kermit
39. What is the given name of one of Darwin's finches that is exclusively present on Daphne Major of the Galápagos Islands? It originated from a hybrid of the cactus finch and the medium ground finch.
Big Bird
40. Which British actor, who died in 2019, appeared in the film *Witchfinder General* and many TV programmes including *EastEnders*, was married to Una Stubbs for six years?
Nicky Henson
- The theme is Sesame Street characters, plus Jim Henson who created them**
(Grover, Ernie, Oscar, Elmo, Bert, Cookie Monster, The Count, Kermit, Big Bird)

Second Verbal Round

41. Which company originally manufactured the *Beverley* and *Buccaneer* aircraft?
Blackburn
42. Which crime writer is the author of the best-selling books featuring the forensic archaeologist Ruth Galloway?
Elly Griffiths
43. Gerald Durrell wrote *My Family and Other Animals*, and Clare Balding paraphrased that with *My Animals and Other Family*. Which comedian has recently paraphrased that again in his book *My Animals and Other Animals*?
Bill Bailey
44. How many demi-semiquavers are there in a breve?
64
45. Where would you find Vlad, Brendan, Tramp, Imogen, Picaroon and Paul?
The Guardian (crossword setters)
46. In the TV programme *The Repair Shop*, Suzie specialises in leatherwork and her brother Steve specialises in clocks. What is their surname?
Fletcher
47. Who was Lancashire's captain in the 2024 cricket season?
Keaton Jennings **see note 3**

48. In Mechanics what is defined as the mass multiplied by the velocity?
Linear momentum (accept just 'momentum')
49. Previously the seat held by George Osborne, Martin Bell and Neil Hamilton, who is the current (as at 27 November 2024) MP for Tatton?
Esther McVey
50. Who won the 2024 series of *Celebrity MasterChef*?
Vito Coppola
51. Which race was Sir Mark Cavendish's last race? Full title (two words) required
Singapore Criterium
52. Which two actresses played Beryl and Sandra in the BBC comedy series *The Liver Birds*?
Polly James and Nerys Hughes
53. In Astronomy, what do Alnitak, Alnilam and Mintaka make up?
Orion's Belt
54. First made in the eighteenth century, what four-digit number is the name of the world's oldest eau-de-cologne?
4711
55. Lake Tanganyika forms the only border between Tanzania and which other country?
People's Democratic Republic of Congo **see note 4**
56. What size of envelope measures 162mm x 229mm?
C5
57. At which Olympics did Brendan Foster win Britain's only athletics medal?
Montreal, 1976 (accept either venue or year)
58. In heraldry what term is given to an animal represented as '*walking, with the right foot raised*'?
Passant
59. Minette Batters was head of which national trade union from 2018 to 2024?
National Farmers Union (accept 'NFU')
60. Which character did Judi Dench play in the 2019 film *Cats*?
Old Deuteronomy
61. In which year was the UK national speed limit reduced to 50mph, to cut fuel consumption during a global oil crisis?
1973
62. *30 Years of Dirt* is the most recent tour by which comedian?
Frank Skinner
63. The Americans call this vegetable *arugula*. What do we call it?
Rocket
64. The opening scene in the film *Chariots of Fire* was filmed on the beach of which Scottish town?
St Andrews
65. Who is the current King of Spain?
Felipe VI
66. The *vicuna* is the smallest member of which family of animals?
Camels **see note 5**

67. Which English town has the largest natural harbour in Europe?
Poole (Dorset)
68. Which part of the body would you find the meibomian glands?
Eye (on the rims of the eyelid)
69. What is the British term for a type of road crossing that allows pedestrians and cyclists to cross the road at the same time?
Toucan crossing
70. Corundite is a dark granular rock used to make what abrasive material?
Emery (as in emery paper)

Second Written Round **Announced theme: answers begin with homophones of names**

71. In which 2021 film does Peter Capaldi play post-war poet Siegfried Sassoon?
Benediction
72. What is the name of the thin layer of tissue that separates the outer ear from your middle ear?
Tympanic membrane **see note 6**
73. What word of French origin is defined in the *Cambridge Dictionary* as 'awkward in movement or unskilled behaviour or action'?
Maladroit
74. Who beat Susan Boyle in the 2009 live final of *Britain's Got Talent*?
Diversity
75. What is the capital of the US state of Kentucky?
Frankfort
76. Which word, taken from the Hindi word for an open space for sports, is now used in English for an equestrian day event, typically for children?
Gymkhana
77. Which naturally produced alkaloid of the nightshade family is widely used recreationally as a stimulant and anxiolytic?
Nicotine
78. What is the second-largest city in South Yorkshire?
Doncaster
79. Which large SUV is Nissan's longest-running series of models, having been manufactured since 1951?
Patrol
80. Which Indian curry dish has its origins in Portugal and made traditionally in Goa and Vasai? The original recipe was using pork, vinegar, spices and chilli peppers.
Vindaloo

Spares

1. *My Partner the Ghost* was the American title of a British TV series. What was the British title?
Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased)
2. Name the UK car manufacturer that was founded by Trevor Wilkinson in 1946?
TVR (shortening of Trevor, originally named Trevcar Motors)

3. Current US and Australian Open men's tennis champion Jannik Sinner was born in which country?

Italy

4. Who played Jim Morrison in the 1991 film *The Doors*?

Val Kilmer

5. Which trainer won both the Cheltenham Gold Cup and the Grand National in 2024?

Willie Mullins

Notes

1. This 'fact' is actually an urban myth: only *some* of the clocks show 4.20.
2. 'KP' stands for Kenyon **Produce**, not Products.
3. The question does not differentiate between the men's and women's teams, so 'Eleanor Threlkeld' is an equally acceptable answer.
4. The country's name does not contain the word *People's*.
5. The scientific name *Camelidae* is also an acceptable answer.
6. 'Tympanum' is also an acceptable answer—as are 'eardrum' and 'myringa' (although they don't fit the theme).