

LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER 2024
QUESTIONS BY THE ALEXANDRA

First Verbal Round

1. Which classic song of the 'Madchester' era contains these lines?
*If I hadn't seen such riches,
I could live with being poor*
Sit Down (James)
2. Which classic song of the 'Madchester' era begins with these lines?
*Hey rainmaker, come away from that man
You know he's gonna take away your promised land*
Step On (Happy Mondays)
3. Two of Britain's 59 horse racing courses are in Norfolk. Great Yarmouth is one, name the other.
Fakenham
4. Two of Britain's 59 horse racing courses are in Nottinghamshire. Nottingham is one, name the other.
Southwell
5. Co-starring with Celia Imrie, Pierce Brosnan and Dame Helen Mirren, which veteran Oscar-winning actor will play Ibrahim in the film version of Richard Osman's *The Thursday Murder Club* which is currently in production?
Sir Ben Kingsley (unlikely, but also accept his birth name: Krishna Pandit Bhanji)
6. Who is directing the in-production film version of *The Thursday Murder Club*? His previous directorial works include *Home Alone*, *Mrs Doubtfire*, *Bicentennial Man* and two *Harry Potter* movies. He replaced the project's original director, Oliver Parker, in April 2024.
Christopher Columbus
7. In 1990 which city became the first in the UK to be awarded the title of *European Capital of Culture*?
Glasgow
8. In 2008 which city became the second and last in the UK to be awarded the title of *European Capital of Culture*?
Liverpool
9. Which comedian presents the BBC Radio 4 programme *Strangers on a Train*, in which he defies convention by talking to his fellow passengers?
Alexei Sayle
10. Which comedian chairs the long-running BBC Radio 4 comedy panel show *The Unbelievable Truth*?
David Mitchell
11. Which European country's civil aircraft have registration numbers that begin with the two-letter prefix OK?
Czech Republic
12. Which European country's civil aircraft have registration numbers that begin with the two-letter prefix PH?
Netherlands
13. Who captained the England cricket team in 2005, when they regained the Ashes after eighteen years in Australian hands?
Michael Vaughan
14. Who captained the England cricket team during the winter of 2010-2011, when they retained the Ashes in Australia - their first victory 'down under' for 24 years?
Alistair Cook see note 1

15. Which north-west MP is the current Leader of the House of Commons?
Lucy Powell
16. Which north-west MP is the current Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport?
Lisa Nandy
17. With a surface area of 230 square miles, Lake Balaton is the largest lake in which European country?
Hungary
18. With a surface area of 2180 square miles, Vänern is the largest lake in which European country?
Sweden
19. What is the anatomical name of the human bone that is commonly referred to as the shoulder blade?
Scapula
20. What is the anatomical name of the human bone that is commonly referred to as the collarbone?
Clavicle
21. Scotland scored two goals at this year's UEFA Euro 24 tournament in Germany. One was an own goal in a 5-1 defeat by Germany; who scored the other in a 1-1 draw with Switzerland?
Scott McTominay
22. Who scored England's first goal at this year's UEFA Euro 24 tournament in Germany?
Jude Bellingham
23. In the 2016 film version of *Dad's Army* who plays Sergeant Wilson?
Bill Nighy
24. In the 2016 film version of *Dad's Army* who plays the German secret agent Rose Winters?
Catherine Zeta Jones
25. Which novel by Charles Dickens features the characters Sissy Jupe, Josiah Bounderby and Stephen Blackpool?
Hard Times
26. Which novel by Charles Dickens features the characters Augustus Snodgrass, Alfred Jingle and Nathaniel Winkle?
The Pickwick Papers
27. Name any two of the three astronauts who crewed the second moon-landing mission, Apollo 12.
Any two from: **Charles Conrad, Richard Gordon, Alan Bean**
28. Name any two of the three astronauts who crewed the last moon-landing mission, Apollo 17.
Any two from: **Eugene (Gene) Cernan, Ronald Evans, Harrison Schmitt**
29. Which US band's studio albums include *21st Century Breakdown*, *Revolution Radio* and *American Idiot*?
Green Day
30. Which US band's studio albums include *Hot Fuss*, *Sam's Town* and *Wonderful Wonderful*?
The Killers

First Written Round

THERE IS A THEME (which may involve soundalikes, parts of longer words, and very minor variations in spelling)

31. In the 1970s television western series *Alias Smith and Jones*, what were the surnames of the two lead characters, Hannibal and 'Kid'?

Heyes and Curry

32. Which annual music and arts festival has been held near the Suffolk seaside town of Southwold since 2006? This year's headliners included Kasabian and Duran Duran.

Latitude

33. Which British actress, originally known for her comedy performances, has had television roles that include Chief Superintendent Jean Innocent in *Lewis*, Lady Whitworth in *Poldark*, Cathy Cole in *Nighty Night* and Nicola Murray in *The Thick of It*?

Rebecca Front

34. *Bohemian Rhapsody* in 1975 was Queen's first UK number one single. Which 1981 song was their second?

Under Pressure

35. By which much shorter name is the musical artist Michael Ebenezer Kwadjo Omari Owuo Junior better known?

Stormzy

36. Which poet wrote *The Gift Outright*, which he recited at the 1961 presidential inauguration of John F. Kennedy?

Robert Frost

37. Which 1977 David Bowie album, the first of the so-called *Berlin Trilogy*, includes the songs *Breaking Glass* and *Sound and Vision*?

Low

38. Who is the main presenter of the long-running Channel 4 programme *Grand Designs*?

Kevin McCloud

39. Originally about a boat in Scotland, what is the four-word title of the piece of music that is nowadays best known as the personal anthem of the US President?

Hail to the Chief

40. Which first name and surname are shared by a 1960s/70s England Test cricketer, a veteran British news presenter, and *The Bastard of Winterfell*?

Jo(h)n Snow

Theme is meteorological terms: haze, latitude, front, pressure, storm, frost, low; cloud, hail, snow.

Second Verbal Round

41. Which film director's works include *The Maltese Falcon* (1941), *The African Queen* (1951) and *Escape to Victory* (1981)?

John Huston

42. Which film director's works include *Billy Liar* (1963), *Midnight Cowboy* (1969) and *Marathon Man* (1976)?

John Schlesinger

43. Who is the current MP for the constituency of Cheadle?

Tom Morrison

44. Who is the current MP for the constituency of Hazel Grove?

Lisa Smart

45. Violetta Valéry, Alfredo Germont and Flora Bervoix are characters from which opera that premiered in 1853?

La traviata

46. Donna Anna, Leporello and Masetto are characters from which opera that premiered in 1787?

Don Giovanni

47. Tralee is the county town of which Irish county?

Kerry

48. Castlebar is the county town of which Irish county?

Mayo

49. Which English king was the father of Henry III?

John

50. Which English king was the father of Queen Anne?

James II

51. The record number of Academy Award nominations for a film is fourteen. Name any two of the three movies, released in 1950, 1997 and 2016 respectively, that have achieved this feat.

Any two from: ***All About Eve, Titanic, La La Land***

52. The so-called 'Big Five' at the Academy Awards are the Oscars for Best Picture, Director, Actor, Actress and Screenplay. Name any two of the three films, released in 1934, 1975 and 1991 respectively, that have achieved this feat.

Any two from: ***It Happened One Night, One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, Silence of the Lambs***

53. Fought in modern-day south-eastern Italy in 216 BC, at which battle of the Second Punic War did Hannibal's Carthaginian forces annihilate a much larger Roman army? It is regarded as one of the greatest tactical accomplishments in history and is still studied in military academies today.

Cannae

54. At which battle fought in modern-day Greece in 42 BC did Mark Antony and Octavian defeat the forces of Brutus and Cassius?

Philippi

55. In which country did this year's men's Tour de France begin?

Italy

56. In which town or city did this year's Tour de France finish?

Nice (Paris was unavailable due to Olympic preparations)

57. Who served as Vice President to Jimmy Carter from 1977 to 1981?

Walter Mondale

58. Who served as Vice President to George Bush Senior from 1989 to 1993?

Dan Quayle

59. Which year in sport saw Arsenal win the Premier League, High Chaparral win the Epsom Derby and Ernie Els win the British Open?

2002

60. Which year in sport saw Portsmouth win the FA Cup, Comply or Die win the Grand National and Lewis Hamilton win the first of his F1 titles?

2008

61. If thiamine is vitamin B₁ and riboflavin is vitamin B₂, what is pyridoxine?

(Vitamin) **B₆**

62. If thiamine is vitamin B₁ and riboflavin is vitamin B₂, what is niacin?
(Vitamin) **B₃**
63. It was announced earlier this month that an organisation from which country will receive this year's Nobel Peace Prize?
Japan (Nihon Hidankyo, atomic bomb survivors)
64. It was announced earlier this month that a writer from which country will receive this year's Nobel Prize in Literature?
South Korea (Han Kang)
65. Who has held the position of Chief Constable of Greater Manchester since 2021?
Stephen Watson
66. Who has held the position of Chief Constable of Cheshire since 2021?
Mark Roberts
67. In the BBC soap *EastEnders* who has played the character of Phil Mitchell since 1990? Full name required.
Steve McFadden (also accept his real name, Steve Reid)
68. In the ITV soap *Coronation Street* who has played the character of Steve McDonald since 1989? Full name required.
Simon Gregson (also accept his real name, Simon Gregory)
69. In the cartoon strip *Peanuts* which character is usually portrayed holding a 'security blanket'?
Linus
70. In the cartoon strip *Peanuts* which character is usually portrayed playing the piano?
Schroeder

Second Written Round **THERE IS AN ANNOUNCED THEME**

To celebrate the renewal and resurgence of our home town, each answer contains the consecutive letters 'SK'

71. Who wrote the plays *Chicken Soup with Barley* and *Chips with Everything*? Full name required.
Arnold Wesker
72. Which band had UK hits in 1984 with *Why?* and *Smalltown Boy*?
Bronski Beat
73. Who was sued by James McNeill Whistler in 1878, after his review accused the artist of '*...flinging a pot of paint in the public's face*'?
John Ruskin
74. Widely distributed around the world including British waters, what common name is usually given to the marine animal *Cetorhinus maximus*?
Basking shark
75. Which horse set the current record time for the Grand National in 1990?
Mr Frisk
76. Played by Avery Brooks, what was the name of the station commander in *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine*?
Benjamin Sisko
77. The fictional islands of Great Todday and Little Todday are the setting for which book and film of 1947 and 1949 respectively?
Whisky Galore

78. Which is the largest city and capital of North Macedonia?

Skopje

79. By what two-word name was Michael Joseph Pasternak better known in the radio entertainment industry of the 1960s and '70s?

Emperor Rosko

80. Which Manchester City defender was signed from Red Bull Leipzig in August 2023 and has the squad number 24? Full name required.

Joško Gvardiol

Spares

1. Which iconic rock band's name is also an American slang term for prisoners?

Yardbirds

2. Jude Law and Spandau Ballet's Gary Kemp are both former husbands of which British actress?

Sadie Frost

3. What would you avoid eating if you suffered from *arachibutyrophobia*?

Peanut butter (fear of peanut butter sticking to the roof of the mouth)

4. Which animal represents the current year of the Chinese zodiac?

Dragon

5. Who was the first of the Spice Girls to have a solo UK number one single?

Mel Brown (*I Want You Back* in 1998)

6. What was the real first name of American blues guitarist B. B. King?

Riley

Notes

1. Andrew Strauss was England captain during the 2010-11 Ashes series.