

LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER

QUESTIONS BY THE ARMOURY

First Verbal Round

- Which English artist is best known for the illustrations in *Winnie the Pooh* and *The Wind in the Willows*?
E. H. Shepard
- Who won the Grand National at his first attempt, on Papillon in 2000?
Ruby Walsh
- Which 2009 film starred Robert Downey Jr, and Jamie Foxx in the title role?
The Soloist
- Playing with Fire* is the 2004 autobiography of which former England Cricket Captain?
Nasser Hussain
- Which British cathedral contains the thirteenth-century *Five Sisters* window?
York Minster
- What instrument did the jazz musician John Dankworth play?
Saxophone (also accept 'clarinet')
- Which cartoon character first appeared in 1929 in *Le Petit Vingtième*?
Tintin
- Which band's 1979 album *Unknown Pleasures* has as its cover a graph of radio waves emitted by a pulsar?
Joy Division
- The US Federal Reserve, the World Bank, and the IMF are headquartered in which neighbourhood of
Foggy Bottom
- Which is the highest peak in the Yorkshire Dales?
Whernside
- Name any one of the three Cabinet positions held by Andy Burnham when Gordon Brown was Prime Minister.
Any one from: **Health; Culture, Media and Sport; Chief Secretary to the Treasury**
- What do the initials stand for, in the name of the showman P. T. Barnum?
Phineas Taylor
- As of 11 October 2024 who is the oldest head of state in the world?
Paul Biya (Cameroon) **see note 1**
- What colours are on the flag at the beach that indicate there is a lifeguard?
Red and Yellow
- Who was compère at Charles III's coronation concert in 2023?
Hugh Bonneville

16. Which English artist is best known for the illustrations in C. S. Lewis's *Narnia* books?
Pauline Baynes
17. Ridden by Ruby Walsh and trained by Willie Mullins, which horse won the 2005 Grand National?
Hedgehunter
18. Which 2023 film starred Robert Downey Jr, and Cillian Murphy in the title role?
Oppenheimer
19. Which Lancashire cricketer, a member of England's 2022 World Cup winning team, can bowl both leg spin and off spin?
Liam Livingstone
20. Which English artist designed the stained glass in the Baptistry window in the rebuilt Coventry Cathedral?
John Piper
21. What was the main instrument played by jazz musician Charles Mingus?
Upright bass, aka double bass
22. In the *Asterix* cartoons, how is the character Idéfix known in English?
Dogmatix
23. Which Pink Floyd album features Battersea power station on the cover?
Animals
24. The British Museum, Primrose Hill and Highgate Cemetery are all located in which London Borough?
Camden
25. What is the highest point of West Yorkshire?
Black Hill
26. Who is Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero?
Ed Miliband
27. What do the initials stand for in the name of the American writer H.P. Lovecraft?
Howard Phillips
28. As of 11 October 2024, who is the youngest state leader?
Ibrahim Traore (Burkina Faso) **see note 1**
29. What flag at the beach indicates you should not swim or bodyboard because it is a surfboard and watercraft zone?
Black-and-white chequered flag
30. Which hereditary peer was responsible for the organisation of the coronation of Charles III?
The Duke of Norfolk

First Written Round **There is a theme**

31. Which NBA Team play their home games in the city of New Orleans?
New Orleans Pelicans

32. Yuengling is America's oldest brewery. What is pictured above their name on their beer labels?
American Bald Eagle
33. Iconic structures in Belfast, what are Samson and Goliath?
Cranes, or gantry cranes
34. What is the name of the character played by Keira Knightley in the *Pirates of the Caribbean* film series?
Elizabeth Swann
35. Founded in the 1990s which American rock band released the album *Somewhere Under Wonderland* and the single *Accidentally in Love*?
Counting Crows
36. Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 2014, which book is about thirteen-year-old Theodore Decker and the changes he goes through after a terrorist attack?
The Goldfinch
37. Son-in-law of Prime Minister James Callaghan, who served as British Ambassador to the US in the late 1970s?
Peter Jay
38. Which Australian Prime Minister came after Malcolm Fraser and before Paul Keating?
Bob Hawke
39. Born in Cambridge, which English athlete won gold in the T44 100 metres at the summer Paralympics in 2012 and 2016?
Jonnie Peacock
40. Which book by Deborah Hewitt follows Alice Wyndham, an office worker in London, on a trip involving betrayal and magic?
The Nightjar

Theme is birds

Second Verbal Round

41. How long in miles is the orbital M60?
36.1 (allow 2 miles either way)
42. In Disney's *Fantasia*, *The Sorcerer's Apprentice* is based on a poem by which writer?
Goethe
43. In John Masefield's poem *Cargoes*, from which distant port was the Quinquireme of Nineveh rowing home?
Ophir
44. What political role did Hilary Clinton take in the Obama administration?
Secretary of State
45. Which fictional paradise was created by James Hilton in 1933?
Shangri-La

46. Give a year in the reign of the Sun King Louis XIV.
1643 to 1715
47. The name of which capital city in the northern hemisphere translates into English as 'smoky bay'?
Reykjavik
48. At which modern-day Olympics was the torch relay from Olympia introduced?
Berlin, 1936
49. Who is the patron saint of dogs?
Saint Roch **see note 2**
50. In which year was the Battle of Blenheim fought, during the War of the Spanish Succession?
1704
51. Which painting technique was developed by Paul Signac and Georges Seurat in the 1880s? An example is *A Sunday on the Grand Jatte*.
Pointillism
52. *Passiflora edulis* is more commonly known as what flowering and fruit-producing plant?
Passion flower/fruit
53. Who is the current editor of the *Spectator* magazine?
Michael Gove
54. Divided into bututs, what is the currency of The Gambia?
Dalasi
55. According to Dr Johnson in his dictionary, who is "a wretch who supports with insolence and is paid with flattery"?
A patron
56. Which two Manchester boroughs are not crossed by the M60?
Bolton and Wigan
57. What was the surname of the brothers who wrote the music and songs for Disney's *Mary Poppins*?
Sherman
58. Quoting Masefield's poem *Sea Fever*, whose autobiography was called *The Lonely Sea and the Sky*?
Sir Francis Chichester
59. Before Melania Trump, who was the only US President's wife not born in the US?
Louisa Adams (née Johnson, born in England)
60. Which fictional paradise was created by Thomas More in 1516?
Utopia
61. Give a year in the life of Suleiman the Magnificent, Sultan of the Ottoman Empire.
1494 to 1566
62. Which African capital city derives its name from the Arabic word for 'victorious'?
Cairo
63. At which Olympics was the first women's marathon run?
1984 (Los Angeles)

64. Canonised in 2001, who is the patron saint of footballers?
Saint Luigi Scroscoppi
65. In which year was the Battle of Plassey fought, during the Seven Years War?
1757
66. Which British artist, now 93, is a proponent of the op-art style, sometimes with disorienting visual effect?
Bridget Riley
67. *Opuntia*, a type of cactus, is commonly known as what?
Prickly pear
68. Who is the current editor of *The Guardian*?
Katherine Viner
69. Instead of paper or electronic ballots, what items are used to cast votes in elections in The Gambia?
Marbles
70. In his dictionary which word did Dr Johnson define as “in England it is generally understood to mean pay given
Pension

Second Written Round **There is a theme - spelling may differ; there's a part-word.**

71. In which TV series do the characters Ruth Evershed, Colin Wells and Harry Pearce appear?
Spooks
72. Which town on the Ouse, east of Wakefield, is England's furthest inland port, being 50 miles from the North Sea?
Goole
73. What is the English meaning of the title of Strauss's operetta *Die Fledermaus*?
The bat (or flittermouse)
74. Who, according to the nursery rhyme, '*had a wife but couldn't keep her*'?
Peter, Peter, pumpkin eater
75. What, according to the poet Andrew Marvell, is '*a fine and private place*'?
The grave
76. Its title referencing a phrase in the *Communist Manifesto*, which novel by the science-fiction author Fritz Lieber describes a revolution by the Mexican underclass?
A Spectre is Haunting Texas
(Manifesto quote: 'A spectre is haunting Europe - the spectre of Communism.')
77. Which corrosive acid, HNO₃, is commonly used as an oxidising agent?
Nitric
78. Which Oxbridge college, founded by Henry VI and dedicated to research, does not accept graduates? Its current head is the economist Sir John Vickers.
All Souls (Oxford) **see note 3**
79. At 5.1% abv, which is the strongest cask beer produced by Moorhouses of Burnley?
Pendle Witches Brew

80. Which song, written by Jerry Dammers, had three weeks at number one in 1981?

Ghost Town

Theme is words that may be associated with Halloween

(spook, ghoul, bat, pumpkin, grave, spectre, haunt, trick, souls, witch, ghost)

Spares

1. Which legendary character has been played on screen by Olivia de Havilland, Audrey Hepburn and Una Thurman?

Maid Marion

2. Three teams were promoted to the Premier League in 2024; name two of them.

Any two from: **Southampton, Ipswich Town, Leicester City**

3. Which play, first performed in England in 1946, examines the role of the Birling family in the death of Eva Smith?

An Inspector Calls

4. Which Arizona mining town was the site of the gunfight at the OK Corral?

Tombstone

5. In American football's NFL, in which state capital do the Colts play their home games?

Indianapolis

Notes

1. Teams have just 30 seconds in which to answer, so it might be considered unrealistic to expect them to scroll through the world's 200-plus heads-of-state and decide on how old/young they are in such a short time.
2. Questions on patron saints almost always have more than one acceptable answer: Vitus and Hubert of Liege are also patron saints of dogs. Hubert, along with Guy of Anderlecht, Dominic of Silos and St Sithney, is also the patron saint of *mad* dogs.
3. The question should say 'does not accept **undergraduates**'.