

# LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2024

## QUESTIONS BY SMART ALEX

### First Verbal Round

- Kristi Noem has been chosen by Donald Trump to be Secretary of Homeland Security in his 2025 administration. For which act of animal cruelty, described in her book *No Going Back*, did she gain notoriety earlier this year?

**Shooting her pet dog** (also accept goat)
- Which potential member of Donald Trump's 2025 administration admitted to dumping a dead bear in Central Park?

**Robert F. Kennedy Junior**
- Whose early twentieth century plays include *Heartbreak House* and *The Doctor's Dilemma*?

**George Bernard Shaw**
- Whose post-WW2 plays include *Endgame* and *Happy Days*?

**Samuel Beckett**
- What is the name of the French town, now in the south-west suburbs of Paris, renowned for its porcelain manufacture?

**Sèvres**
- What is the name of the town sixteen miles north-west of Dresden, renowned for its porcelain manufacture?

**Meissen**
- Which type of meat is most commonly used in Italian *Osso Buco*?

**Veal**
- Which type of seafood would you receive if you ordered *vongole* at an Italian Restaurant?

**Clams**
- In arithmetic what name is given to a fraction, such as  $\frac{3}{2}$ , in which the numerator is larger than the denominator?

**Improper**
- In geometry, what name is given to a straight line, other than a diameter, joining any two points on the circumference of a circle?

**Chord**
- Which men's tennis player had won four grand slams by the age of twenty, the youngest player in history to achieve this feat? He won three grand slams in 1988, but never won Wimbledon.

**Mats Wilander** **see note 1**
- Which women's tennis player won three grand slams in 1997, missing out on the French Open which she never won? She became the youngest ever world number one in the same year.

**Martina Hingis** **see note 1**
- Which creature has three hearts, nine brains and blue blood?

**Octopus**
- Which creature has no brain, no heart and is 98% water?

**Jellyfish**
- What is *Madame Bovary's* Christian name in the novel by Flaubert?

**Emma**

16. In the novel *Emma* by Jane Austen, what is Emma's surname?

**Woodhouse**

17. There have been two pairs of father and son who have been Prime Minister of Britain. What are their surnames?

**Pitt and Grenville**

18. Four British Prime Ministers were in office in 1834. Name two of them.

Any two from: **Grey, Lamb, Wellington, Peel** **see note 2**

19. How many human players are on each side in a polo match?

**Four**

20. How many players are allowed in the pool at any one time in a water polo team?

**Seven**

21. Having sold over 25 million studio albums and 100 million singles worldwide, which American music artist was born Armando Christian Pérez?

**Pitbull**

22. The recipient of twelve Grammy awards, which American music artist was born John Roger Stephens?

**John Legend**

23. In physics, what name is given to the band of the electromagnetic spectrum containing the very highest frequencies of radiation?

**Gamma radiation**

24. Coined by Isaac Newton from the Latin for 'centre' and 'seek', what name is given to any force that keeps a body on a curved path, such as gravity maintaining a moon in orbit?

**Centripetal force**

25. Which English king founded the Order of the Garter?

**Edward III**

26. Which English king founded the Order of the Bath, so-called when soldiers were prepared to receive their knighthood by a ritualised process of washing, symbolising spiritual purification?

**George I**

27. Give a year in the life of St Thomas Aquinas.

**1225 to 1274**

28. Give year in the life of Francis of Assisi.

**1181 to 1226**

29. What is someone who believes in *antidisestablishmentarianism* opposed to the disestablishment of?

**Church of England**

30. Chester Cathedral is dedicated to which two religious figures?

**Christ and The Blessed Virgin Mary**

**First Written Round** **There is a theme, with one sound-alike**

31. On 2 November this year England narrowly lost a match against the All Blacks in the Rugby Union autumn series. For which trophy, inaugurated in 2008, were they playing

**The Hillary Shield** (also accept trophy)

32. What is the general name of the Spanish Parliament, made up of two Houses: the Congress of Deputies and the Senate?

**Cortes** (Generales)

33. Which footballer, who was capped five times for England between 1948 and 1954, was nicknamed 'The Clown Prince of Soccer'? One chapter of his autobiography was entitled 'The Average Director's Knowledge of Football'. It consisted of a single blank page.

**Len Shackleton**

34. Which town, the largest in West Lothian, was designated in 1962 as the fourth post-war new town to be built in Scotland?

**Livingston**

35. This US company, founded in 1916, was a producer of batteries. Taken over in 1978, it changed its name to Duracell but continued to use the original company name alongside. What was this name?

**Mallory**

36. This artist was born in 1830 in the Danish West Indies but held French nationality. He experimented with different styles of painting and was influential in the French Impressionist, Post-Impressionist and Pointillist movements, acting as a father-figure to many better-known artists. He died in Paris in 1903. What was his name?

**Camille Pissarro**

37. Which British cycle manufacturer has produced models called the *Strika*, the *Grifter*, the *Bomber* and the *Chopper*?

**Raleigh**

38. Which French jewellery company is mentioned by Marilyn Monroe in the song *Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend*?

**Cartier**

39. The x-ray photograph taken by this scientist was crucial to the discovery of the structure of DNA, for which Crick and Watson won the 1962 Nobel prize for Physiology or Medicine.

**Rosalind Franklin**

40. Which actor portrayed the England football manager Gareth Southgate in the 2023 play *Dear England* at the National Theatre? Full name required.

**Joseph Fiennes**

**Theme is names of explorers/adventurers**

## Second Verbal Round

41. Continental United States has four time zones: Pacific, Eastern, Central – what is the fourth?

**Mountain**

42. How many time zones are there in the whole of Africa?

**Six**

43. Who composed the fantasy overture *Romeo and Juliet*?

**Tchaikovsky**

44. Who composed the *Dante Symphony*?

**Liszt**

45. What is defined in classical architecture as the superstructure of mouldings and bands which lie horizontally above columns and their capitals?

**Entablature**

46. What is defined in classical architecture as a form of gable normally with triangular shape? They are placed above the cornice or entablature.

**Pediment**

47. Which pop song begins with the words '*Dirty old river, must you keep rolling, flowing into the night*'?

**Waterloo Sunset** (The Kinks)

48. Which pop song begins with the words: '*You were working as a waitress in a cocktail bar*'?

**Don't You Want Me?** (Human League)

49. Name the year: the cruise ship *Costa Concordia* capsized after colliding with rocks; Sebastian Vettel won his third successive Formula One Drivers' Championship; Whitney Houston died.

**2012**

50. Name the year: an explosion on the *Deepwater Horizon* drilling rig caused the largest marine oil spill in history; Sachin Tendulkar was the world's first batsman to score a double century in an ODI; Michael Foot died.

**2010**

51. Which US President said, "*There is nothing to fear but fear itself*"?

**Franklin D. Roosevelt**

52. Which US President said, "*The nine most terrifying words in the English language are: I'm from the Government and I'm here to help*"?

**Ronald Reagan**

53. What is the name of the very expensive and large piece of scientific equipment that contains the name of the group of sub-atomic particles that are made up from quarks such as the proton, neutron and meson?

**Large Hadron Collider**

54. Which Italian and naturalised American nuclear scientist, who won the Nobel Prize in 1938, gave his name to the group of elementary particles with half-odd-integer spin such as electrons and neutrinos?

**Enrico Fermi**

55. The Manchester United manager Ruben Amorim played for which team before moving to Benfica in 2008?

**Belenenses**

56. The Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola played for which team after moving from Barcelona in 2001?

**Brescia**

57. In which US state would you find Harvard University?

**Massachusetts**

58. In which US state would you find Fort Knox?

**Kentucky**

59. Derived from the Latin word for 'shore', which ecological term indicates the sea-shore zone that extends down from the high-water mark to the edge of the areas that are permanently submerged?

**Littoral**

60. The most severe extinction event known in Earth history, as measured by species loss, took place at the end of which Paleozoic period?

**Permian**

61. Her work was formerly highly influential but is now viewed with considerable scepticism; which anthropologist wrote the books *Coming of Age in Samoa* and *Sex and Temperament in Three Primitive Societies*?

**Margaret Mead**

62. Although an American novelist of the same name wrote many novels, the British politician Winston Churchill, wrote just one, published in 1900. What was its title?

**Savrola** (do not accept "Savonarola")

63. Which widely used computer operating system was developed originally from 1969 onwards at the Bell Labs research centre? It was later further developed by Sun Microsystems and other companies.

**UNIX**

64. Which 'write once, run anywhere' programming language was developed by James Gosling at Sun Microsystems?

**Java**

65. Who hosts the Radio 4 series *Thinking Allowed*?

**Laurie Taylor**

66. Who hosts the Radio 4 series *Uncanny*?

**Danny Robins**

67. Who is the current Master of the Kings Music?

**Errollyn Wallen**

68. Who is the current Children's Laureate?

**Frank Cottrell-Boyce**

69. Run on an IBM supercomputer, name the chess-playing system that became the first such to defeat a reigning world champion under regular tournament time allowances, when it beat Gary Kasparov in 1997.

**Deep Blue**

70. *Chow*, *pung*, and *kong* are calls that may be made by players of which game?

**Mahjong**

## Second Written Round

**There is a theme. There are some soundalikes and some theme words are contained within longer words.**

71. What is the common name of *Reynoutria japonica*, listed as one of the world's worst invasive plant species?

**Japanese knotweed**

72. Which word can be defined as a noun meaning a very thin piece of sheet metal or a verb meaning to prevent something dangerous or illegal from succeeding?

**Foil**

73. Ashley Jensen plays which leading character in the BBC crime series *Shetland*?

(D.I.) **Ruth Calder**

74. Which footballer who died in the Munich air disaster of 1958 still holds the all-time Manchester United league goal strike record of 0.67 goals per game?

**Tommy Taylor**

75. Which is the only US State with a non-rectangular flag?

**Ohio**

76. The second movement of J. S. Bach's *Orchestral Suite No.3* is popularly known by what title.

**Air on a/the G String**

77. Who is the current Prime Minister of Poland?

**Donald Tusk**

78. Which American basketball player, with six NBA Championships to his name, is considered the greatest of all time?

**Michael Jordan**

79. Which nocturnal animal of the family *Gliridae* is named for its long period of hibernation?

**Dormouse**

80. Which artist, a major figure in the abstract expressionist movement, is famous for his drip painting technique.

**Jackson Pollock**

**Theme is rivers: Tweed, Foyle, Calder, Tay, Ohio, Aire, Usk, Jordan, Ouse, Po**

## Spares

1. Name the 18th- and 19th-century British chemist who used electrolysis to isolate seven elements for the first time.

**Humphry Davy**

2. On the game show *Blockbusters* with Bob Holness, how many lettered hexagons were on the board in the main game?

**Twenty**

3. Which breed of dog has achieved *Best in Show* the most times at Crufts?

**Cocker Spaniel**

4. In which year was pop icon Madonna born?

**1958**

5. In the RAF, which rank sits between Squadron Leader and Group Captain?

**Wing Commander**

## Notes

1. A *grand slam* is the winning of the four major tournaments (Australian/French/US Opens and Wimbledon) in the same year, so more correctly the question should refer to grand slam **events**.

2. William Lamb was also known as Viscount Melbourne, and The Duke of Wellington had the real name Arthur Wellesley. Both these alternative names are acceptable answers.