

# LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 9 JANUARY 2025

## QUESTIONS BY SWAN & RAILWAY

### First Verbal Round

- In which 1993 film did Robin Williams play voice actor Daniel Hillard?  
**Mrs Doubtfire**
- Who was married to the singer Chrissie Hynde in 1984, and the actress Patsy Kensit in 1992?  
**Jim Kerr** (of Simple Minds)
- What name is shared by two rivers in south-west England, one rising in Dorset and flowing into Lyme Bay, and the other rising in the Mendips and flowing into the Bristol Channel?  
**The Axe**
- If the answer is 'When the hurly-burly's done, when the battle's lost and won', what is the question?  
**When shall we three meet again?** (from *Macbeth*)
- Which Norwegian footballer was the first recipient of the Ballon d'Or Féminin?  
**Ada Hegerberg**
- Which African country's flag has a red field with a green pentagram in the centre?  
**Morocco**
- Who devised the long-running BBC radio panel game *Just a Minute*?  
**Ian Messiter**
- Who served the longest term as Poet Laureate in the twentieth century?  
**John Masefield**
- Which politician performed with Bath Philharmonia's Young Carers' Choir on the recent charity Christmas single *Love is Enough*?  
**Ed Davey**
- Which English king was deposed in 1327 after his wife Isabella of France invaded England along with her lover Roger Mortimer?  
**Edward II**
- Who is most likely to be seen wearing a *mawashi*?  
**A sumo wrestler**
- On the electromagnetic spectrum, what class of radiation comes between gamma and ultra-violet radiation?  
**X-rays**
- Which island is separated from Venezuela by the Columbus Channel, aka The Serpent's Mouth?  
**Trinidad**
- Which charitable organisation founded in Chicago in 1905 has the mottoes 'Service above self' and 'One profits most who serves best'?  
**Rotary International** (also accept 'the Rotary Club' or just 'Rotary')
- Which thick soup, made from smoked haddock, potatoes and onions, is partly named after a town on the north-east coast of Scotland?  
**Cullen skink**

16. Named after a French spa city, Elizabeth David described the ancestor of which classic soup as 'every French housewife's potato and leek soup'?

**Vichysoisse**

17. For what specific purpose was the AA (Automobile Association) founded in 1905?

**To help motorists avoid speed traps** (accept anything to do with the imposition of speed limits)

18. Which Iranian island shares its name with the sea passage from the Persian Gulf to the Indian Ocean?

**Hormuz**

19. Often a constituent of liquid petroleum gas, which chemical compound has the formula C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>8</sub>?

**Propane**

20. What is the Japanese name of the network of high-speed railway lines known in English as *The Bullet Train*?

**The shinkansen**

21. Later guillotined for treason, which courtesan replaced Madame de Pompadour as Louis XV's official mistress in 1768?

**Madame du Barry** (also accept 'Jeanne Bécu')

22. Who was the professional dance partner of Chris McCausland when he won *Strictly Come Dancing* in December?

**Dianne Buswell**

23. Who succeeded Robert Southey as Poet Laureate in 1843 and served until his death seven years later?

**William Wordsworth**

24. Who succeeded Roy Plomley as the presenter of *Desert Island Discs* in 1986?

**Michael Parkinson**

25. Which African country's flag is described as a vertical bicolour triband of green-white-green?

**Nigeria**

26. Between 2008 and 2023 there were only two years when the men's Ballon d'Or was not won by Ronaldo or Messi. Name either of the players who won in those years.

**Luka Modric** (2018) or **Karim Benzema** (2022)

27. Who did Hamlet describe as 'a fellow of infinite jest, of most excellent fancy'?

**Yorick**

28. Aysgarth Falls in the Yorkshire Dales are situated on which river?

**The Ure**

29. Name either of the two famous daughters of the actress Phyllida Law?

**Emma Thompson** or **Sophie Thompson**

30. In which 1994 film did John Travolta play hitman Vincent Vega?

**Pulp Fiction**

**First Written Round** There is a theme; some theme words form part of longer words

31. The final part of Grieg's *Peer Gynt Suite No. 1*, which piece of orchestral music is frequently used by Alton Towers in its advertising and park?

**In the Hall of the Mountain King**

32. What shade of purple is named after a flower whose name means that it turns towards the sun?  
**Heliotrope**
33. What name did Sophie Ellis-Bextor give to the Instagram concerts she started broadcasting during lockdown, which subsequently led to a Radio 2 show and a live tour?  
**Kitchen disco**
34. Which fictional character was born in 1845 on her family's Georgia plantation, Tara?  
(Katie) **Scarlett O'Hara**
35. Which 1992 film was the first of Baz Luhrmann's *Red Curtain* Trilogy of theatre-motif-related movies?  
**Strictly Ballroom**
36. What word was coined by journalist Sylvia Wright in 1954 to mean a misunderstanding resulting from mishearing a song lyric?  
**Mondegreen**
37. What stadium was given its current name by baseball's San Francisco Giants who played there from 1960 to 1999?  
**Candlestick Park**
38. What name was given to the seat of the Mughal emperors of India from 1635 to 1739?  
**The Peacock Throne**
39. In *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, the four named fairies that serve Titania are Peaseblossom, Cobweb, Moth, and which other?  
**Mustardseed**
40. Situated on Euston Road in London, what is the largest public building to be constructed in the United Kingdom in the twentieth century?  
**The British Library**

**Theme is characters, rooms and weapons that appear in Cluedo™**

## Second Verbal Round

41. Who described his work as a keeper at Whipsnade Zoo following World War II in a book entitled *Beasts in my Belfry*?  
**Gerald Durrell**
42. Who was born Phyllis Pechy in 1909, and died in 1994?  
**Fanny Cradock**
43. Which port city is the capital of the Spanish autonomous community of Cantabria?  
**Santander**
44. Which team was named BBC Sports Personality Team of the Year in 2024?  
**Wigan Warriors**
45. Who wrote the play *Entertaining Mr Sloane*?  
**Joe Orton**
46. How was Jordan Belfort described in the title of a 2013 film?  
**The Wolf of Wall Street**

47. What French term do geologists use to denote an amphitheatre-like valley at the head of a glacier – also known as a *cwm* or a *corrie*?

**Cirque**

48. Which condiment, similar to Worcestershire Sauce, has been made in Sheffield since the late nineteenth century?

**Henderson's Relish**

49. Whose ninth symphony is sometimes known as the *Great C Major*, to distinguish it from his sixth which is the *Little C Major*?

**Franz Schubert**

50. Two US Presidents died in office, of natural causes, in the twentieth century. One was F. D. Roosevelt; who was the other?

**Warren G. Harding**

51. Which English army officer and naturalist published a pioneering *Ornithological Dictionary* in 1802, and gave his name to a species of harrier?

**George Montagu**

52. Which Commonwealth city opened its Cardboard Cathedral in 2013, to replace one that suffered serious damage in an earthquake?

**Christchurch** (New Zealand)

53. Which chemical compound is produced using the contact process?

**Sulphuric acid**

54. Give one of the four years, during the whole or part of which King Henry VIII was married to Anne Boleyn.

**1533 to 1536**

55. Born Charlotte Aitchison, which singer's acclaimed 2024 album became a cultural phenomenon, including its title being named *Collins* Word of the Year?

**Charli XCX** (the album was of course *Brat*)

56. *The Rise and Fall of a Midwest Princess* was the biggest debut album of last year in the UK for which singer?

**Chappell Roan**

57. Give a year in the first reign of Ethelred the Unready, before he was deposed by the Danes.

**978 to 1013**

58. The Bayer process is the first step in the extraction of which metal element from its ore?

**Aluminium** (also accept 'gallium', which is a by-product of the process)

59. In which Commonwealth city is the world's third-largest cricket ground, Eden Gardens?

**Kolkata** (also accept 'Calcutta')

60. Which French-American ornithologist published *The Birds of America* between 1827 and 1839, and gave his name to a species of shearwater?

**John James Audubon**

61. Who was the only Prime Minister to die in 10 Downing Street, 19 days after his resignation in 1908?

**Henry Campbell-Bannerman**

62. Whose *Symphony No. 7 in C major* is known as the *Leningrad Symphony*?

**Dmitri Shostakovich**

63. Which hot chilli sauce is named after the town in Thailand where it was originally made in the 1940s?

**Sriracha**

64. What French term do geologists use to denote a narrow ridge of rock that separates two valleys – an example is Striding Edge on Helvellyn?

**Arête**

65. How was Hugh Glass described in the title of a 2015 film?

***The Revenant***

66. Who wrote the play *The Quare Fellow*?

**Brendan Behan**

67. Who was awarded the Lifetime Achievement award at the 2024 *BBC Sports Personality of the Year*?

**Mark Cavendish**

68. In which Spanish city was Pablo Picasso born?

**Malaga**

69. Born in 1904, by what name was singer and comedian George Hoy Booth better known?

**George Formby**

70. Which South African novelist has won the Booker Prize twice, and also won the Nobel Prize in Literature in 2003?

**J. M. Coetzee**

**Second Written Round** There is a theme: each answer is the name of a person who sadly died in 2024

71. Leeds-born writer whose work includes a hugely successful series of novels about the fortunes of protagonist Emma Harte.

**Barbara Taylor Bradford**

72. Steward and waiter in the Merchant Navy, who served as an MP for 40 years before being made a life peer.

**John Prescott**

73. The first footballer to win three European Cups as captain of his club.

**Franz Beckenbauer**

74. French singer and cultural icon described by Mick Jagger as his 'ideal woman'.

**Françoise Hardy**

75. British scientist who shared the Nobel Prize in Physics in 2013 for his work in particle physics.

**Peter Higgs**

76. American comedian famous for his deadpan monologues and late-career appearance in *The Big Bang Theory*.

**Bob Newhart**

77. 1976 Olympic gold medallist who became the first British swimmer to achieve that feat since Anita Lonsbrough in 1960.

**David Wilkie**

78. German-born British painter, one of the leading names in the School of London along with Lucian Freud and Francis Bacon.

**Frank Auerbach**

79. American actress, possibly best known for her reaction to an axe-wielding Jack Nicholson in *The Shining*.

**Shelley Duvall**

80. Designer, journalist, and author of the 1975 bestselling book *Superwoman*.

**Shirley Conran**

## Spares

1. In the Netherlands what name is given to a tract of land reclaimed from the sea?

**A polder**

2. The Skerries are a group of small islets off the north-west tip of which British island?

**Anglesey**

3. What was the Four Tops' first UK top ten hit and their only UK number one?

***Reach Out I'll Be There***

4. Which London thoroughfare runs from Trafalgar Square to Temple Bar, where it becomes Fleet Street?

**The Strand**

5. In target archery what colour is the outermost ring on the target?

**White**

6. Which is the only US state to have a shoreline on Lake Ontario?

**New York**