

# LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 16 JANUARY 2025

## QUESTIONS BY HMRUFC

### First Verbal Round

1. Batavia is the former name of which Asian capital city?  
**Jakarta**
2. Who is the author of *Murder Before Evensong*, the first book in the Canon Clemens series?  
**Rev. Richard Coles**
3. The Royal Northern College of Music is situated on the corner of Oxford Road and which other street?  
**Booth Street West** (accept just 'Booth Street')
4. *On the Rocks* was the US adaptation of which classic UK TV sitcom?  
**Porridge**
5. Who is England's most capped Rugby Union player?  
**Ben Youngs** see note 1
6. Name either of the Green Party's co-leaders  
**Carla Denyer or Adrian Ramsey**
7. Which port is located at the end of the A4, the former trunk road running west from London?  
**Avonmouth**
8. Which Asian country is ruled by nine monarchs, each taking five year terms as king?  
**Malaysia**
9. What is the middle name of artist Pierre Renoir?  
**Auguste** see note 2
10. What was the codename for the German invasion of the Soviet Union in 1941?  
**Operation Barbarossa**
11. In the Iron Man event how long is the running section, to the nearest mile?  
**26** (exactly 26.2, as in a marathon)
12. What is the most northerly island in the United Kingdom?  
**Unst** see note 3
13. What sauce becomes a Mornay sauce on the addition of cheese?  
**Béchamel**
14. In 2012 Jean Dujardin became the first French actor to win an Oscar for Best Actor, in which film?  
**The Artist**
15. Mouflon, Cotswold and Leicester are breeds of which animal?  
**Sheep**
16. Leopoldville is the former name of which African capital?  
**Kinshasa**

17. Name the new novel about George Smiley written by Nick Harkaway, the son of John Le Carré?  
**Karla`s Choice**
18. Before it was amalgamated with The University of Manchester, the main building of UMIST was located on which street?  
**Sackville Street**
19. Which acclaimed US TV drama was set around the fictional Sterling Cooper advertising agency in New York?  
**Mad Men**
20. Who at 1 January 2025 is the world`s most capped Rugby Union player?  
**Alun Wyn Jones**
21. Who did Nigel Farage succeed as leader of the Reform party?  
**Richard Tice**
22. The A30 trunk road from London terminates at what tourist destination?  
**Land`s End**
23. Which Middle East country is ruled by the Khalifa family?  
**Bahrain**
24. What is the middle name of artist L. S. Lowry?  
**Stephen**
25. What was the codename of the Allied invasion of French North Africa in November 1942?  
**Operation Torch**
26. In the Olympic triathlon how long is the running section to the nearest km?  
**10 km**
27. What is the most westerly island in the United Kingdom?  
**Rockall**
28. Traditionally the sauce in prawn cocktail is made up of mayonnaise, ketchup and what other sauce?  
**Worcestershire sauce**
29. In 2010 who was the first woman to win the Academy Award for Best Film Director?  
**Kathryn Bigelow** (for *The Hurt Locker*)
30. In George Orwell`s *Animal Farm* what type of animal is named Boxer?  
**A horse**

### First Written Round

**Words contained within each answer make up a theme (there are no soundalikes)**

31. Hugh Bonneville played which member of the aristocracy in Downton Abbey?  
**Lord Grantham** see note 4
32. What was the occupation of Bottom in Shakespeare`s *A Midsummer Night`s Dream*?  
**Weaver**
33. What was the title of the declaration announcing the formation of the SDP in 1981?  
**The Limehouse Declaration**

34. Who was chief choreographer of the Royal Ballet from 1957 to 1963, before taking up the post of Director?  
**Sir Frederick Ashton**
35. Who was the author of the 2015 novel *Go Set a Watchman*, which was the sequel to an original novel released over 40 years earlier?  
**Harper Lee**
36. Who was Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Europe from 1954 to 1958?  
**Field Marshal Montgomery**
37. Which important political event for Great Britain took place in 1707?  
**The Act of Union (or Union of the Parliaments)**
38. Which ancient Greek city was the subject of two epistles from St. Paul?  
**Corinth** **see note 5**
39. In which UK city will you find the Herbert Museum?  
**Coventry**
40. Name the twin engine World War 2 bomber that was the forerunner of the Lancaster.  
(Avro) **Manchester**

**Theme is canals (some disused) and other navigable waterways**

## Second Verbal Round

41. The Rudston Monolith, the tallest standing stone in the UK, is in which county?  
**East Riding of Yorkshire** (also accept 'East Riding' or 'East Yorkshire')
42. What links a 1968 Beatles track and a ride seen in amusement parks and fairgrounds in the UK?  
**Helter Skelter**
43. In medical terminology what does the prefix *myo-* refer to?  
**Muscle**
44. Strictly speaking, a hydrophobe is a term in chemistry referring to the property of a molecule that is repelled from water. What is the term for a person afraid of water?  
**Aquaphobe**
45. In December 2024, *The Observer* newspaper was sold to which British news website? It was founded in 2018 by former *Times* editor James Harding.  
**Tortoise Media**
46. The 2024 memoir *Not That I'm Bitter: A Truly, Madly, Funny Memoir* was written by which British comedian?  
**Helen Lederer**
47. Butterflies from the *Papilionidae* family are more commonly known by what name?  
**Swallowtail**
48. Currently, there are three republics in the world where both the head of state and the head of government are female. Name one of them.  
One from: **Barbados, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Iceland**
49. Which Bolton-born comedian and actress wrote and starred in the recent BBC sitcom *Alma's Not Normal*?  
**Sophie Willan**

50. In last year's Euro 2024 several matches were played at the Volksparkstadion. Where is the stadium located in Germany?

**Hamburg**

51. In last year's Olympic Games in Paris, in which arena did the swimming events take place?

**La Défense (Arena)**

52. Brad Keller won which TV competition in 2024?

***The Piano***

53. Name the two presenters on Radio 4's *Infinite Monkey Cage*?

**Brian Cox and Robin Ince**

54. Which is the most southerly area of the *Shipping Forecast*?

**Trafalgar**

55. Which character does Timothy Bentinck play in *The Archers*?

**David Archer** **see note 6**

56. West Kennet Long Barrow, at 100 metres in length the longest in Britain, is in which county?

**Wiltshire**

57. What links a 1968 Beatles track and a 2022 film starring Daniel Craig?

***Glass Onion***

58. In medical terminology what does the prefix *myco-* refer to?

**Fungus**

59. Strictly speaking, photophobia is a medical symptom of an abnormal intolerance to the visual perception of light. What is the term for fear of the sun, sunlight or bright light?

**Heliophobia**

60. Which newspaper publishing group, formally known as Trinity Mirror, publishes 240 regional papers as well as national titles including *The Daily Mirror* and *The Daily Express*?

**Reach (plc)**

61. The 2024 book *Jokes, Jokes, Jokes: My Very Funny Memoir* is by which English comedian?

**Jenny Eclair**

62. Butterflies from the *Hesperiidae* family are more commonly known by what name?

**Skippers**

63. There are five republics where the female President is the combined head of state and government. Name one of them.

One from: **Honduras, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Peru, Tanzania**

64. In the BBC sitcom *Alma's Not Normal* who played Alma's mum, Lin?

**Siobhan Finneran**

65. In last year's Euro 2024 tournament four of the teams (excluding England) had managers who had previously managed in the Premier League. Name two of them.

Any two from: **Ralf Ranwick, Roberto Martinez, Ronald Koeman, Steve Clarke** **see note 7**

66. Where did all the equestrian events take place at last year's Olympic games in Paris?

**Palace of Versailles**

67. Who won the 2024 series of *The Traitors*?

**Harry Clark**

68. *The Media Show* on BBC Radio 4 is a weekly current affairs radio programme. Who are the presenters?

**Katie Razzall and Ros Atkins**

69. Who devised the *Shipping Forecast* which was originally known as the Storm Warning Service?

(Rear Admiral) **Robert Fitzroy**

70. David Troughton plays which character in *The Archers*?

**Tony Archer** see note 6

## Second Written Round **There is a theme, full names required**

71. Which plant, also known as Mosquito Plant and Pudding Grass, has the Latin name *Mentha pulegium*?

**Pennyroyal**

72. What forename links a Mercury Prize-winning singer/songwriter, a fictional chambermaid, a Guardian columnist and the inventor of the sports bra?

**Polly**

73. Which chemical element gets its name from the ancient Greek for 'stone'?

**Lithium**

74. What campaign initiated by the British Tourist Board was first held in 1963?

**Britain in Bloom**

75. In geometry a cardioid is a 2-dimensional plane figure with a curve shaped like what?

**Heart**

76. What is the name of the actress who starred opposite Bing Crosby in the 1936 film *Rhythm on the Range*? She appeared in many films, but her career was overshadowed by lurid and sensational stories about her mental health issues.

**Frances Farmer**

77. Name the boxer who retired with an undefeated record and won fifteen major world championships spanning five weight classes?

**Floyd Mayweather (Jr)**

78. What medical condition is described as an 'outward bulging, like a bubble or balloon, caused by a weak spot on a blood vessel wall'?

**Aneurysm**

79. What name is given to a long bundle of fibre used to spin yarn? It is carded then drawn into long strips. It is also the name given to a tall slender building built on a lot with a narrow frontage.

**Sliver**

80. Duff is the name of the beer in *The Simpsons*; what is the name of the cola?

**Buzz**

### **Theme is Nirvana songs and album titles**

***Pennyroyal Tea*; *Polly* (P. J. Harvey, Toynbee, *Fawlty Towers*, Smith); *In Bloom*; *Heart-Shaped Box*; *Frances Farmer Will Have Her Revenge on Seattle*; *Floyd the Barber*; *Aneurysm*; *Sliver*; *Love Buzz***

## Spares

1. Wham! played a farewell concert at Wembley Stadium and released a greatest hits album in the summer of 1986. What was the shared name?

***The Final***

2. Lenny the Lion is the mascot for which English League One football club?

**Shrewsbury Town**

3. The Baillie Gifford Prize is awarded to books in which genre?

**Non-fiction**

4. Who directed the classic 1977 Italian supernatural horror film *Suspiria*? They also co-wrote the screenplay.

**Dario Argento**

## Notes

1. The England RU player with the most international caps is Sarah Hunter, with 141. Ben Youngs has 127.
2. Renoir had the first (and only) name Pierre-Auguste.
3. Unst is the most northerly **inhabited** island of the UK. The uninhabited Muckle Flugga and Out Stack are both further north. Out Stack is the correct answer, particularly as the paired question refers to the uninhabited Rockall.
4. 'Earl of Grantham' is an equally acceptable answer.
5. 'Thessalonica' is an equally correct answer, but obviously doesn't fit the theme.
6. Unless specified otherwise a surname only is an acceptable answer, so these two questions should probably have stated that full names were required.
7. The wording of this question is ambiguous: it is not clear whether the managers' names or the countries are required, so either should have been acceptable. Also, the correct name of the Austrian manager is Ralf Rangnick, not Ranwick.