

LEAGUE MATCHES THURSDAY 30 JANUARY 2025
QUESTIONS BY THE GRIFFIN see note 1

First Verbal Round

1. Which *Star Trek* character has been played by Karl Urban and DeForest Kelley?
Leonard McCoy
2. Which English County is home to Adnam's brewery?
Suffolk
3. Prior to Stuart Broad in 2023, who was the last player to hit the last ball he faced in Test cricket for six and to take a wicket with his last ball in Test cricket?
Wayne Daniel
4. Of which Irish county is Carrick-on-Shannon the county town?
Leitrim
5. In which month of the year do Italians celebrate the *Festa della Befana*?
January (6 January, Epiphany)
6. What name is given to the chain of 97 state-owned Spanish hotels generally located in historic buildings or in areas of special natural beauty?
Paradors
7. Name the year:
George Wallace, a third-party candidate, wins 13.5% of the popular vote in the US Presidential election
British racing driver Jim Clark is killed in an accident at Hockenheim
Albania withdraws from the Warsaw Pact following the Soviet-led invasion of Czechoslovakia
1968
8. Who in 2005 coached the Welsh men's Rugby Union team to their first Grand Slam since 1978?
Mike Ruddock
9. The women's version of which game was first played at St Leonards School in St Andrews in 1890?
Lacrosse
10. Of which Commonwealth country is Mount Alvernia at 63 metres the highest point?
Bahamas
11. Who composed the comic opera *Le Villi*?
Giacomo Puccini
12. What is the nearest racecourse to the city of Dublin?
Leopardstown (Phoenix Park racecourse within the city closed in 1990)
13. In which modern-day country is the source of the River Tigris?
Turkey
14. Who was the last leader of the Liberal Democrats to be born outside the UK?
Paddy Ashdown (born in India)
15. The world's first subway system was opened in London in 1863, but two further subway systems were opened in European cities in 1896. One was in Budapest but where was the third?
Glasgow

16. Which *Star Trek* character has been played by Zoe Saldana and Nichelle Nichols
Nyota Uhura
17. Which English County is home to the brewers of *Doom Bar* beer?
Cornwall (Sharp's brewery)
18. For which English county cricket team did Wayne Daniel play between 1977 and 1988?
Middlesex
19. Of which Irish County is Lifford the county town?
Donegal
20. In which month of the year would people in Scotland "Hunt the Gowk"?
April (specifically 1 April)
21. The first Parador hotel opened in October 1928 in the outskirts of which medieval, walled city, 110 km from Madrid and sometime known as the "Town of Stones and Saints"?
Avila
22. Name the year:
Malcolm X is killed in Harlem.
Muhammad Ali knocks out Sonny Liston in the first round of their re-match.
Gambia becomes independent from the UK.
1965
23. From which New Zealander did Mike Ruddock take over as Wales men's national Rugby Union coach in 2004?
Steve Hansen
24. What is the name of the Irish stick-and-ball game, played by women, which is a variant of Hurling?
Camogie
25. Of which Commonwealth country is El Cerro del Aripo at 940 m the highest point?
Trinidad and Tobago (accept just 'Trinidad')
26. Who composed the comic opera *La Fille du Régiment*?
Gaetano Donizetti
27. What is the nearest racecourse to the city of Glasgow?
Hamilton Park
28. In which modern-day country is the source of the River Rhine?
Switzerland
29. Who was the last Scottish-born leader of the Liberal Democrats?
Jo Swinson
30. Which city has the world's longest and busiest subway system?
Shanghai

First Written Round There is a theme - each answer contains at least one word related to the theme

31. What song by The Doors features in the opening sequence of the film *Apocalypse Now*?
The End
32. Which Swiss city is home to the CERN scientific research facility?
Geneva

33. Which Caribbean capital city was ceded to Spain by Britain under the Treaty of Paris in 1763?
Havana
34. Which 1973 coming-of-age film set in 1960s California was directed by George Lucas and featured Richard Dreyfuss, Ron Howard and Harrison Ford?
American Graffiti
35. Which super group of the 1980s and '90s featured Robert Palmer, John Taylor and Andy Taylor?
The Power Station
36. What is the English name of the play entitled *En folkefiende* in its original language?
An Enemy of the People
37. In which film does David Niven plays RAF pilot Peter Carter, who jumps out of a plane without a parachute?
A Matter of Life and Death
38. Which English football team plays its home games at the American Express Stadium?
Brighton and Hove Albion
39. According to Franklin D. Roosevelt in his first inauguration speech, what is the only thing to fear?
Fear Itself (accept just 'fear')
40. Which quiz show included rounds named *Mental agility* and *Observation*?
The Krypton Factor

Theme is Graham Greene novels

The End of the Affair, Dr Fischer of Geneva, Our Man in Havana, The Quiet American, The Power and the Glory, The Captain and the Enemy, The Heart of the Matter, Brighton Rock, The Ministry of Fear, The Human Factor.

Second Verbal Round

41. The singer Mark McLachlan, born in Clydebank in 1965, is better known by which stage name?
Marti Pellow (of Wet Wet Wet).
42. Who was the last Scottish-born leader of the Conservative Party?
Iain Duncan-Smith
43. In which country would you find the waterfall with a drop of 200 metres (nearly four times higher than Niagara) whose name translates into English as *The Waterfall of the Beautiful Tresses*?
The UK (accept 'Scotland')
44. Which famous seventeenth century winemaker tried, but failed, to reverse the 'undesirable' formation of bubbles during the fermentation of grapes?
Dom Perignon
For what rural pursuit would you use *putchers*?
Catching fish (particularly salmon)
46. In which modern-day country can the archaeological site of Palmyra be found?
Syria
47. Which Welsh venue hosted the Ryder Cup in 2010?
Celtic Manor
48. Which country does Liverpool FC player Alexis Mac Allister represent at international level?
Argentina

49. In the *Godfather* films, what was the first name of Michael Corleone's first wife?
Apollonia
50. In 1986 which UK male vocal/instrumental group had their only top twenty hit with a song entitled *Driving Away From Home (Jim's Tune)*?
It's Immaterial
51. By what set of initials is the French Foreign Intelligence agency known?
DGSE
52. If you flew into Bradley International Airport, which US state capital city would you be at?
Hartford (Connecticut)
53. In which German city was Karl Marx born?
Trier
54. In which sport is the Camanachd Cup competed for?
Shinty
55. Which state in the USA has the gray whale as its state marine mammal?
California
56. The singer Seán Patrick Michael Sherrard, born in Australia in 1954, is better known by which stage name?
Johnny Logan
57. Who was the last Welsh-born leader of the Conservative Party?
Michael Howard
58. Which South American national capital's original name in English was *City of The Three Kings*?
Lima **see note 2**
59. Which French champagne house is involved in the production of sparkling wines at Domaine Evremond in Kent?
Taittinger
60. If you were in south east Wales or south west England, what would you expect to find in a *reen*?
Water (it is a drainage ditch or drain on the Gwent and Somerset levels)
61. In which modern-day country can the archaeological site of Butrint be found?
Albania
62. Which Irish venue hosted the Ryder Cup in 2006?
The K Club
63. Which country does Liverpool FC player Alison Becker represent at international level?
Brazil
64. In the *Godfather* films Vito acquired the surname Corleone on his entry into the United States. What surname was he born with?
Andolini
65. In 1985 which UK male/female vocal/instrumental group had their only top twenty hit with a song entitled *Life in a Northern Town*?
The Dream Academy
66. By what set of initials is the main Russian successor to the Soviet KGB known?
FSB

67. If you flew into Sky Harbor International Airport, which US state capital city would you be at?

Phoenix (Arizona)

68. Although he soon moved to Munich, in which German city was Albert Einstein actually born?

Ulm

69. In which sport is the Strathcona Cup competed for?

Curling

70. Which state in the USA has the orca as its state marine mammal?

Washington

Second Written Round There is a theme, and links may form part of other words

71. Roentgen radiation is more commonly known as what?

X-rays

72. What 1998 film about two 12-year-old boys, directed by Shane Meadows and featuring Paddy Considine, was also the film debut of Vicky McClure?

A Room for Romeo Brass

73. Which word, derived from the Latin for saw, can be used to describe a range of mountains?

Sierra

74. This boxer was known as 'The Golden Boy' when he won the 60 kg gold medal at the 1992 Olympic Games, but what is his actual name?

Oscar De La Hoya

75. World Diabetes Day and World Town Planning Day are held in which month of the year?

November

76. What US sports team was known originally as The Highlanders and spent many years playing home games at Shea Stadium?

New York Yankees

77. The *SS Cabinet Minister* running aground off the coast of Tordar in the Outer Hebrides is the plot line for which 1949 film, re-made in 2016?

Whisky Galore!

78. In Greek mythology, what is the name of the nymph who fell in love and became infatuated with Narcissus?

Echo

79. Anna Carteret played Inspector Kate Longton in which 1980s TV series?

Juliet Bravo

80. *Aryabhata* was the first satellite launched into space by which country?

India

Theme is the NATO phonetic alphabet

Spares

1. Who was assassinated on 22 August 1922 at Béal na Bláth?

Michael Collins

2. In which year was the Battle of the Alamo?

1836 (accept 1835 to 1837)

3. The police chief Baron Scarpa is the villain in which Puccini opera?

Tosca

4. What middle name is shared by former US President Bill Clinton and former Conservative minister William Hague?

Jefferson

5. From the name of which island is the name of the drug Rapamycin derived?

Easter Island (Rapa Nui)

6. In which fictional village is *Under Milk Wood* set?

Llareggub or Llaregyb

Notes

1. Feedback from participants and a rather low average score suggests that a significant number of the questions were a bit on the obscure side, so answering them became a guessing exercise. Similarly multiple questions on political leaders and gaelic/celtic sports could be considered to be a bit repetitive.
2. The original name of Lima, Ciudad de los Reyes, does not specify the number of kings.