

Individual Round 1

1. In French cuisine, of what are *lardons* small pieces?
2. Of which mollusc are the *acorn* and *goose* the two varieties found on British shorelines?
3. What is the country of origin of the shipping and transport line *Maersk*?
4. Who was the Roman counterpart of the Greek goddess Demeter?
5. Which informal parliamentary position is currently occupied by Sir Peter Tapsell, Conservative MP since 1966 for what is now Louth and Horncastle.
6. Who was the only driver to win a F1 World Championship in a car of his own design?
7. Who or what are The Warrior, The Plank and The Downward Dog?
8. Where might you go to visit the big gun called Mons Meg?
9. For achievement in what field is the *Fields Medal* awarded?
10. In architecture, a *sconce* is a wall fitting designed to hold what?

Bacon
Barnacle
Denmark or Danish
Ceres
Father of the House (of Commons)
Jack Brabham
Yoga poses
Edinburgh Castle
Mathematics
Candles or Lamps or Torches

Team Round 2

1. **Almost Local Papers** *What are the titles of the regional daily papers published in each of these cities?*
 - a) Sheffield **The Star** or **Sheffield Star**
 - b) Leicester **Leicester Mercury**
 - c) Stoke-on-Trent **The Sentinel**
2. **Australian Sport**
 - a) Which sporting event takes place on the first Tuesday of November at Flemington? **Melbourne Cup** (*Horse race*)
 - b) What is the appropriate name of the annual cycling stage race around Adelaide? **Tour Down Under**
 - c) Which city is the destination of the yacht race which leaves Sydney every Boxing Day? **Hobart**
3. **Albums** *In each case, which band's catalogue includes these albums?*
 - a) *Humbug* (2009); *Suck It and See* (2011); *AM* (2013) **Arctic Monkeys**
 - b) *High Voltage* (1976); *Powerage* (1978); *Flick of the Switch* (1983) **AC/DC**
 - c) *The Bends* (1995); *Kid A* (2000); *Hail to the Thief* (2003) **Radiohead**
4. **Art's Double Acts**
 - a) What was the country of birth of the Gilbert half of Gilbert and George? **Italy**
 - b) Who, with his colleague Picasso, was credited with originating Cubism? **Georges Braque**
 - c) Give the forename of either of the artists known as the Chapman Brothers. **Jake** (*or Iakovos*) *or Dinos* (*or Konstantinos*)
5. **Authors Advertising**
 - a) Which five-word slogan, written by Dorothy L. Sayers for a 1929 campaign featuring zoo animals, extolled the benefits of an internationally famous beverage brand? **Guinness is good for you**
 - b) Which famous six-word slogan used by the Egg Marketing Board in the 1950s and '60s is attributed to Fay Weldon? **Go to work on an egg**
 - c) Which controversial Booker Prize winner assured us that Aero was "irresistibubble" and cream cakes "Naughty But Nice"? **Salman Rushdie**
6. **Abbreviations in Science**
 - a) What does *e.m.f.* stand for when referring to the "voltage" of a power source? **Electro-motive force**
 - b) What does *L.H.C.* stand for with reference to the installation near Geneva which enabled the existence of the Higgs boson to be confirmed? **Large Hadron Collider**
 - c) Expand the abbreviation *Q.E.D.*: either the physics of interactions involving charged particles and photons, or a Latin phrase signifying that something has been proved. **Quantum Electrodynamics** *or Quod erat demonstrandum*
7. **Animal Aliases**
 - a) Which mammal is alternatively known as the *glutton*? **Wolverine**
 - b) The *wisent* is an alternative name the European species of which mammal, more usually associated with North America? **Bison** (*Accept Buffalo*)
 - c) What is the one-word alternative name for the *spiny anteater*? **Echidna**
8. **Accomplished Killers**
 - a) Which Renaissance artist fled Rome after a fatal brawl, possibly over a game of tennis? **Caravaggio**
 - b) Which playwright and poet laureate was imprisoned after killing actor Gabriel Spenser in a 1598 duel? **Ben Jonson**
 - c) What post was held by Aaron Burr when he killed fellow politician Alexander Hamilton in an 1804 duel? **Vice-President of USA**

Individual Round 3

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| 1. In the opening to "Treasure Island", who is the sinister pirate who seeks out Billy Bones to present him with "the black spot"? | David "Blind" Pew |
| 2. Which UK resort's pier hosts the annual "Birdman" human-powered flight competition? | Bognor Regis acc Worthing |
| 3. What is the common name for the fruit of the blackthorn? | Sloe |
| 4. What is the popular name for that which is known in medicine as <i>singultus</i> or <i>synchronous diaphragmatic flutter</i> ? | Hiccups or Hiccoughs |
| 5. What item is traditionally worn as a badge by pilgrims to Santiago de Compostela? | Scallop Shell |
| 6. As what is the barely navigable sea route from Baffin Bay to the Beaufort Sea known? | North-West Passage |
| 7. Under what stage name did rock'n'roller Richard Penniman perform? | Little Richard |
| 8. Which craftsman created the jewelled Easter eggs presented to the Russian royal family between 1885 and 1917? | Peter Carl Fabergé |
| 9. Which fleet was famously defeated and scattered at the Battle of Gravelines? | Spanish Armada |
| 10. In which present-day country is the town of Spa, whose name became generally used to describe health resorts? | Belgium |

Team Round 4

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| 1. Food Fights | |
| a) Between 1958 and 1976, which country fought three so-called Cod Wars to have its territorial fishing rights extended? | Iceland |
| b) Between 1838 and 1839, against which country did France fight the so-called Pastry War? | Mexico |
| c) In which British city did gangs in the 1980s fight a turf war dubbed the "Ice Cream Wars"? | Glasgow |
| 2. Isle of Man | |
| a) Which Isle of Man school's famously fiendish annual quiz is published in the <i>Guardian</i> ? | King William's College |
| b) What is the name of the ancient Greek and Celtic symbol from which the Isle of Man's three-legged emblem evolved? | Triskele or Triskelion |
| c) Which month traditionally sees the start of the Isle of Man TT races? | May |
| 3. Limestone | |
| a) Limestone is essentially made up of which chemical compound? | Calcium carbonate |
| b) In which Irish county is the extensive area of limestone pavement known as The Burren? | County Clare |
| c) Taken from the German name for a plateau in Slovenia, what is the term for the type of limestone landscape typified by The Burren and the area around Malham in Yorkshire? | Karst |
| 4. One Book Wonders <i>Identify each of these authors' acclaimed single full length novel.</i> | |
| a) J.D. Salinger: a 1951 novel dealing with teenage angst and alienation; | The Catcher in the Rye |
| b) Robert Tressell: a 1914 political work dealing with the lives of working-class people and their relationship with their employers; | The Ragged-Trousered Philanthropists |
| c) Susanna Clarke: an "alternate history" novel centring on the rivalry between two magicians in nineteenth century England. | Jonathan Strange & Mr Norrell |
| 5. Football Sans Frontières | |
| a) Which is the only club from outside Scotland to play in the Scottish Football League? | Berwick Rangers |
| b) Which is the only club in the League of Ireland from outside the Republic of Ireland? | Derry City |
| c) Which is the only club from outside France to play in the French Ligue 1? | AS Monaco FC |
| 6. Eurocake <i>Identify the cake, biscuit or dessert nominated to represent each of the following countries in the EU's 2006 "Café Europe" initiative.</i> | |
| a) Denmark: Originating in Austria and known in Danish as <i>Wienerbrød</i> ; | Danish pastry |
| b) France: A cake whose nostalgia-inducing dunking properties featured prominently in a French literary classic; | Madeleine (<i>in Proust's "Remembrance of Things Past"</i>) |
| c) United Kingdom: A biscuit often presented in a form known as <i>Petticoat Tails</i> . | Shortbread |
| 7. Radio 4 Themes | |
| a) Which composer's "Minute Waltz" is used as theme music for "Just a Minute"? | Frédéric Chopin |
| b) Which folk band's version of The Archers' theme introduces the Sunday Omnibus Edition? | The Yetties |
| c) The "Brain of Britain" theme music is adapted from which Mozart piece? | "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik" |
| 8. Not Strictly Spanish <i>In which town or city is or was each of the following situated?</i> | |
| a) The Spanish Steps; | Rome |
| b) The Spanish Riding School; | Vienna |
| c) Spanish City Funfair. | Whitley Bay |

Individual Round 5

1. *Mordant* is the general term for a chemical which allows what to work properly? **A Dye**
2. Where is the Loyal Toast at formal dinners addressed to "The Queen, our Duke" rather than to "Her Majesty, the Queen"? **Channel Is. (or from Alderney, Guernsey, Herm, Jersey, Sark)**
3. Which Aardman creation did the British Film Institute and Radio Times vote the most popular BBC children's character of the last 70 years? **Shaun the Sheep**
4. "Go directly to jail. Do not pass go. ..." How does this instruction from a UK Monopoly "Chance" card conclude? **...Do not collect £200**
5. Until independence in 1980, which country had been Britain's last colony in Africa? **Zimbabwe (Accept S Rhodesia)**
6. The weight of what items, attached by lovers, caused significant damage to Paris's Pont des Arts footbridge in June? **Padlocks**
7. During which English king's reign was there a 19 year period known as "The Anarchy", when, it was said, "Christ and his Saints were asleep"? **Stephen**
8. Which is the highest peak of the Pennines, and of England outside the Lake District? **Cross Fell (893m/2930ft)**
9. Which life-saving natural hormone was first extracted by Banting and Best in 1921? **Insulin**
10. In ancient times, a *clepsydra* used the flow of water or other liquid to do what? **Measure or tell time or equiv**

Team Round 6

1. **Cumbrian Towns**
 - a) Which Cumbrian town's boundaries incorporate the 11-mile-long Walney Island? **Barrow-in-Furness**
 - b) Which town's Horse Fair each June is notable as a gathering for Gypsies and Travellers? **Appleby-in-Westmorland**
 - c) Which town's Crab Fair features a world-famous face-pulling or "gurning" contest? **Egremont**
2. **Celtic Instruments**
 - a) In Scottish music, what is a *clarsach*? **A kind of Harp**
 - b) What is the shallow hand-held goatskin drum now widely used in Irish music? **Bodhrán (Pronounced: Bor-aan)**
 - c) The name for *Uilleann* * pipes, the national bagpipes of Ireland, comes from the Irish for a part of the anatomy used in playing them. Which part? (* Pronounced: Illian) **Elbow**
3. **Commonwealth Games** *List three (and only three) sports which featured in the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games but not in the 2012 London Olympics.*
 - a) **Any three from:**
 - b) **Netball, Lawn Bowls, Squash,**
 - c) **Rugby (Union) Sevens**
4. **Commonwealth Universities** *Which Commonwealth cities number these among their universities:*
 - a) Napier and Heriot-Watt; **Edinburgh**
 - b) Concordia and McGill; **Montreal**
 - c) Monash and La Trobe? **Melbourne**
5. **Card Games**
 - a) Living from 1672 to 1769, which card games authority is known as "the father of Whist"? **Edmond Hoyle**
 - b) How many cards are in the reduced pack used to play Piquet, Écarté or Kalabriasz? **32**
 - c) To a bridge player, what is *Acol*? **Bidding system (Accept "Club")**
6. **Cinema's Eponymous Characters** *What were the forenames of the characters giving their surnames to the films:*
 - a) "Rambo"; **John**
 - b) "Serpico"; **Frank or Francesco**
 - c) "Silkwood"? **Karen**
7. **Cornwells in Literature**
 - a) Under what pen name does novelist David Cornwell write? **John le Carré**
 - b) Who is the medical examiner central to the crime novels of Patricia Cornwell? **Kay Scarpetta**
 - c) During which conflict did Sharpe's creator, Bernard Cornwell, set his series of novels featuring the character, Nathaniel Starbuck? **American Civil War**
8. **Constellations**
 - a) What name is given to the band of constellations through which the Sun passes on its apparent annual path across the sky? **The Zodiac (NB Not "Ecliptic", which is the path itself)**
 - b) Which constellation has, uniquely, in Rigel and Betelgeuse, two of the ten brightest stars? **Orion**
 - c) In which constellation is Polaris, the Pole Star? **Ursa Minor or Little Bear or Little Dipper**

Individual Round 7

1. What is the one-word term for a dining chair with arms?
2. What is the nautical term for a staircase between two decks on a ship?
3. Originating in North Africa, what kind of food is *merguez*?
4. Which century saw the birth of Guru Nanak, the founder of Sikhism?
5. What palindromic sequence of four letters begins six-letter words signifying a VERY large number, a type of delivery in cricket, and an internet search engine?
6. What world record was broken by Joe Root and Jimmy Anderson at the Trent Bridge test on the 12th July last?
7. What defines Bradbourne near Ashbourne as a *Thankful Village*, Derbyshire's only one?
8. Of what kind of organism is *mycology* the study?
9. Which long nonsense poem is subtitled: *An Agony in 8 Fits*?
10. Since Sudan divided, which is the largest African country in area?

Carver
Companionway
Sausage (of lamb or beef)
Fifteenth (1469)
G-O-O-G (GOOGol, GOOGly, GOOGle)
 Highest **last** (or 10th) **wicket stand** (or **partnership**) (198)
None killed in WW1 or equiv.
Fungi or equivalent
The Hunting of the Snark
Algeria

Team Round 8**1. Boundary Lines**

- a) Name a US state whose border with Maryland follows the *Mason-Dixon Line*.
- b) Named after the naturalist who first noticed it, what is the name of the division between the islands of Bali and Lombok separating Asian from Australasian fauna?
- c) 100 km above us, what boundary is the *Kármán Line* considered to define?

Pennsylvania or **Delaware**
Wallace Line

Atmosphere/Space or equiv.

2. Operatic Plots

- a) Which eponymous operatic heroine leaps to her death from Rome's Castel Sant'Angelo?
- b) In which modern-day country is Bizet's "The Pearl Fishers" set?
- c) Which eponymous character in a Benjamin Britten opera is elected May King when it emerges that none of the village girls is sufficiently chaste to be Queen of the May?

Tosca
Sri Lanka
Albert Herring

3. TV Dogs

- a) Of what breed was Schnorbits, with whom Bernie Winters appeared in his later career?
- b) Which TV detective had a pet dog called Jussi in some series?
- c) Which Belgian Shepherd Dog, named to reflect his perceived toughness, appeared in *Eastenders* between 1994 and 2008? (*For the record, he was always played by a she.*)

St Bernard
Kurt Wallander
Wellard

4. Barbarian FC

- a) Which Welsh town's Esplanade Hotel was for 75 years The Barbarians' headquarters?
- b) How do players indicate their normal club allegiance when playing for The Barbarians?
- c) Traditionally, the only restriction on the international playing credentials of Barbarians team members is that at least one player must be ... what?

Penarth
Socks/Stockings in club colours
Uncapped or equivalent

5. Scientists on Screen

- a) Which musician played Nikola Tesla in the 2006 film *The Prestige*?
- b) Which Nobel laureates were played by Tim Piggott-Smith and Jeff Goldblum in the award-winning 1987 TV film *Life Story*?
- c) In which 2013 film did William Hurt portray the physicist Richard Feynman in his quest to discover the cause of the 1986 disaster which gave the film its title?

David Bowie
Francis Crick and **James Watson**

The **Challenger** (Disaster)
 (NB "Disaster" only in US title)

6. Quakers

- a) Who is the only Quaker to have been depicted on a Bank of England banknote?
- b) Which US state is nicknamed the "Quaker State", having had its origins in land granted to a Quaker by Charles II to settle a debt?
- c) Name either of the US Presidents with Quaker upbringings.

Elizabeth Fry
Pennsylvania

Herbert **Hoover** or **Richard Nixon**

7. Nelson Mandela

- a) What is the title of Mandela's autobiography of his life up to his release from prison?
- b) To which ethnic group, also one of South Africa's 11 official languages, did Mandela belong?
- c) What is the term, taken from his tribal name, for the batik silk shirts he popularised?

Long Walk to Freedom
Xhosa

Madiba (shirts)

8. Time Travellers

- a) Which component does *Back to the Future's* Doc Brown claim "makes time travel possible"?
- b) What was the name of the subterranean species whom H.G. Wells' *Time Machine* pilot discovers subjugating the childlike Eloi?
- c) In a novel title, how did Mark Twain describe Hank Morgan, a time-traveller who fetches up at Camelot?

Flux capacitor

Morlocks

A **Connecticut Yankee** in King Arthur's Court

Beer Round

1.
 - a) Which city was **originally** chosen to host the 1940 Summer Olympics, had war not intervened? **Tokyo** (*moved to Helsinki before eventual cancellation*)
 - b) "I smell a rat ... but I'll nip him in the bud" is an example of what, considered by some to be poor grammatical style? **Mixed metaphor**
 - c) What is the name for the spiked helmet worn by the Prussian and later German military? **Pickelhaube or Pickelhelm**
2.
 - a) Had war not intervened, which city would have hosted the 1916 Olympics? **Berlin**
 - b) "To boldly go where no man has gone before" is an example of what, also considered by some to be poor grammatical style? **Split infinitive**
 - c) What was the original function of the spike on a pickelhaube? To hold a **plume**

Spare Questions

1. Paradoxically, which city is the original home of the Harlem Globetrotters? **Chicago**
2. Which country's national flag is the only one which is not rectangular (or square)? **Nepal**
3. At which school was squash first played? **Harrow**