

**Individual Round 1** No theme – a fairly gentle mixed bag to start you off.

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| 1. What letter is used the most often in English language and literature?   | <b>E</b>                   |
| 2. In which sport did Greg and Johnny Searle win a gold medal at Barcelona in 1992?                                   | <b>ROWING</b>              |
| 3. What was the name of the skunk in Disney's version of Bambi?   | <b>FLOWER</b>              |
| 4. Known as Shinkansen in its own country, how is this form of transport more commonly known in English? (Two words.) | <b>BULLET TRAIN</b>        |
| 5. Who married Amal Alamuddin on September 29 <sup>th</sup> 2014?   | <b>GEORGE CLOONEY</b>      |
| 6. In 'Hamlet', what was the name of the title character's mother?  | <b>GERTRUDE</b>            |
| 7. What was promoted as "the cream of Manchester" in a series of 90s ads?   | <b>BODDINGTON'S</b> beer   |
| 8. In a nursery rhyme, who "came down too soon, and asked his way to Norwich"?  | The <b>MAN IN THE MOON</b> |
| 9. What part did Clark Gable play in 'Gone With The Wind'?  | <b>RHETT BUTLER</b>        |
| 10. Who has been Britain's only monarch from the house of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha?  | <b>EDWARD VII</b>          |

**Team Round 2**

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| 1. <b>ROBIN WILLIAMS.</b>  |  |
| a) To within one year either way, how old was he when he died in August?   | <b>63 (acc 62 to 64)</b>                                 |
| b) In which 2006 film did he play the part of Theodore Roosevelt?  | <b>NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM</b>                               |
| c) 'Police X Y was accidental' was a newspaper headline in one of his best-known films. What words are missing at X and Y?   | <b>DOUBT FIRE</b>  |
| 2. <b>GEOGRAPHY.</b>   |  |
| a) Famous for its glass manufacturing, what is the real name of Malta's 'Silent City'?   | <b>MDINA</b>   |
| b) Which state of the USA lies between South Carolina and Florida?   | <b>GEORGIA</b>   |
| c) Which English town or city lies on the rivers, Eden, Caldew, and Petteril?  | <b>CARLISLE</b>  |
| 3. <b>TELEVISION – ROSEANNE.</b>   |  |
| a) Having been married and divorced three times, she has reverted to her maiden name. What is it?  | <b>BARR</b>  |
| b) The sitcom 'Roseanne' was a hit that ran for nine seasons. What was the family surname?   | <b>CONNOR</b>  |
| c) In 'Roseanne', Laurie Metcalf played her sister and Sara Gilbert her daughter. In which contemporary, successful CBS sitcom do both play frequent, but not central, roles?  | The <b>BIG BANG THEORY</b>                               |
| 4. <b>HISTORY.</b>   |  |
| a) On August 15th 1914, the SS Ancon became the first ship to officially do what?  | <b>TRANSIT the PANAMA CANAL</b>                          |
| b) In 1066, on which hill did Harold deploy his troops for the Battle of Hastings?   | <b>SENLAC</b>  |
| c) Taking place on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> of January 1879, what was the first major battle of the Anglo-Zulu war?  | <b>ISAND(H)LWANA</b>                                     |
| 5. <b>ALMOST CURRENT AFFAIRS I.</b> Events that have taken place over the summer months.   |  |
| a) A pier at which resort was badly damaged by fire on July 30th?  | <b>EASTBOURNE</b>  |
| b) Why did a house in a S. Wales town going on sale for £125,000 make the papers?  | Used in <b>GAVIN AND STACEY</b>                          |
| c) Which country were runners-up to Germany in the association football World Cup?   | <b>ARGENTINA</b>   |
| 6. <b>SCIENCE – THE HUMAN BODY.</b>  |  |
| a) What is the main function of red blood cells?   | <b>TRANSPORT OXYGEN</b> to the various parts of the body |
| b) "Submicroscopic cluster of proteins and RNA, occurring in great numbers in the cytoplasm of living cells, that takes part in the manufacture of proteins." A definition of? | <b>RIBOSOME</b>  |
| c) What is the correct term for the big toe?   | <b>HALLUX</b>  |
| 7. <b>FIFTY YEARS OF 'MATCH OF THE DAY'.</b>   |  |
| a) Who famously lived to regret saying "You can't win anything with kids"?   | <b>ALAN HANSEN</b>                                       |
| b) Liverpool played against whom in the first ever 'Match of the Day' in 1964?   | <b>ARSENAL</b>   |
| c) Which regular commentator from 1969 to 2004 made a guest appearance for the fifty years anniversary special on August 23rd?   | <b>BARRY DAVIES</b>                                      |
| 8. <b>NOT THE COFFEE SET!</b>  |  |
| a) What were the first names of Mr. Gillette, inventor of the best-selling version of the safety razor?  | <b>KING CAMP</b>   |
| b) Which Chelsea player scored a hat-trick against Swansea on September 13 <sup>th</sup> 2014?   | Diego <b>COSTA</b>                                       |
| c) What word is being defined here: 'person called to the bar and entitled to practise as an advocate, particularly in the higher courts'?                                     | <b>BARRISTER</b>   |

**Individual Round 3** Another mixed bag.

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| 1. Which pop duo, who topped the charts with 'Welcome Home' in 1973, would have been known as Lennie and Diane, had they used their forenames? | <b>PETERS AND LEE</b>     |
| 2. The abbreviation i.e. is short for what?  | <b>ID EST</b>             |
| 3. What name is given to the home of an otter?   | <b>HOLT</b>               |
| 4. In 1934, local miners in Ashington, Northumberland, formed a group to study what?   | <b>ART</b>                |
| 5. What is the chemical formula for calcium chloride?  | <b>CaCl<sub>2</sub></b>   |
| 6. With what area of expertise do you associate the name of Annie Leibovitz?   | <b>PHOTOGRAPHY</b>        |
| 7. Greta Garbo uttered her most famous line in 'Grand Hotel' (1932). What was it?  | <b>I WANT TO BE ALONE</b> |
| 8. If a pair of adult shoes are European size 42, what is their British equivalent?  | <b>8</b>                  |
| 9. From which country did Madagascar gain independence in 1960?  | <b>FRANCE</b>             |
| 10. What surname was adopted as the pen name of all three literary Bronte sisters?   | <b>BELL</b>               |

**Team Round 4**

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| 1. <b>FLOATED ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE.</b>   |                                |
| a) In 1986, Sid would apparently have been interested in purchasing shares in which company?   | <b>BRITISH GAS (PLC)</b>       |
| b) In 1983, which British association football club became the first to list shares on the stock exchange?   | <b>TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR/SPURS</b> |
| c) Floated earlier this year, Saga started with one hotel in which town?   | <b>FOLKSTONE</b>               |
| 2. <b>URBAN MYTHS.</b>   |                                |
| a) On which pop hit classic did Bob Holness famously <u>not</u> play the sax solo?   | <b>BAKER STREET</b>            |
| b) Mama Cass did <u>not</u> choke to death by eating what? (Two words.)  | <b>HAM SANDWICH</b>            |
| c) The urban myth that Paul McCartney had died in 1966 was fuelled by 'clues' found on the cover of which Beatles L.P.?                                      | <b>ABBEY ROAD</b>              |
| 3. <b>SACKED.</b>  |                                |
| a) In 2010, who was sacked as CEO at BP, after the Gulf of Mexico oil disaster?  | Tony <b>HAYWARD</b>            |
| b) In 2009, which judge on 'Strictly Come Dancing' was told to Foxtrot Oscar?  | <b>ARLENE PHILLIPS</b>         |
| c) Who was British PM at the time of 'The Night of the Long Knives', when seven cabinet ministers were sacked?   | Harold <b>MacMILLAN</b>        |
| 4. <b>FILMS.</b>   |                                |
| a) Brad Pitt and Morgan Freeman co-starred in which 1995 film?   | <b>SEVEN</b>                   |
| b) The Stay Puft Marshmallow Man, a huge humanoid figure, explodes, and hundreds of New Yorkers wipe marshmallow goo off their faces. The end of which film? | <b>GHOSTBUSTERS</b>            |
| c) In the 2013 Oscar ceremony, which film won the most awards, with four?  | <b>LIFE OF PI</b>              |
| 5. <b>I HEARD YOU THE FIRST TIME!</b>  |                                |
| a) 'Rio' (1982) and 'New Moon on Monday' (1983) both got to no.9 for which group?  | <b>DURAN DURAN</b>             |
| b) With which type of foodstuff do you associate the name of Levi Roots?   | <b>REGGAE REGGAE</b> sauce     |
| c) In Gilbert and Sullivan's 'The Mikado', with whom is Nanki-Poo in love?   | <b>YUM YUM</b>                 |
| 6. <b>ENGLISH WORDS WITH FOREIGN ORIGINS.</b>  |                                |
| a) Which Middle English word came from the Old French for 'power, might', and is nowadays mainly heard in a sporting context?                                | <b>PUISSANCE</b>               |
| b) Ultimately from Latin, but also via French, Spanish and Italian, what word means - 'A pretence of courage; a false show of bravery'?                      | <b>BRAVADO</b>                 |
| c) Which noun, often used in drug testing, comes from the Latin for "I shall please"?  | <b>PLACEBO</b>                 |
| 7. <b>POP MUSIC – CLOTHING.</b>  |                                |
| a) "I'm laying out my winter clothes and wishing I was gone" are lyrics from which 1969 Top 10 hit?  | <b>THE BOXER</b>               |
| b) What item of clothing do you associate with a 1979 hit song from Neil Diamond?  | Blue <b>JEANS</b>              |
| c) 'Love Fool' was the first UK Top 10 hit for which group, in 1997?   | <b>THE CARDIGANS</b>           |
| 8. <b>MATHEMATICAL TERMS.</b> <i>What terms are being defined here?</i>  |                                |
| a) "A number that is placed in front of a variable. For example, the six in 6x."   | <b>COEFFICIENT</b>             |
| b) "The bottom symbol or number of a fraction, eg the 8 in seven-eighths."   | <b>DENOMINATOR</b>             |
| c) "Two angles that, when combined, the sum equals 180 degrees."   | <b>SUPPLEMENTARY</b>           |

**Individual Round 5** Theme – Double Trouble.

1. Who is widely credited with introducing his former wife Whitney Houston to drugs?
2. Who wrote 'It's a Battlefield' (1934) and 'The Power and the Glory' (1940)?
3. A type of cancer arising from the melanocyte cells of the skin is known as what?
4. Founded in 1981, which chain of off-licences has now grown to over 600?
5. Which historic Derbyshire building is said to be 'more glass than wall'?
6. In 'The Big Bang Theory', what are Amy's other names?
7. After a row over her expenses claims, who resigned as Culture Secretary in April 2014?
8. Which retro film character frequently referred to his 'Number One son' in his films?
9. In computing, an animated image that is activated on a personal computer display when no user activity has been sensed for a certain time.
10. Who was US President at the start of WWI?

**BOBBY BROWN**  
**GRAHAM GREENE**  
**MALIGNANT MELANOMA**  
**BARGAIN BOOZE**  
**HARDWICK HALL**  
**FARRAH FOWLER**  
**MARIA MILLER**  
**CHARLIE CHAN**  
**SCREEN SAVER**

**WOODROW WILSON**

**Team Round 6**

1. **CRISPS.**
  - a) Which brand of crisps, phased out in 2003, originated in Sunderland in 1947, and had an image of Henry VIII on the packet?
  - b) Earlier this year, Walkers trialled six new flavours. Three were 'Beans on toast', 'Pulled pork', and 'Ranch racoon'. Name two of the other three.
  - c) (c) is with (b) above.
2. **2013 – ENTERTAINMENT.**
  - a) With which song did Pharrell Williams top the charts in ten countries in 2013?
  - b) Whose real name is revealed to be Oscar Diggs, in a 2013 prequel to a 1939 film?
  - c) The final tv programme about a ghost, a vampire and a werewolf who shared a house was aired on March 10<sup>th</sup>. What was its title?
3. **LITERATURE.**
  - a) What is the name of the orphan girl raised by Miss Havisham in 'Great Expectations'?
  - b) Which noted French writer lived in exile in the Channel Islands from 1855-1870?
  - c) Complete the title of the 2001 book by Jessica Adams – 'Tom, Dick and ...'
4. **THE ALS ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE.**
  - a) The 'A' represents 'Amyotrophic'. For what do the L and the S stand?
  - b) Which former US President accepted the challenge on August 21<sup>st</sup>?
  - c) Which Canadian/US actress declined the challenge because of ALS's testing on animals?
5. **GLUTEUS MAXIMUS (mixed).**
  - a) In February, Alan Shearer beat which other former international soccer player in 'The Battle of the Seats', a race to be the first to sit on 45,000 seats at Wembley?
  - b) What connects Welsh women Charlotte Church (2002), Sian Lloyd (2007), and Carol Vorderman (2011)?
  - c) What is the first name of Bottom, in 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'?
6. **MONTY PYTHON'S FLYING CIRCUS.**
  - a) Which of the six team members was born first?
  - b) Name either of the other two cardinals who accompanied Cardinal Ximenez in the Spanish Inquisition.
  - c) In one of Terry Gilliam's animations, which part of Conrad Poohs' anatomy could dance?
7. **ALMOST CURRENT AFFAIRS II.**
  - a) Robin Williams died on August 11<sup>th</sup>. Which famous American actress died the following day?
  - b) What was the name of the hurricane whose tail end hit the UK on August 10<sup>th</sup>?
  - c) In London on August 26<sup>th</sup>, which pop singer performed live for the first time in 35 years?
8. **CRICKET.**
  - a) Which team in the two divisions of the county championship was the only one not to win a single league game in the summer of 2013?
  - b) We call them 'extras'. What are they called in Australia?
  - c) In 1968, in which city was Malcolm Nash hit for six sixes in an over by Gary Sobers?

**TUDOR****CHICKEN CURRY/STEAK  
FAJITA/HOT DOG****HAPPY  
THE WIZARD OF OZ  
BEING HUMAN****ESTELLA  
VICTOR HUGO  
DEBBIE HARRY****LATERAL SCLEROSIS  
GEORGE W. BUSH  
PAMELA ANDERSON****ROBBIE SAVAGE****ALL WON 'REAR OF THE YEAR'****NICK****JOHN CLEESE  
FANG or BIGGLES****TEETH****LAUREN BACALL****BERTHA  
KATE BUSH****LEICESTERSHIRE****SUNDRIES  
SWANSEA**

**Individual Round 7** General knowledge.

1. Which British general captured Quebec in 1759, but lost his life in the battle?
2. In 'Dad's Army', what was the surname of the air-raid warden?
3. Who got to no.3 in the charts in 1972 with 'You're So Vain'?
4. Which Italian word meaning 'little book' is applied to the text of an opera?
5. Who was the bridesmaid at Dame Edna Everage's wedding?
6. Who was the serving President of the USA in 1976?
7. Hamilcar Barca was the father of which famous general?
8. What two colours can be seen on the flag of the Islamic State, previously known as Isis?
9. Which Scottish mathematician discovered logarithms?
10. What ten-letter word refers to the first five books of the Bible?

WOLFE  
HODGES  
CARLY SIMON  
LIBRETTO  
MADGE ALLSOP  
GERALD FORD  
Hannibal  
BLACK and WHITE  
John NAPIER  
PENTATEUCH

**Team Round 8**

1. **OLD ETONIANS.**
  - a) In what decade did Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury, leave Eton?
  - b) He left Eton in 1960, and died 12 years later in a crash at an air show race. Which member of the royal family?
  - c) First appearing in 1904, which fictional former pupil might have trouble dealing cards?
2. **GEOGRAPHY.**
  - a) Which is the largest landlocked country in the world?
  - b) Market Drayton and Church Stretton are towns in which English county?
  - c) The town of Vittoria and the city of Ragusa can be found on which island?
3. **TODAY'S THE DAY.** *Events from October 22<sup>nd</sup> in years gone by.*
  - a) The man who played Dr. Ian Malcolm in the 'Jurassic Park' films was born on this day in 1952. Who is he?
  - b) Which Pope was inaugurated in 1978?
  - c) Who was the author of 'The Old Devils' and 'The Green Man', who died in 1995?
4. **GORDON (mixed).**
  - a) Long before his exploits in Khartoum, Major-General Gordon accomplished a great deal in which country in the early 1860s, resulting in one of his nicknames?
  - b) Who was 'The voice of the soccer results', who passed away in August 2014, aged 78?
  - c) In his autobiography, 'Humble Pie', who describes his father as a "hard-drinking womaniser"?
5. **OO, YOU'VE GOT AN –OLOGY!**
  - a) What is the name of the biological study of fungi in all its forms?
  - b) The science and study of most aspects of wine and winemaking is known as what?
  - c) Which nonagenarian is one of the foremost exponents of dontopedalogy?
6. **FOOD AND DRINK.**
  - a) The name of which Chinese dish literally translates as 'assorted pieces'?
  - b) What type of fish is used in the Scottish dish 'Cullen Skink'?
  - c) A pin, or polypin, normally holds how many pints?
7. **SPORT – PIONEERING WOMEN.**
  - a) Born in 1985, what is the name of the English football and women's football referee who officiates as an assistant referee in the Premier League and the Football League?
  - b) In 2009, who became the first woman to referee the World Snooker Championship final?
  - c) Who became the first woman to train a Grand National winner, when Corbiere won the race in 1983?
8. **MUSIC – NON-POP.**
  - a) What term may be used colloquially in an imprecise sense to refer to 'serious opera without spoken dialogue'?
  - b) In the popular folk song, from which port did the Irish Rover set sail?
  - c) "The darkness falls at thy behest" is the second line of a hymn that is often heard at funerals. What is the first?

1970s  
PRINCE WILLIAM OF  
GLOUCESTER  
CAPTAIN HOOK

KAZAKHSTAN  
SHROPSHIRE  
SICILY

JEFF GOLDBLUM

JOHN PAUL II  
Sir KINGSLEY AMIS

CHINA

JAMES ALEXANDER GORDON  
GORDON RAMSAY

MYCOLOGY  
OENOLOGY  
PRINCE PHILIP

CHOP SUEY  
HADDOCK  
36

SIAN MASSEY

Michaela TABB  
JENNY PITMAN

GRAND opera

CORK  
THE DAY THOU GAVEST, LORD,  
IS ENDED

### Beer Round

Your three topics are: first names; professional golf; television adverts.

1.
  - a) What was the first name of Regency fashion icon Beau Brummell? **GEORGE**
  - b) Who was captain of the US team for the 2014 Ryder Cup? **TOM WATSON**
  - c) Elvis Costello's father wrote and sang the jingle for an ad featuring which product? **R. WHITE'S** lemonade
2.
  - a) What was the first name of Mr. Bond, elder brother of the fictional James? **HENRY**
  - b) Which US property tycoon bought Turnberry Golf Course in April? **DONALD TRUMP**
  - c) In the 1970s, 'I Can't Let Maggie Go' was the soundtrack for an ad for which product? **NIMBLE** bread

### Spare Questions

1. In which city did the Conservatives hold their annual party conference in September 2014? **BIRMINGHAM**
2. What is the fourth planet from the sun, in our solar system? **MARS**
3. Who composed 'The Hungarian Rhapsodies'? **Franz LISZT**