

Individual Round 1: Questions about the recent past, present, and near future

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| 1. On which date in May will the next UK general election be held? | 7 th (seventh) |
| 2. Which legendary American folk singer died in January 2014 at the age of 94? | Pete SEEGER |
| 3. Who provides the voice of Paddington Bear in the current film version of the books? | (Ben) Wishaw |
| 4. 15 October will mark the 600th anniversary of which famous battle? | AGINCOURT |
| 5. It recently raised \$1.1bn venture funding, China's Xiaomi Co. (say "Show-me") makes and sell what? | SMART PHONES or 'MOBILES' |
| 6. 18 June will mark the 200th anniversary of which famous battle? | WATERLOO |
| 7. February 2nd will mark the 25th anniversary of the release from jail of which famous prisoner? | Nelson MANDELA |
| 8. The 'signing' (to be correct, sealing) of which document is marked by its 800th anniversary in 2015? | MAGNA CARTA |
| 9. Which country hosted the Autumn 2014, two-day G20 Summit? | AUSTRALIA (Brisbane) |
| 10. NBC scrapped plans for a TV special with which comedian (aged 77) after accusations resurfaced that he's guilty of historic sexual assaults? | Bill COSBY |

Team Round 2

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| 1. Fruit & Veg | |
| a) In the Christian festival of Christingle, which fruit is used to represent the world? | ORANGE |
| b) Which vegetable is used to layer a traditional Greek moussaka? | AUBERGINE |
| c) Which fruit is traditionally used in the recipe for the dessert dish Liverpool Tart? | LEMON |
| 2. Architects | |
| a) Who designed the modern glass pyramid that sits at the entrance to the Louvre in Paris? | I. M. PEI |
| b) Whose greatest work was laying out the plan for the city of New Delhi, India? | Edwin LUTYENS |
| c) An architect and playwright, who designed Blenheim House in Oxfordshire, England? | John VANBRUGH |
| 3. Criminals In Entertainment | |
| a) What was the name of the prison setting for the TV comedy 'Porridge'? | HMP SLADE |
| b) What was the home state of character Tony Soprano in the TV series 'The Sopranos'? | NEW JERSEY |
| c) Which 1980s TV drama featured inmates and staff of Wentworth & Barnhurst Detention Centres? | PRISONER or CELL BLOCK H (or both) |
| 4. Classical Music | |
| a) Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 5 and Haydn's String Quartet in C share what nickname? | EMPEROR |
| b) The works of which composer include The Kullervo Symphony, The Four Legends, and Finlandia? | Jean (say "Yan") SIBELIUS |
| c) Who, in 2014, became the first woman ever to be appointed Master of the Queen's Music? | Judith WEIR |
| 5. Table Top Games | |
| a) What is the value of the letter 'K' in the game of Scrabble? | FIVE |
| b) Which square on a UK Monopoly Board comes between Pall Mall and Whitehall? | ELECTRIC COMPANY |
| c) How many suits are there in the game of Mah Jong? | THREE |
| 6. Horror Movies | |
| a) Which UK pop music icon appeared in Tony Scott's 1983 vampire film 'The Hunger'? | David BOWIE |
| b) In a 1999 monster movie film of the same name, what kind of creature lurks in 'Lake Placid'? | Giant CROCODILE |
| c) In the 1970 hammer film 'The Horror of Frankenstein', what is Baron Frankenstein's first name? | VICTOR |
| 7. UK Public Life in The Year 1979 | |
| a) Which politician, facing charges of murder, lost his seat in a General Election? | Jeremy THORPE |
| b) Which Environment Secretary announced plans to allow council tenants to buy their own homes? | Michael HESELTINE |
| c) Who was revealed to be the fourth Russian spy in the Burgess, Philby and Maclean affair? | Anthony BLUNT |
| 8. Modern American Literature | |
| a) Who was the author of the 1992 novel 'Jurassic Park'? | Michael CRICHTON |
| b) Who wrote the 1987 novel 'The Bonfire of the Vanities'? | Tom WOLFE |
| c) Who wrote the picaresque American novel 'A Confederacy of Dunces'? | John Kennedy TOOLE |

Individual Round 3: Geography

1. Which town sits opposite Tynemouth at the mouth of the River Tyne?
2. Which capital city has a name that translates into English as 'Smoky Bay'?
3. What is the name of the village on the Wirral originally built by William Lever for his workers?
4. Containing Port Jackson, which bay is often claimed to be the world's largest natural harbour?
5. Vital to the Royal Navy after Singapore fell, which Sri Lankan city has Asia's largest natural harbour?
6. Which EU capital city's name can be translated into English as 'Black Pool'?
7. In terms of population, which is the second largest city in Austria?
8. In terms of population, which is the second largest city in Finland?
9. Which South Wales town was formed when Margam and Aberavon combined in the 1920s?
10. Catalina Island can be found off the coast of which US city?

SOUTH SHIELDS
REYKJAVIK
PORT SUNLIGHT
BOTANY BAY (Sydney)

TRINCOMALEE
DUBLIN (from dubh linn)
GRAZ
ESPOO
PORT TALBOT
LOS ANGELES

Team Round 4

1. **A La Carte**
 - a) What is the French name given to a steak that has been cut from between two ribs?
 - b) Served with a steak, which sauce is made with butter, egg yolks, white wine vinegar, and tarragon?
 - c) Coq au vin is made with a red Burgundy. What wine is used in coq au violet ("Purple Chicken")?
2. **English history**
 - a) Above which castle did Charles I raise his Standard in 1642, effecting declaring war on parliament?
 - b) Which bloody 1651 encounter was the final battle of the English Civil Wars?
 - c) What name is given to the speculation mania that ruined a great many investors in 1720?
3. **Athletics at the Olympics**
 - a) Who revolutionized the high jump, inventing a unique "back-first" technique, named after him?
 - b) Bob Beamon's world record for the long jump stood until 1991. In which year had it been set?
 - c) By custom, the medals for which men's event are presented during a Games' Closing Ceremony?
4. **Songs**
 - a) In which musical does the song "I Got Plenty of Nuthin'" appear?
 - b) Which Mountain Pass provides a route between Kentucky and Tennessee via the Appalachians?
 - c) In the Irish-Australian folk song, what was the name of "The Wild Colonial Boy"?
5. **Bond, James Bond**
 - a) Which was Roger Moore's final Bond film?
 - b) Which film opens with Bond performing a bungee jump from a dam?
 - c) Who sang the theme for the film 'You Only Live Twice'?
6. **Men in Business**
 - a) Which film company did George Harrison create to finance 'Monty Python's Life of Brian'?
 - b) According to the nursery rhyme, what might you purchase from a man in Drury Lane?
 - c) For which play did Shakespeare write the line: "All that glisters is not gold"?
7. **Video Games**
 - a) What colour gloves does Sonic the hedgehog wear?
 - b) What kind of marsupial is the titular video game character 'Crash'?
 - c) In the classic video game, what colour hair do the titular Lemmings have?
8. **Fine Art**
 - a) In the painting 'Mr and Mrs Clark and Percy' by David Hockney, who or what is Percy?
 - b) At which celebrated German art school did the painters Kandinsky, Klee and Albers all lecture?
 - c) Which popular British artist was noted for her affectionate, lyrical paintings of fat people?

ENTRECOTE
BÉARNAISE
BEAUJOLAIS
Nouveau

NOTTINGHAM
Battle of
WORCESTER
SOUTH SEA BUBBLE

Dick **FOSBURY**
1968 (Mexico City)
MARATHON

PORGY AND BESS
CUMBERLAND GAP
Jack **DUGGAN**

A VIEW TO A KILL
GOLDENEYE
Nancy **SINATRA**

HANDMADE Films
MUFFINS ('The Muffin Man')
The **MERCHANT OF VENICE**

WHITE
BANDICOOT
GREEN

CAT
BAUHAUS
Beryl **COOK**

Individual Round 5: 2014 Academy Award Nominated Movies

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| 1. Which fruit is the title of an Estonian-Georgian nominee in the Best Foreign Language category? | TANGERINES |
| 2. In <i>'Nightcrawler'</i> , who plays an LA thief filming accidents & crimes to sell footage to news channels? | Jake GYLLENHAAL |
| 3. Which freckled, red-headed actress has now had five nominations, this time around for <i>'Still Alice'</i> ? | Julianne MOORE |
| 4. Spoken by J.K. Simmons, " <i>not quite my tempo</i> " is a noted line from which jazz-themed movie? | WHIPLASH |
| 5. Almost unrecognisable with a prosthetic nose, who plays John E. du Pont in <i>'Foxcatcher'</i> ? | Steve CARRELL |
| 6. Which movie did President Obama screen at the White House just before Martin Luther King Day? | SELMA |
| 7. A former 'Bond Girl', which UK actress is nominated for her leading role in <i>'Gone Girl'</i> ? | Rosamund PIKE |
| 8. Which Best Picture nominated movie tells the story of US soldier, 'Chris' Kyle? | AMERICAN SNIPER |
| 9. What was nominated for its song, <i>'Everything Is Awesome'</i> , but not in the best animation category? | The LEGO MOVIE |
| 10. Which 2007 winner is nominated in the best actress category again for <i>'Two Days, One Night'</i> ? | Marion COTILLARD |

Team Round 6

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| 1. The Year Is 1990 | |
| a) After Ceausescu's overthrow, Romania's interim President abolished which secret police force? | SECURITATE (say "C-cure-e-ta-tay") |
| b) Which Lancashire city's Crown Court was the venue for the trial of Dr Harold Shipman? | PRESTON |
| c) Thousands joined rallies in support of which public sector employees, 21 weeks into a pay dispute? | AMBULANCE Workers |
| 2. Modern, World History | |
| a) In which country did Tamil guerrillas decline peace and then lost their battle for political freedom? | SRI LANKA |
| b) Who became the first socialist President of France in 1981, being re-elected in 1988? | François MITTERAND |
| c) Who was the President of Argentina when it invaded the Falklands in 1982? | Leopoldo GALTIERI |
| 3. Geography | |
| a) What is the name of the strait linking the Persian Gulf to the Gulf of Oman? | Straits of HORMUZ |
| b) The estuarine stretch of which tidal river in south western England is known as the Hamoaze? | TAMAR |
| c) At the northern end of the Red Sea there are two gulfs; one is the Gulf of Suez, which is the other? | Gulf of AQABA (say "Ak-a-bah") |
| 4. Begins with the letter A... | |
| a) Joab slew him as he was fleeing a battle, who was the rebellious third son of King David? | ABSALOM |
| b) Which 12 th century monk, the lover of Heloise, was castrated on the orders of the girl's father? | ABELARD |
| c) What do we call the selfless and virtuous practice of concern for the welfare of others? | ALTRUISM |
| 5. Music Theory & Practice | |
| a) Who many lines are there on a single, standard musical staff or stave? | FIVE |
| b) To be precise, which musical term of Italian origin translates into English as "pinched"? | PIZZICATO |
| c) How many crotchets are there in a minim? | TWO |
| 6. Transportation | |
| a) In which Eastern EU country are Dacia (say "Datch-cha") cars made? | ROMANIA |
| b) Which company made The Comet, the world's first passenger jet airliner? | DE HAVILAND |
| c) The famous 'Route 66' in America connected Los Angeles to which other city? | CHICAGO |
| 7. Television | |
| a) In which BBC sitcom could you have met the characters Howard Hughes and Tommy Cooper? | Ever Decreasing Circles |
| b) Which former pop star, now deceased, played a rich businessman in <i>Love Hurts</i> ? | Adam FAITH |
| c) Which Irish band provided the music for <i>Harry's Game</i> and <i>Robin of Sherwood</i> ? | CLANNAD |
| 8. Science & Medicine | |
| a) From which neo-Latin word does the substance Potassium derive K as its chemical symbol? | KALIUM |
| b) Atomic number 24, what metal used in ancient China was not isolated in the West until 1797? | CHROMIUM (Louis Nicolas Vauquelin) |
| c) Which anti-arthritis drug was withdrawn in Britain in 1982 because of its side effects? | OPREN |

Individual Round 7: Why is the word abbreviation so long?

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| 1. In the world of computing and photography what does the G in G I F stand for? | GRAPHICS interchange
format |
| 2. In adverts detailing houses for sale; what does OIEO stand for? | OFFERS IN EXCESS OF |
| 3. In the world of banking what does the PS in CHAPS stand for? | clearing house automated PAYMENT
SYSTEM |
| 4. Taught as part of driving theory; what does the acronym P O M mean? | PREPARE OBSERVE MANOEUVRE |
| 5. On eBay, what would the letters BNIB tell you about the item for sale? | BRAND NEW IN BOX |
| 6. In a health & safety context, what does COS in COSHH stand for? | CONTROL OF SUBSTANCES hazardous to
health |
| 7. In knitting what does the letter Y in YRN stand for? | YARN round needle |
| 8. In the world of computing, what does PDF stand for? | PORTABLE DOCUMENT FORMAT |
| 9. Used on social media when framing a question; what does DAE represent? | DOES ANYONE ELSE... |
| 10. A modern, nerdy way of saying "good luck". What does MTFBWY represent? | MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU |

Team Round 8

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| 1. Britain in 1978 | |
| a) Where did the BBC set up permanent radio broadcasting facilities in April? | HOUSE OF COMMONS |
| b) Which airline pioneer was given a knighthood in June? | Freddie LAKER |
| c) The murder of which paperboy in September sparked a massive Police manhunt? | Carl BRIDGEWATER |
| 2. Crimean War (19th century) | |
| a) Give any one of the years during which the Crimean War was fought? | 1853 to 1856 (inclusive) |
| b) Which pioneering British photographer famously recorded the Crimean War? | Roger FENTON |
| c) Which noted woman from the Caribbean tended wounded soldiers during the conflict? | Mary SEACOLE |
| 3. Natural World | |
| a) Where would you most likely expect to find 'harmless' plants known as epiphytes living? | On OTHER PLANTS |
| b) Where is the largest tropical forest in Africa? | CONGO Basin |
| c) According to 2013's RSPB <i>Big Back Garden Birdwatch</i> , what is the UK's most common garden bird? | House SPARROW |
| 4. 1970s Pop Music | |
| a) In 1975, which British band became the first to receive royalties for record sales in the USSR? | ROLLING STONES |
| b) Which legendary US rock star made his live UK debut at the Hammersmith Odeon in 1975? | Bruce SPRINGSTEEN |
| c) Who had a 1974 UK No 1 hit with <i>Ms Grace</i> ? | The TYMES |
| 5. Literature | |
| a) Whose surname is also the first word in Charles Dickens' <i>'A Christmas Carol'</i> ? | " MARLEY was dead, to
begin with." |
| b) In popular literature etc., which <i>titular character</i> marries a Miss Jane Porter of Baltimore? | TARZAN / Lord
GREYSTOKE |
| c) The climax of which novel sees a murder attempt on the narrator, at the time dressed as a ham? | TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD |
| 6. Scientific | |
| a) From the Greek for "lazy", what property is an object's resistance to change in its state of motion? | INERTIA |
| b) What is the modern name for condenser, a device that can store electric charge? | CAPACITOR |
| c) What is the archaic name of the corrosive mixture of acids capable of dissolving gold and platinum? | AQUA REGIA
(Nitro-hydrochloric
Acid) |
| 7. Dogs | |
| a) What was the name of the dog featured in the Jerome K Jerome book <i>'Three Men In A Boat'</i> ? | MONTMORENCY |
| b) In which 1939 film did a Cairn Terrier named Terry earn more than some of the human actors? | The WIZARD OF OZ (Toto) |
| c) In which novel does a St. Bernard contract cryptic bat rabies and terrorise the town of Castle Rock? | CUJO (Stephen King) |
| 8. 2014 In Sport | |
| a) Who won the Australian Open Men's Tennis Championship? | Stanislas WAWRINKA |
| b) On Alastair Cook's exit, who was named England cricket captain for the forthcoming World Cup? | Eoin MORGAN |

c) Who became the first Briton to simultaneously hold Olympic, World and European dressage titles?

Charlotte **DUJARDIN**

Beer Round

1.
 - a) Sumatran, Malayan and Siberian are all species of which mammal? TIGER
 - b) Which metal with an atomic number of 31, melts at 30 degrees Centigrade? GALLIUM
 - c) In which town in Ceredigion will you find the world's biggest Camera Obscura? ABERYSTWYTH

2.
 - a) Masai, Reticulated, and Angolan are all species of which African mammal? GIRAFFE
 - b) With an atomic number of 86, which of the inert gases is densest under standard conditions? RADON
 - c) Which Canary island is home to the GTC, the world's largest single-aperture optical telescope? LA PALMA

Spare Questions

1. Lost in 1558, what was England's last continental possession in what is now France? CALAIS
2. Which US author wrote the books on which The Hunger Games series of films are based? Suzanne COLLINS
3. An island group in the Pacific; which country administers the Chonos Archipelago? CHILE