



Individual Round 1

1. In astronomy an 'event horizon' surrounds which kind of region?
2. Which fabric derived its name from a Syrian city?
3. Which playwright wrote The Norman Conquests trilogy?
4. Which former prime minister's wife shares her first name with a Bellini opera?
5. Who was the first Englishman to win the Formula One Drivers Championship?
6. Which Chinese philosophical system translates into English as 'Wind – Water'?
7. The winner's trophy at the men's PDC darts World Championship is named after whom?
8. What are the water buses or water taxi's in Venice called?
9. Which God rode an eight-legged horse called Sleipnir?
10. The small buckwheat pancakes called blini are most closely associated with the cuisine of which country?

Black Hole
Damask (Damascus)
Alan Ayckbourn
(John) Major 'Norma'
Mike Hawthorn
Feng Shui
Sid Waddell
Vaporetto
Odin
Russia

Team Round 2**1. TV Music Shows**

- a) Which 15-minute show introduced by Kent Walton from 1956 was the first regular pop show on UK TV?
- b) Who made up the panel on Juke Box Jury on the only occasion it had 5 members not 4?
- c) Which 70s/80s show opened with an animated male figure known as 'The Star Kicker'?

Cool For Cats
The Rolling Stones
The Old Grey Whistle Test

2. Food

- a) What kind of dish is the French 'pithivier'?
- b) Which herb is commonly used to flavour the tomato on pizza toppings?
- c) Which two colours traditionally make up the quarters on a Battenberg cake?

A Pie
Oregano
Pink & Yellow

3. Birds

- a) Ouzel is an old name for the turdus merula aka which common garden bird?
- b) Which bird is the only creature on Earth that has legs but cannot walk on them?
- c) The European or Common shag is a slightly smaller version of which diving bird?

Blackbird
Hummingbird (Legs very weak –can only shuffle along a perch)
Cormorant

4. 2015 Summer News

- a) Whose ashes are aboard the New Horizons space craft that recently flew past Pluto?
- b) What did UEFA President Michel Platini deny receiving from President Putin of Russia?
- c) Which long-standing weekly publication announced it was to be given away free in future?

(Clyde) **Tombaugh** (Discovered Pluto)
A Picasso Painting
New Musical Express

5. Blind

- a) Which nursery rhyme characters were the victims of a triple caudectomy?
- b) Who delivers the black spot to Billy Bones in Treasure Island?
- c) Which game was depicted by painter George Moreland in around 1788?

Three Blind Mice
Blind Pew
Blind Man's Buff

6. Who?

- a) Had an early 60s mentor called Justin de Villeneuve?
- b) Once called Southampton football team 'alehouse brawlers'?
- c) Popularized the Gannex raincoat in the 1960s?

Twiggy
Bill Shankly
Harold Wilson

7. Film

- a) In which film series does Keanu Reeves play a computer hacker with the alias Neo?
- b) Who played Ian Dury in Sex and Drugs and Rock n' Roll?
- c) What was the name of Jodie Foster's character in Buggy Malone?

The Matrix
Andy Serkis
Tallulah

8. What Is It?

- a) What in the theatrical sense is a Savoyard?
- b) In Ancient Rome what was a 'Lustrum'?
- c) What is a zucchetto?

Fan/aficionado of Gilbert & Sullivan
Period of Five Years
Skullcap (worn by Catholic clerics)

Individual Round 3

1. Which flower appears on the crest of the Borough of Saffron Walden?
2. Which hollow plastic tube was a craze in the 1960s?
3. Of whom did Lord Mountbatten say 'you've no idea how much it costs to keep that old man in poverty'?
4. What is the green number on a British roulette wheel?
5. Who played Nick Dunne in the 2014 film *Gone Girl*?
6. The word Shavian means of or relating to whose works?
7. Who wrote *The Compleat Angler*?
8. Which country gave Idi Amin sanctuary from 1980 until his death in 2003?
9. For which county was Gary Sobers playing when he hit six sixes in one over?
10. What is Israel's national airline called?

Crocus
Hula Hoop

Gandhi
Zero
Ben Affleck
George Bernard Shaw
Isaac Walton
Saudi Arabia
Nottinghamshire
El Al

Team Round 4**1. Novels of Stephen King**

- a) In the novel *Cujo* – what kind of animal was *Cujo*?
- b) Which King novel was set at the Overlook Hotel?
- c) Under which other name did King write novels in the 1970s?

Dog (St Bernard)
The Shining
Bachman

2. Football

- a) Which football club's ground is closest to the river Mersey?
- b) Seven clubs have been ever-present since the founding of the Premier League – Chelsea, Manchester United, Liverpool, Arsenal, Spurs, Everton and which other?
- c) The piece of music *Offside* by Barry Stroller is familiar as what?

Stockport County

Aston Villa

Theme tune of Match of the Day

3. The Bible

- a) In the Sermon on the Mount who did Christ say 'shall be called the children of God'?
- b) In the Book of Kings who did Zadok the Priest anoint with oil?
- c) Which king was the husband of Jezebel?

The Peacemakers
King Solomon
Ahab

4. The 17th Century

- a) Which famous Elizabethan was executed for treason by King James in 1618?
- b) Which explorer was cast adrift by his crew in 1611 and never seen again?
- c) Who reduced parliament to 60 members in 1648 by expelling Presbyterians?

Sir Walter Raleigh
Henry Hudson
(Thomas) Pride

5. Science

- a) On the world-wide-web what does 'http' stand for?
- b) Which is heaviest of all naturally-occurring elements?
- c) What do you get if you multiply volts by amperes?

Hypertext Transfer Protocol
Uranium
Watts

6. World Geography

- a) Which is the largest city within the Arctic Circle?
- b) Lake Eyre is the lowest point of which country?
- c) Luzon is an island of which country?

Murmansk
Australia
Philippines

7. 1970's Pop

- a) Which Bob Marley composition was taken to No. 9 in the UK chart by Eric Clapton in 1974?
- b) Chicory Tip's release *Son of My Father* was the first UK No.1 to feature which instrument?
- c) Which David Bowie song contains the line 'I've never done good things, I've never done bad things'?

I Shot The Sheriff
Synthesizer

Ashes to Ashes

8. Summer Television

- a) What was the three-part BBC2 mini-series depicting the lives of the Bloomsbury Group of artists and writers?
- b) Tommy and Tuppence Beresford were the leading characters in which drama series?
- c) The death of which music based show was announced after 18 years and 28 series?

Life in Squares
Partners in Crime
Never Mind the Buzzcocks

Individual Round 5

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| 1. The Plaka is the old historical neighbourhood of which capital city? | Athens |
| 2. Which instrument was primarily played by band leader Count Basie? | Piano |
| 3. What nationality was the first woman to reach the summit of Mount Everest? | Japanese |
| 4. What is the heraldic name for the colour green? | Vert |
| 5. What on the human body are the supercilia? | Eyebrows |
| 6. The chairman of which committee oversees Conservative Party leadership elections? | 1922 Committee |
| 7. Which famous entertainment venue has a name meaning 'The Staircase'? | La Scala |
| 8. Which small marine creatures make up the genus hippocampus? | Sea Horses |
| 9. Which river has Newport at its head and Cowes at its mouth? | River Medina |
| 10. What was Wyatt Earp's legendary long-barrelled revolver? | Buntline Special |

Team Round 6

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| 1. Musical Instruments | |
| a) In the modern lay-out of an orchestra which instruments are situated at the front to the conductor's right? | Cellos |
| b) Which instrument has a name that is Italian for 'small'? | Piccolo |
| c) To which section of the orchestra does the saxophone belong? | Woodwind |
| 2. Mammals | |
| a) Which mammal has the alternative names of carcajou, Glutton or skunk bear? | Wolverine |
| b) The Asian dhole is a wild variety of what domesticated animal? | Dog |
| c) Which is the only variety of bear native to South America? | Spectacled or Andean Bear |
| 3. Test Cricket | |
| a) Who achieved the extraordinary feat of batting on all five days of the Third Ashes Test of 1977? | Geoff Boycott |
| b) Who attempted to use an aluminium bat in the Perth Test of the 1979-80 Ashes series? | Dennis Lillee |
| c) Which English ground better known for football staged its only Test Match in 1902? | Bramall Lane |
| 4. US Presidents | |
| a) Which president used Fleetwood Mac's 'Don't Stop' as his campaign song? | Clinton |
| b) What was the surname of the grandfather and grandson who became the 9 th and 23 rd presidents respectively? | Harrison |
| c) What did President James Buchanan not do that all other presidents did? | Marry |
| 5. The Solar System | |
| a) What name is given to the continuous flow of charged particles that are ejected outward from the Sun's corona and released into space? | Solar Wind |
| b) What is the region called that is beyond the major planets extending from the orbit of Neptune to approximately 50 Astronomical Units from the Sun? | Kuiper Belt (accept Edgeworth – Kuiper Belt) |
| c) Which planet orbits the Sun at an average distance of approximately 150 million kilometres? | Earth |
| 6. English Kings | |
| a) Which king became 'insane' in 1453 but apparently 'recovered' in 1454? | Henry VI |
| b) Which king was known as 'Lackland'? | John |
| c) Which future king landed at Torbay in 1688? | William III |
| 7. Greek Mythology | |
| a) Which monster did Ariadne help to destroy? | The Minotaur |
| b) Who were Alecto, Megaera and Tisiphone? | The Furies acc Erinyes |
| c) Of what was Urania the Muse? | Astronomy |
| 8. World Transport | |
| a) Garuda is the national airline of which Asian country? | Indonesia |
| b) What is the largest port city in Japan? | Yokohama |
| c) Which canal connects Antwerp with Liege? | Albert Canal |

Individual Round 7

1. Which soft vascular organ on the left of the stomach was once believed to be the seat of melancholy and bad humour?
2. What was the pen-name of satirical writer H H Munro?
3. 'It's Toasted' was the advertising slogan for which cigarette brand?
4. In film and TV the term 'gaffer' is used for the chiefwhat?
5. Malia and Natasha are the daughters of which famous man?
6. Whose portrait appeared on the back of the last one pound note?
7. Which country is the nearest neighbour of Australia?
8. What does a cockney mean by his 'sausage'?
9. In which language does 'Proost' mean 'Cheers'?
10. What word can be a fresh-water fish or the remains of a joint after most of it has been smoked?

Spleen
Saki
Lucky Strike
Electrician
Barack Obama
Isaac Newton
Papua New Guinea
Cash (Sausage & Mash)
Dutch

Roach

Team Round 8**1. English Geography**

- a) In which county are the towns of Malmesbury, Melksham and Chippenham?
- b) The waterfalls Cauldron Snout and High Force lie on which major river?
- c) Lee Bank, Lozells and Ladywood are suburbs of which city?

Wiltshire
Tees
Birmingham

2. TV Sitcom

- a) Who plays Alfie Wickers 'the worst teacher ever to grace the British education system'?
- b) Which Ben Elton sitcom of 2013 was so badly panned by critics it was cancelled after one series?
- c) In which sitcom did clumsy Abi marry daft dentist Roger only to leave him to become a nun?

Jack Whitehall (Bad Education)

The Wright Way

My Family

3. The Novels of Charles Dickens

- a) Bentley Drummle is a villainous character in which novel?
- b) In David Copperfield what is Mr Micawber's first name?
- c) How does scrap dealer Krook meet his end in Bleak House?

Great Expectations
Wilkins
He Spontaneously Combusts

4. 1990's Pop

- a) What was the stage-name of Oasis guitarist Paul Arthurs?
- b) Which famous 90s album cover shows a scene from Walthamstow dog track?
- c) Which chart-topping band of the 90s had Professor Brian Cox as a member?

Bonehead
Parklife (Blur)
D-Ream

5. National Symbols*Which country has the following national symbol:*

- a) Lotus Blossom?
- b) Pomegranate?
- c) Wattle Blossom?

India
Spain
Australia

6. Films of Alfred Hitchcock

- a) In which film is the murder of Miriam Haines seen reflected in her (dropped) spectacles?
- b) In The Trouble With Harry – what was Harry?
- c) Which film was shot in Bodega Bay, California?

Strangers On A Train
A Corpse
The Birds

7. Asia

- a) Which desert runs along the border between India and Pakistan?
- b) In which country are the Cameron Highlands?
- c) Which country is bordered by Laos, Vietnam and Thailand?

Thar Desert
Malaysia
Cambodia

8. Catchphrases

- a) Which comic book character says 'Blistering Barnacles'?
- b) Which TV comedy show had a character who said 'I'll nick anything, I will. I'm a bit of a geezer'?
- c) 'This is a local shop, for local people' – which TV programme?

Captain Haddock (Adventures of Tin Tin)

The Fast Show
The League of Gentlemen

Beer Round

1.
 - a) Which music star married Greg Allman in 1975? **Cher**
 - b) What is the most notable invention of Dennis Gabor? **The Hologram/Holography**
 - c) Who sang improvised calypsos on That Was The Week That Was? **Lance Percival**

2.
 - a) Which music star married Frances Tomelty in 1976? **Sting**
 - b) What is the most notable invention of Hippolyte Mege-Mouries? **Margarine**
 - c) Which song closed the final episode of Not The Nine O' Clock News? **Kinda Lingers**

Spare Questions

1. What kind of food is Bel Paese? **Cheese**
2. At whose funeral in the 90s did the Brazilian air force draw a heart in the sky? **Ayrton Senna**
3. Which comic once called Prince Charles a 'grovelling little bastard' on live TV? **Spike Milligan**