



Question Reader: All parts of the answer shown in **Bold Face** are required. Parts shown in ordinary type are not essential, but if given incorrectly will mean that the answer is wrong; for example, if the answer shown is "Fred **Smith**", "Smith" would be a correct answer, but "John Smith" would be incorrect. Parts shown in *italics* are purely explanatory and are not required. If the answer offered is incomplete (for example, "Roosevelt" for "Theodore Roosevelt", you may, at your discretion, ask the person answering to expand the answer.

In the event of any problem, three spare questions can be found on the final sheet.

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Individual Round 1

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| 1. Who were the last pair of British monarchs with identical regnal numbers to reign consecutively? | George IV and William IV |
| 2. What links Bristol, East Midlands, Warwick, Liverpool South, and Oxford, among others? | Parkway (rail) stations |
| 3. Which song from the musical <i>Carousel</i> was a UK number-one hit in both 1963 and 1985? | You'll Never Walk Alone |
| 4. Which Greek dish consists of strained yoghurt flavoured with cucumber and garlic? | Tzatziki |
| 5. John Cleese recently returned as Basil Fawlty in adverts for which company? | Specsavers |
| 6. On 16th December 1773, where were the <i>Dartmouth</i> , the <i>Beaver</i> , and the <i>Eleanor</i> plundered by a group of men dressed as Mohawk warriors? | Boston (Harbour) (<i>Tea Party</i>) |
| 7. What nut is found in the middle of a Ferrero Rocher? | Hazelnut (Cobnut or Filbert) |
| 8. In <i>Celebrity Mastermind</i> , when Ian Lavender was asked by John Humphries to give his name, what comment was shouted by fellow contestant Rick Wakeman? | Don't tell him Pike! |
| 9. In gardening, what term is used for the practice of adding a layer of organic material onto the soil to conserve moisture and suppress weed growth? | Mulch (ing) |
| 10. According to John Lennon, the title of which Beatles song derived from cards indicating a clean bill of health that were carried by Hamburg prostitutes during the 1960s? | Ticket to Ride |

Team Round 2

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| 1. Dad's Army | |
| a) Which former England test-match cricketer made a cameo appearance as a ringer recruited by the ARP wardens for their cricket match against the Home Guard? | Fred Trueman |
| b) Who was Captain Mainwaring's arch-rival, the commander of the Eastgate Platoon? | Captain Square |
| c) Which former <i>East Enders</i> regular played Private Walker's girlfriend, cinema usherette Shirley? | Wendy Richards |
| 2. Cricket 2015 | |
| a) Which England batsman broke his own record by scoring a century in just 46 balls in a one-day international against Pakistan in 2015? | Jos Buttler |
| b) Which England all-rounder scored a century from just 85 balls at the Lord's test match against New Zealand in 2015? | Ben Stokes |
| c) At which ground did Stuart Broad take 8 for 15 in the first innings of a 2015 Ashes match? | Trent Bridge |
| 3. Fizz | |
| a) The Glera is the main grape used to make which sparkling wine? | Prosecco |
| b) The Penedès area of Catalonia is the major producer of which sparkling wine? | Cava |
| c) Nyetimber, Ridgeview, and Chapel Down are major producers of sparkling wines in which country? | England or U(nited) K(ingdom) |
| 4. Motoring Law | |
| a) Cars and motorcycles manufactured before which date are exempt from MOT testing? | 1960 |
| b) How old must a car or motorcycle be to be classed as a 'historic vehicle' and, consequently, exempt from Vehicle Tax? | Forty Years (<i>or more</i>) |
| c) An automatic fixed-penalty notice for using a hand-held mobile phone when driving currently carries what fine? | £100 |
| 5. Kings Killed in Battle | |
| a) Which High King of Ireland died at the Battle of Clontarf on Good Friday, 1014? | Brian Buru |
| b) Which King of Scotland died at the Battle of Flodden in 1513? | James IV |
| c) Which King of Norway died at the Battle of Stamford Bridge in 1066? | Harold Hardrada or Harald III |
| 6. 1780 | |
| a) Which anti-Catholic protests of 1780 formed the background of Dickens' <i>Barnaby Rudge</i> ? | Gordon Riots |
| b) Who led the British fleet against the Spanish at the Battle of Cape St. Vincent in 1780? | Admiral Sir George Rodney |
| c) In 1780, Diomed became the first horse to achieve what feat? | Win the (Epsom) Derby |
| 7. Pulling the Stops Out <i>The following are former railway stations in which Midlands town or city?</i> | |
| a) Arkwright St., Carrington St., Victoria, and London Rd. High and Low Levels | Nottingham |
| b) Coundon Road and Daimler Halt | Coventry |
| c) Belgrave Road, Central, Welford Road, and West Bridge? | Leicester |
| 8. Backbenchers | |
| a) Who became the youngest ever member of the House of Commons when she defeated Douglas Alexander in the general election of May 2015? | Mhairi Black |
| b) Representing Brighton Pavilion, who is the Green Party's only MP? | Caroline Lucas |
| c) Know to parliamentary sketch writers as 'The honourable member for the early 20th century' which MP for North East Somerset is a son of a former editor of <i>The Times</i> ? | Jacob Rees-Mogg |

Individual Round 3:

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| 1. What would a physician examine with an otoscope? | Ear (cavity) |
| 2. Which British government department is known by the abbreviation DECC*?
(*QR: <i>Please say and spell out</i>) | Department of Energy and
Climate Change |
| 3. Which baseball legend who died in 2015 is quoted as saying, 'Always go to other people's funerals, otherwise they won't come to yours'? | Yogi Berra |
| 4. His biggest UK solo hit was <i>Just Like Eddy</i> ; at what age did the former bass guitarist of The Tornados die in 2000? | 57 (<i>Heinz</i>) |
| 5. Who, according to <i>Forbes</i> magazine, was the highest paid actress in 2015? | Jennifer Lawrence |
| 6. Vientiane is the capital and largest city of which Asian country? | Laos |
| 7. In terms of passenger numbers, what is the UK's busiest railway station outside the London conurbation? | Birmingham New Street
(<i>Eighth busiest</i>) |
| 8. Which city staged the BBC Sports Personality of the Year event in December 2015? | Belfast |
| 9. The flag of which English county contains images of three pears? | Worcestershire |
| 10. A bear hidden in an image of the Matterhorn appears on the packaging of which chocolate bar? | Kit Kat |

Team Round 4:

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| 1. Fictional Phobics | |
| a) In which TV series is the leading character a former surgeon forced into general practice as a result of developing haemophobia, the fear of blood? | Doc Martins |
| b) In which Alfred Hitchcock film does John 'Scottie' Ferguson develop acrophobia after seeing a colleague fall to his death? | Vertigo |
| c) Ornithophobic and germophobic Sheldon Cooper, who has an IQ of 187, is a leading character in which comedy series? | The Big Bang Theory |
| 2. Nobel Ladies of Britain | |
| a) Who is the only British woman to win a Nobel Prize in Literature? | Doris Lessing |
| b) Which of the Nobel Prizes was won by Dorothy Hodgkin in 1964? | Chemistry |
| c) Name either of the two founders of the Northern Ireland Peace Movement who received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1976? | Betty Williams or Mairead
Corrigan |
| 3. 2016 Centenarians | |
| a) Which Hollywood star who co-starred with Errol Flynn in eight films is the only surviving member of the cast of <i>Gone with the Wind</i> ? | Olivia de Havilland |
| b) Which politician who made the first successful 'home run' from Colditz was killed by an IRA bomb in 1979? | Airey Neave |
| c) What was the pen name of author James Alfred Wight, whose semi-autobiographical works have generated a lively tourist trade in the North Yorkshire town of Thirsk? | James Herriot |
| 4. The Rugby League Hall of Shame <i>Which Super League clubs have sold their souls by renaming their grounds as follows?</i> | |
| a) Select Security Stadium (once known as Naughton Park) | Widnes (Vikings) |
| b) Mend-a-Hose Jungle (formerly Wheldon Road) | Castleford (Tigers) |
| c) Rapid Solicitors Stadium (formerly Belle Vue) | Wakefield (Trinity Wildcats) |
| 5. Strictly for the Birds | |
| a) Alfred Hitchcock's <i>The Birds</i> is based on a short story by which author? | Daphne du Maurier |
| b) Which familiar character made his debut in the 1902 novel <i>The Little White Bird</i> , partially set in Kensington Gardens? | Peter Pan |
| c) Who wrote the 1969 autobiographical work <i>I Know Why the Cage Bird Sings</i> ? | Maya Angelou |
| 6. Ecdysiasts | |
| a) Which British singer, dancer, and impresario was once billed as <i>The Queen of Striptease</i> ? | Phyllis Dixie |
| b) Which troupe of male performers is noted for its dancers' distinctive costume of a bow tie and shirt cuffs worn on an otherwise bare torso? | Chippendales |
| c) Which exotic dancer exhibited her 73-inch bust in the 1970s sexploitation films <i>Deadly Weapons</i> and <i>Double Agent 73</i> ? | Chesty Morgan |
| 7. Hit Me One More Time <i>Which song was a hit ...</i> | |
| a) ... for Richard Harris in 1968 and 1972, and for Donna Summer in 1978? | Macarthur Park |
| b) ... for Labi Siffri in 1971, and for Madness in 1981 and 1992? | It Must Be Love |
| c) ... for Small Faces in 1967 and 1975, and for M People in 1995? | Itchicoo Park |
| 8. Nicholas Lyndhurst <i>In which series did Nicholas Lyndhurst play ...</i> | |
| a) ... TV repairman turned time traveller Gary Sparrow? | Goodnight Sweetheart |
| b) ... university lecturer turned reluctant MI5 agent Peter Chapman? | The Piglet Files |
| c) ... former Detective-Sergeant Dan Griffin? | New Tricks |

Individual Round 5

1. Which organization claims to be the largest employer of musicians in the UK? **The (British) Army**
2. Described as an 'Abyssinian wire-haired tripe hound', who sired pups called nipper, nancy, natasha, naomi, nanette, and norah, each spelled with an initial silent 'G'? **Gnasher (Dennis the Menace's dog in The Beano)**
3. Samuel Becket's *Waiting for Godot* was originally written in which language? **French**
4. The cavity magnetron is a vital component of which common household appliance? **Microwave oven**
5. Count Alexei Vronsky is the lover of the eponymous protagonist of which novel? **Anna Karenina**
6. Born in Leicester in 1967, which fictional character was always working on his uncompleted novel *Lo! The Flat Hills of My Homeland*? **Adrian Mole**
7. Leonardo DiCaprio and Jason Robards have both won Oscars for roles depicting which real-life character? **Howard Hughes (The Aviator and Melvin and Howard)**
8. *The Shepherd's Crown* is the final novel in which long-running series? **Discworld (Terry Pratchett)**
9. A red flag is symbolically torn in half before the start of which annual motoring event? **London to Brighton (Veteran Car) Run**
10. Which noted wit called her pet parrot 'Onan', because he was always spilling his seed? **Dorothy Parker**

Team Round 6

1. **Football's Derby Matches** **Which pairs of teams contest the following derby matches?**
 - a) The M69 Derby? **Coventry City/Leicester City**
 - b) The Old Firm Derby **Celtic/Rangers**
 - c) Derby della Capitale or the Capital City Derby **A.S. Roma and S.S. Lazio**
2. **The Tower of London**
 - a) Built on the orders of William the Conqueror, what is the oldest part of the Tower of London? **Great or White Tower**
 - b) For going AWOL from National Service, which notorious pair were among the last prisoners to be held in the Tower of London? **Kray Twins**
 - c) According to tradition, what is the fewest number of ravens that must be present in the Tower of London if the kingdom is not to fall? **Six (eight are kept, so that there are two 'reserves'.)**
3. **Shropshire**
 - a) Surmounted by an iron-age hill fort, which 407-metre-high hill is a prominent landmark, visible to travellers on the nearby M54 motorway? **The Wrekin**
 - b) Designated a site of special scientific interest because of its geology, which limestone escarpment runs for 19 miles in a south-westerly direction from Craven Arms? **Wenlock Edge**
 - c) In which Shropshire village did Abraham Derby develop his patented technique of using coking coal to smelt iron ore? **Coalbrookdale**
4. **Jacks**
 - a) Condemned prisoner Colonel Fairfax and jester Jack Point are characters in which Gilbert and Sullivan operetta? **Yeomen of the Guard**
 - b) Which former band leader's *Record Roundup* appeared on BBC radio from 1948 to 1977? **Jack Jackson**
 - c) Who was shot in the back by gambler 'Black' Jack McCall on 2nd August 1876? **Wild Bill (James Butler) Hickok**
5. **Dr Who Actors** **Which actor, who played Dr Who ...**
 - a) ... was the first person to play the role of Robin Hood in a British television series? **Patrick Troughton**
 - b) ..., dressed as a cow, appeared as 'Dish of the Day' in the TV adaptation of *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*? **Peter Davison**
 - c) ... appeared as deserter and impostor Percy Toplis in *The Monocled Mutineer*? **Paul McGann**
6. **Bleak Futures**
 - a) Which 1985 novel by Margaret Atwood is set in a USA ruled by a totalitarian Christian theocracy, and tells the story of Offred, a concubine kept for reproduction? **The Handmaid's Tale**
 - b) Which 2006 novel by Cormac McCarthy tells the tale of an unnamed father and son's journey across a landscape destroyed by an unspecified cataclysm? **The Road**
 - c) Sixteen-year old Katniss Everdene is the heroine of which trilogy of dystopian novels? **The Hunger Games**
7. **Cartoon Characters**
 - a) In the *Peanuts* cartoons, what was the occupation of Charlie Brown's father? **Barber**
 - b) Which animated cartoon character has a pet snail called Gary, who meows like a cat? **Spongebob Squarepants**
 - c) The title character of *American Dad* shares his name with which Wimbledon champion of the 1970s? **Stan Smith**
8. **Vegetables**
 - a) Which vegetable owes its usual colour to efforts by seventeenth-century Dutch breeders to honour their ruling royal house? **Carrot (House of Orange)**
 - b) The snow pea and the sugar snap pea are also known by what French name? **Mangetout**
 - c) Which vegetable is also known as German turnip or turnip cabbage? **Kohlrabi**

Individual Round 7

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| 1. Which book by Paula Hawkins topped the UK hardback fiction chart for 20 weeks in 2015? | The Girl on the Train |
| 2. Which airline is the flag carrier for Israel? | El Al |
| 3. Which Hollywood actor has recently featured in a series of TV advertisements for the Direct Line insurance company? | Harvey Keitel |
| 4. Margate stands on which former island, now connected to mainland Kent? | Isle of Thanet |
| 5. Which Anglo-Australian singer and actress is a granddaughter of Nobel Prize-winning quantum physicist Max Born? | Olivia Newton-John |
| 6. Who was the lead singer of Amen Corner? | Andy Fairweather-Lowe |
| 7. What sort of creature is Alfie, a central figure in Roald Dahl's book <i>Esio Trot</i> ? | Tortoise (spelled backwards) |
| 8. What word can mean 'to suppress oscillation' or 'a noxious gas found in a mine'? | Damp |
| 9. Former NBA basketball star Kareem Abdul-Jabbar appeared as co-pilot Roger Murdock in which 1980 film? | Airplane! |
| 10. In a closing statement to a famous US trial, whose lawyer said, 'If it doesn't fit, you must acquit'? | O. J. Simpson |

Team Round 8:

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| 1. Soul Music | |
| a) A signature song for Aretha Franklin, <i>Respect</i> was written and originally recorded by which other soul singer? | Otis Redding |
| b) Which 1961 release by Ben E. King topped the UK charts in 1987, when it appeared in an advert for Levi Jeans? | Stand By Me |
| c) Which soul singer was backed by the Love Unlimited Orchestra? | Barry White |
| 2. Poets | |
| a) With which poet did sixteen-year old schoolgirl Harriet Westbrook elope, only to drown herself in The Serpentine less than five years later? | Percy Bysshe Shelley |
| b) <i>Walking Home</i> records which poet's attempt to walk the Pennine Way from north to south, paying his way with nightly poetry readings? | Simon Armitage |
| c) Which American poet, having embraced Italian fascism, was arrested as traitor in 1945, but was deemed unfit to stand trial and held in a psychiatric hospital for 12 years? | Ezra Pound |
| 3. Strange Deaths | |
| a) Which notoriously harsh Athenian law-giver was reputedly smothered to death by hats, shirts and cloaks showered on his head by admirers? | Draco |
| b) Which dancer died when her long scarf became caught in the wheel of a car? | Isadora Duncan |
| c) In 1979, Ford assembly-line operative Robert Williams became the first person ever to die in what manner? | Killed by a robot |
| 4. Ladies First <i>The following were the first women to achieve which particular feats or distinctions?</i> | |
| a) Michelle Payne (September 2015) | Ride winner of Melbourne Cup |
| b) Elizabeth (Libby) Lane (January 2015) | C of E/Anglican Bishop |
| c) Sandra Day O'Connor (January 2006) | Member of US Supreme Court |
| 5. Forests | |
| a) In which English county is the area known as Savernake Forest? | Wiltshire |
| b) The National Forest links Needwood Forest in the west with which forest in the east? | Charnwood Forest |
| c) What name was given to a judicial officer of the Royal Forests who administered forest law on behalf of the Crown and dealt with day-to-day administration? | Verderer |
| 6. The Antarctic | |
| a) The Antarctic volcanos Erebus and Terror are named after ships lost on an expedition led by which explorer? | Sir John Franklin |
| b) Which region of Antarctica is named after the wife of an American Admiral? | Marie Byrd Land |
| c) Which ship carried Captain Scott and his party to the Antarctic on their fatal 1910 expedition? | Terra Nova |
| 7. Local Produce <i>The following towns are noted for the manufacture of which items?</i> | |
| a) Kidderminster | Carpets |
| b) Bridport | Rope |
| c) High Wycombe | Furniture/Chairs |
| 8. Lord Wardens of the Cinque Ports | |
| a) Who is the only woman to have held the post of Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports? | Q. Elizabeth, the Queen Mother |
| b) What is the official residence of the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports? | Walmer Castle |
| c) A name familiar on the high street, who became Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports shortly before his death in 1891? | W. H. Smith |

Beer Round

1.
 - a) "The time has come," the Walrus said, "To talk of many things". In Lewis Carroll's poem, *The Walrus and Carpenter*, which three items are mentioned next? **Shoes, Ships, Sealing Wax**
 - b) What is the surname of the only pair of brothers currently sitting as MPs in the House of Commons? **Johnson (Boris and Jo)**
 - c) Which Irish international footballer scored Premier League goals for six different clubs? **Robbie Keane**

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 - a) "Beware the Jabberwock, my son! The jaws that bite, the claws that catch!" In Lewis Carroll's poem *Jabberwocky*, which two creatures is the reader warned to be wary of next? **Jubjub bird & (Frumious) Bandersnatch**
 - b) What is the surname of the MPs for Leicester East and Walsall South, the only brother and sister pair currently sitting in the House of Commons? **Vaz (Keith and Valerie)**
 - c) Which Welsh international footballer scored Premier League goals for seven different clubs? **Craig Bellamy**

Spare Questions

1. The unseen Marjorie was the nemesis of hard-drinking Uttoxeter health-club magnates Peter and John, the creation of which comedy double-act? **Fry and Laurie**
2. On which TV programme has Anglo-American businessman Claude Littner made regular appearances? **The Apprentice**
3. Linda Bellingham and Carol Drinkwater both played the wife of which character in a long-running TV series? **James Herriot**