

Individual Round 1

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| 1. The name of which liqueur can be translated as “Aunty Mary”? | Tia Maria |
| 2. Which town provides the setting for Bizet’s <i>Carmen</i> ? | Seville |
| 3. Which element of the periodic table comes last in alphabetical order? | Zirconium |
| 4. What is the name of the new decoration awarded to the next-of-kin of servicemen killed in action or as a result of terrorism? | <u>Elizabeth Cross</u> |
| 5. Who, in September 2009, became the oldest living artist to top the UK album chart? | Dame <u>Vera Lynn</u> |
| 6. It has been announced that Kirsty Moore will, in 2010, become the first female member of which elite military group? | The Red Arrows |
| 7. Blanket and honeycomb are the two main types of which foodstuff? | Tripe |
| 8. L. S. Lowry’s 1953 painting <i>Going to the Match</i> shows fans converging on which football ground, the then home of Bolton Wanderers? | Burnden Park |
| 9. In mathematics, what symbol is used for the square root of minus one? | i (letter i) |
| 10. Which Canadian folk singer is nicknamed “The Godfather of Gloom”? | Leonard Cohen |

Team Round 2

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| 1. The Ashes 2009 | |
| a) In which city was the first test of the 2009 Ashes series played? | Cardiff |
| b) Only two England players scored centuries in the series; Andrew Strauss was one, who was the other? | Jonathan <u>Trott</u> |
| c) With 18 wickets, who was England’s top wicket taker in the series? | Stuart <u>Broad</u> |
| 2. Moons of the Solar System | |
| a) Named after the cup bearer to the Greek gods, which is the largest moon in the solar system, and the only one that has a significant magnetic field? | Ganymede |
| b) The moons of Uranus are named after characters in the works of Shakespeare and which other author, the third most quoted writer in the <i>Oxford Dictionary of Quotations</i> ? | Alexander <u>Pope</u> |
| c) Which is the largest moon of Saturn, and the only moon in the solar system that has a significant atmosphere? | Titan |
| 3. Comedians | |
| a) Which comedian, born Leonard Alfred Schneider, was imprisoned for obscenity in 1961, and refused permission to enter Britain in 1963? | Lenny Bruce |
| b) Which comedian created the character E. L. Whisty? | Peter Cook |
| c) <i>Bewilderness</i> , <i>Part Troll</i> , <i>Steampunk</i> , and <i>Tinselworm</i> are among the titles of tours by which leading stand-up comedian? | Bill Bailey |
| 4. On This Day (14th October) ... | |
| a) ... pensioners were confused by the introduction of the 50 p coin; in which year? | 1969 |
| b) ... in 1983, Cecil Parkinson resigned as Secretary of State for Trade and Industry after revelations of his extramarital affair with his former secretary; what was her name? | Sara Keays |
| c) ... in 1947, <i>Glamorous Glennis</i> achieved a first; which one? | Breaking the <u>sound barrier</u> (the name of the Bell X-1 rocket plane piloted by Chuck Yeager) |

5. **Mammals**

- a) The karakul is one of the oldest breeds of which domesticated mammal? **Sheep**
- b) The ferret is a close relative of which wild mammal, with which it can interbreed? **Polecat**
- c) The aardwolf belongs to which family of mammals? **Hyena (*Hyaenidae* subsp. *Protelinae*)**

6. **Condensed Shakespeare**

Identify the plays from the following brief synopses of their main plots.

- a) Viola, disguised as a boy, serves Duke Orsino for whom she runs love errands to Olivia; Olivia falls in love with Viola, but mistakenly becomes betrothed to her twin brother Sebastian. **Twelfth Night**
- b) The king is murdered by his brother who marries the widowed queen; the prince feigns madness and kills his uncle. **Hamlet**
- c) The friendship of Proteus and Valentine is strained when they both fall for Silvia, the daughter of the Duke of Milan. **Two Gentlemen of Verona**

7. **A Geographical Miscellany**

- a) Which Mediterranean country is divided into eighty-one provinces known as "ils"? **Turkey**
- b) Which is the largest landlocked county in England? **Shropshire**
- c) Which of New York's boroughs was known as the "Borough of Richmond" until 1975? **Staten Island**

8. **Jazz**

- a) Ferdinand Joseph Lamothe was the original name of which jazz pianist, bandleader, and composer? **Jelly Roll Morton**
- b) *When It's Sleepy Time Down South* was the theme song of which jazz trumpeter and singer? **Louis Armstrong**
- c) Which jazzman and broadcaster's only UK hit was *Bad Penny Blues*, which spent six weeks in the charts in 1956? **Humphrey Lyttleton**

Individual Round 3

- 1. Which Asian city gives its name to a double, a treble, and a single, all scored with one set of three darts? **Shanghai**
- 2. What is the title of Dan Brown's follow-up to *The Da Vinci Code*, which broke UK sales records following its publication in September 2009? **The Lost Symbol**
- 3. Which artist designed the famous logo that appears on *Blue Peter* badges? **Tony Hart (who got paid £100 pounds for it)**
- 4. Named after a British foreign secretary, the Curzon Line formed the border between Russia and which other country? **Poland**
- 5. Zipporah was the wife of which Old Testament character? **Moses**
- 6. In Arthurian legend, Sir Galahad is the illegitimate son of which Knight? **Lancelot (du Lac)**
- 7. The munchkin is a short-legged breed of which animal? **Cat**
- 8. *Wikipedia* is a familiar Web site, but what is the subject matter of the Web site *Wookieepedia*? **(All things) Star Wars**
- 9. Who wrote the music to the hymn *Onward Christian Soldiers*? **Sir Arthur Sullivan**
- 10. On 11th September 2009, Gordon Brown apologised for the "appalling" treatment received by which World War II code breaker and computing pioneer? **Alan Turing**

Team Round 4: A Round of Connected Themes

1. **Fictional Detectives/Football**
 - a) Who created the 12th century monk/detective Brother Cadfael? **Ellis Peters**
 - b) What was the name of the character played by Philip Glenister in *Life on Mars* and *Ashes to Ashes*? **Gene Hunt**
 - c) Which was the first novel by Agatha Christie to feature Hercule Poirot? **The Mysterious Affair at Styles**
2. **History/Technology**
 - a) Which former US President died at the age of 93, the oldest age achieved by a former President? **Gerald Ford**
 - b) Which pleasure gardens in Kennington were a leading venue for public entertainment in London from the mid-17th to mid-19th centuries, and were particularly well known as a site for romantic assignations? **Vauxhall**
 - c) The Red House in Kent was the home of which architect, artist, writer, and designer of furniture and textiles, associated with the Arts and Crafts Movement? **William Morris**
3. **Entertainment/Derbyshire**
 - a) Which long-serving TV presenter was nicknamed “The Thinking Man’s Crumpet” by Frank Muir? **Joan Bakewell**
 - b) What was the name of the character played by Sigourney Weaver in the *Alien* series of films? **Lt. Ellen Ripley**
 - c) Who, in May 2007, by reaching number 37 in the UK charts became the artist with the longest span of top forty hits, their first chart entry having reached number eight in February 1957? **Dame Shirley Bassey**
4. **Popular Music/Food and Drink**
 - a) Marvin Lee Aday was the original name of which artist? **Meat Loaf**
 - b) Anthony Kiedis is the lead singer of which US alternative rock band? **Red Hot Chilli Peppers**
 - c) Who recorded *You Sexy Thing*, the only single to have entered the UK Top Ten in the 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s? **Hot Chocolate**
5. **Science/Film**
 - a) Which six-letter prefix means “pertaining to the mind”? **Psycho**
 - b) Which silicate gemstone, which occurs in a variety of coloured forms, is also the middle name of the Scottish poet William McGonagall? **Topaz**
 - c) What name is given to an unpleasant sensation of spinning or swaying while the body is actually stationary? **Vertigo**
6. **Film/Sport**
 - a) Who played the arch-villain Simon Gruber in *Die Hard with a Vengeance*? **Jeremy Irons**
 - b) Which English actress and singer–songwriter was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress for her performance in the 1997 film *Good Will Hunting*? **Minnie Driver**
 - c) Which actor played the part of Frodo Baggins in *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy? **Elijah Wood**

7. **People/Popular Music**

- a) Which former MP, after faking his own death, was accidentally discovered by Melbourne police, who mistook him for the missing Lord Lucan? **John Stonehouse**
- b) Who was the driver of the car in which Princess Diana met her death? **Henri Paul**
- c) Who was the first Archbishop of Canterbury to ordain women priests to the Church of England? **George Carey**

8. **Soaps/Finance**

- a) Which much-married Coronation Street character was described by Prime Minister James Callaghan as “the sexiest thing on television”? **Elsie Tanner**
- b) Which couple are the owners of Grey Gables country house hotel in *The Archers*? **Caroline and Oliver Sterling**
- c) Which actress, the second winner of *Strictly Come Dancing*, is best known for her role as Kate Mitchell in *East Enders*? **Jill Halfpenny**

Individual Round 5:

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1. Who died of exhaustion when climbing the slopes of Mont Ventoux on 13th July 1967? **Tommy Simpson**
2. Also known as Lord Voldemort, who is the principal villain of the Harry Potter books? **Tom Riddle**
3. Which jockey rode l’Escargot to victory over Red Rum in the 1975 Grand National, and also trained the 1999 winner Bobbyjo, ridden to victory by his son? **Tommy Carberry**
4. Which speaker of the House of Commons became famous for his cry of “Order, Order” when Parliament was first broadcast live in 1975? **George Thomas (Later Viscount Tonypany)**
5. Who played the title role in the cult sci-fi series *Blake’s Seven*? **Gareth Thomas**
6. Who wrote the poem that begins:
Yes, I remember Adlestrop
The name, because one afternoon
Of heat the express-train drew up there
Unwontedly. It was late June. **Edward Thomas**
7. Which Academy award-winning actor gave the nominating speech for his former Harvard roommate Al Gore at the 2000 Democratic National Convention? **Tommy Lee Jones**
8. Which Australian author’s Booker Prize-winning work *Schindler’s Ark* is the basis of Steven Spielberg’s *Schindler’s List*? **Thomas Keneally**
9. Which former rock-and-roll star, a talented sculptor, produced the statue “Eleanor Rigby”, dedicated to “all the lonely people”, that stands in Stanley Street, Liverpool? **Tommy Steele**
10. Which radical author, sometimes known as the father of the American Revolution, gained notoriety as a result of his works *The Rights of Man* and *The Age of Reason* **Thomas Paine**

Team Round 6

1. Figures of Speech

- a) Which figure of speech is a combination of two normally contradictory terms, such as “deafening silence” or “sweet sorrow”? **Oxymoron**
- b) “She is not unattractive” and “She was not unfamiliar with the works of Shakespeare” are examples of which figure of speech, in which a statement is made by denying its opposite? **Litotes**
- c) Ernest Bevin’s comment on the Council of Europe “If you open that Pandora’s Box, you never know what Trojan ’orses will jump out.” is an example of which figure of speech? **(Mixed) Metaphor**

2. Schools Broadcasting

- a) Chiselbury School, motto “*They Shall Not Pass*”, appeared in which long-running sitcom? **Whack-O!**
- b) Mr Cromwell, played by Noel Howlett, was the headmaster of which fictional school? **Fenn Street**
- c) Who starred as headmaster Ian George in the BBC series *Hope and Glory*? **Lenny Henry**

3. Everyday Maths

- a) In the A-series of paper sizes (A2, A3, A4, etc.), the ratio of the height to the width of a sheet is always equal to which irrational number? **The square root of 2 (1.4142...)**
- b) If you had one of each British coin in current general circulation, how much money would you have? **£3.88 (1p + 2p + 5p + 10p + 20p + 50p + £1 + £2)¹**
- c) In what context does one equal three, two equal six, and three equal eight; and only twelve is equal to itself? **Scrabble letters scores (TWO = 1 + 4 + 1, etc)**

4. Contronyms

Which three common words have the following pairs of opposing meanings? The number of letters is given in each case.

- a) “To have gone” and “remaining” (four letters) **Left**
- b) “Immobile” and “rapidly moving” (four letters) **Fast**
- c) “Conceal” and “Display” (six letters) **Screen**

5. Sport Miscellany

- a) In season 2007/8, Derby County achieved just one victory from 38 games in the Premiership: who did they beat? **Newcastle United**
- b) In which sport, other than rowing, has Steve Redgrave represented Great Britain and won a national championship? **Bobsleigh**
- c) Which Australian cricketer was dropped from the test side immediately after scoring a double century and receiving the Man Of The Match and Man Of The Series awards, and never played test cricket again? **Jason Gillespie**

6. Fashion and Design

- a) Which design label has an intertwined double-G as its logo? **Gucci**
- b) The Spanish designer Manolo Blahnik is famous for his designs for which items? **Shoes**
- c) Which American designer created the “Polo” brand of clothing? **Ralph Lauren**

¹ The £5 and 25p coins are commemorative coins, not in general circulation.

7. **Seven Wonders of the World**

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| a) | How many modern countries would you need to visit to see the sites of all Seven Wonders of the Ancient World? | Four (<i>Egypt, Turkey, Iraq, Greece</i>) |
| b) | The Great Pyramid at Giza was built as a tomb for which Egyptian pharaoh? | Khufu/Cheops (<i>the latter is the Greek version of the name</i>) |
| c) | Plans were announced in November 2008 to rebuild which of the Ancient Wonders of the World at a cost of 200 million Euro? | Colossus of Rhodes |

8. **Islands**

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| a) | Strey moy is the largest and most populated island of which group? | Faroe Islands |
| b) | At just 2.3 metres above sea level, the highest point of which island group is the lowest high point of any sovereign country in the world? | Maldives |
| c) | The Aran Islands of Inishmore, Inishmaan, and Inisheer are situated in the mouth of which bay? | Galway Bay |

Individual Round 7

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| 1. | Why did the MP for Gosport, Sir Peter Viggers, feature in the news in May 2009? | The floating " Duck Island " (<i>for which he claimed expenses of £1645</i>). |
| 2. | Named after a major European river, which was the last stable naturally occurring element to be discovered? | Rhenium (<i>named after The Rhine</i>) |
| 3. | Which television personality founded the Anti-Golf Society, but later became a self-confessed addict of the game? | (Sir) Michael Parkinson |
| 4. | Which popular European holiday destination takes its name from the Arabic for "The West"? | (The) Algarve |
| 5. | Which river was called "Sabrina" by the Romans? | The Severn |
| 6. | Bleeding canker, caused by the bacterium <i>Pseudomonas syringae</i> , is threatening the future of which children's game? | Conkers (<i>the disease is killing horse chestnut trees all over the country</i>) |
| 7. | Who beat his father in a fight in Gatlinburg in mid-July? | A Boy Named Sue |
| 8. | The term "Moonchild" is sometimes used for people born under which summer sign, the faintest of the 13 constellations of the zodiac? | Cancer |
| 9. | To prevent possible offence, which traditional pudding was recently renamed by officials at the canteen of the Flintshire Council headquarters in Mold? | Spotted Dick (<i>renamed "Spotted Richard"! After protests, this was decision was later reversed.</i>) |
| 10. | Which rock band's twenty-eighth studio album was self-mockingly entitled <i>In Search of the Fourth Chord</i> ? | Status Quo |

Team Round 8

1. **Radioactive Substances**

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| a) | A minute amount of the radioactive isotope americium-241 forms a critical component of which common domestic appliance? | Smoke detector |
| b) | What was the name of the former KGB officer who was poisoned with polonium-210 in November 2006? | Alexander <u>Litvinenko</u> |
| c) | The decay of isotope number 133 of which element is used to control atomic clocks? | Caesium |

2. **Musical Instruments**
- a) Which instrument is also known as the alto or tenor oboe? **Cor Anglais/English Horn**
 - b) Appearing on the soundtracks of *Picnic at Hanging Rock*, *Once Upon a Time in America*, *The Karate Kid*, and *Kill Bill, Volume 1*, the Romanian musician Gheorghe Zamfir is a virtuoso player of which instrument? **Pan Pipes/Pan Flute**
 - c) Which miniature electronic instrument, popularised by Rolf Harris, appears on David Bowie's *Space Oddity*? **The (Dubreq) Stylophone**
3. **Poetry**
- a) The Hemingway title *For Whom the Bell Tolls* is taken from a work by which metaphysical poet? **John Donne**
 - b) *Mending Wall*, *Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening* and *The Road Not Taken* are poems by which 20th-century American poet? **Robert Frost**
 - c) In *A Subaltern's Love Song*, John Betjeman describes losing a tennis match to which opponent? **Miss Joan Hunter Dunn**
4. **Just Desserts**
- a) Which Italian dessert, whose name can be translated as "cooked cream" consists of cream, milk and sugar set with gelatine? **Panna Cotta**
 - b) What is the name of the rich sweet pastry made of filo pastry filled with chopped nuts and flavoured with syrup or honey that is served in Greece and Turkey? **Baklava**
 - c) Which English dessert is traditionally made of milk or cream, usually mixed with white wine, flavoured, sweetened, and whipped to a thick but light consistency? **Syllabub**
5. **Shopping About**
- a) Bainbridge's, now part of the John Lewis Partnership, is credited with being the world's first department store; in which UK city is it? **Newcastle upon Tyne**
 - b) In which London department store can two memorials to Princess Diana be found? **Harrods**
 - c) A green and gold commemorative clock in Leeds's Kirkgate market marks the founding of which retail chain? **Marks & Spencer**
6. **What the Dickens?**
- a) The notorious headmaster Thomas Gradgrind appears in which Dickens novel? **Hard Times**
 - b) What first name is shared by both the title characters in *Dombey and Son*? **Paul**
 - c) Dick Swiveller is a character in which of Dickens's novels? **The Old Curiosity Shop**
7. **Sporting Language**
- a) Which French word, which can be literally translated as "to fish again", is used for an extra heat in a knock-out competition that gives losers of earlier heats a second chance of reaching the final? **Repêchage**
 - b) Which German word, literally translated as "a shot", is used for a straight downhill run in skiing? **Schuss**
 - c) Which French word, which can be literally translated as "servant", is used for a rider in a cycle race whose principal duty is to work for the benefit of his team and its leader? **Domestique**

8. **Parliamentary Constituencies**

In which English cities are the following parliamentary constituencies?

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| a) Attercliffe, Brightside and Heeley | Sheffield |
| b) Kemptown and Pavilion | <u>Brighton and Hove</u> |
| c) Blackley, Gorton, and Withington | Manchester |

Beer Round

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| a) English, French, Spanish, Russian and Chinese are five of the six official languages of the United Nations; what is the sixth? | Arabic |
| b) What is the official currency of Ecuador? | US Dollar |
| c) Sharing its name with a popular local tourist attraction, what is Derbyshire's county flower? | Jacob's Ladder |

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| a) Plains, Georgia; Tampico, Illinois; Milton, Massachusetts; Hope, Arkansas; New Haven, Connecticut: what comes next in this series? | Honolulu (birth places of last six US presidents) |
| b) What is the official currency of Tuvalu? | Australian Dollar |
| c) Which Derbyshire stately home takes the place of Park Lane in the National Trust's new version of <i>Monopoly</i> ? | Hardwick Hall |