

Merseyside Summer Quiz League – August 2013 set by David Rainford

1. Designated a Unesco World Heritage Site in 1979, Abu Mena is in which African country?
EGYPT
2. Since the constituency was created in 1983, Liverpool Riverside has been served by two MPs. Louise Ellman has been the MP since 1997. Who was her predecessor?
ROBERT PARRY
3. Which British actor has twice been nominated for an Academy Award for his performances in the films 'In The Bedroom' and 'Michael Clayton'?
TOM WILKINSON
4. Sycorax and Setebos are moons of which planet?
URANUS
5. The conqueror of Rafael Nadal at the 2013 Wimbledon Championships, what nationality is the tennis player Steve Darcis?
BELGIAN
6. 'Future History' and 'World as Myth' are both series of novels written by which science-fiction writer?
ROBERT A HEINLEIN
7. Who designed New York's Guggenheim Museum?
FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT
8. Who became the host of the Radio 1 Breakfast Show in September 2012?
NICK GRIMSHAW
9. The Prince Albert Edward, Prince of Wales (later to become King Edward VII) in 1863 and the Prince Edward (Duke of Wessex) in 1999 both got married in which building?
ST GEORGE'S CHAPEL (ACCEPT WINDSOR CASTLE)
10. Which motorway provides a link from Bristol city centre to the M4?
M32
11. In Korean tradition, what type of clothing is a Gat?
HAT
12. Saffir-Simpson is a scale used to measure what type of meteorological phenomenon?
HURRICANE
13. In Mathematics, $ax^2+bx+c=0$ is an example of what?
QUADRATIC EQUATION
14. How is the magician and illusionist Steven Frayne better known?
DYNAMO
15. Which post is currently held by Bernard Hogan-Howe?
COMMISSIONER OF THE METROPOLITAN POLICE
16. Which 1990s BBC sitcom starred Graham Crowden and Stephanie Cole and was set in a retirement home?
WAITING FOR GOD
17. 'October and Other Poems' in 1920; 'New Verse' in 1926; 'The Testament of Beauty' in 1929. They are all collections of poetry written by which poet laureate?
ROBERT BRIDGES
18. In which country were the pop group The Easybeats formed?
AUSTRALIA
19. Guarani is one of the official languages in which South American country?
PARAGUAY
20. In 2013, Charles Pic and Giedo van der Garde are the principal drivers for which Formula One team?
CATERHAM
21. 'A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte' was painted by which French artist?
GEORGES SEURAT
22. How many cuneiform bones are there in the human foot?
THREE
23. In which English city is the Belgrade Theatre?
COVENTRY
24. Queen Maxima, the current Queen Consort of the Netherlands, was born in which country?
ARGENTINA

25. In the computing acronym ASCII, what does the A stand for?
AMERICAN
26. Who is the voice of Princess Fiona in the 'Shrek' film franchise?
CAMERON DIAZ
27. Which battle of 1690 is commemorated annually on the 12th July?
BATTLE OF THE BOYNE
28. The Qashqai is a model manufactured by which car company?
NISSAN
29. In the Bible, who was the wife of King Ahab?
JEZEBEL
30. What is the longest river in Asia?
YANGTZE
31. Phil Mickelson won the Open Championship in 2013 at Muirfield. He is the first left-handed golfer to win the tournament since whose victory at Royal Lytham and St Annes in 1963?
BOB CHARLES
32. 'Some Day I'll Find You' is a 2013 novel written by which TV personality?
RICHARD MADELEY
33. Vilma Espin was married to which current world leader for 48 years until her death in 2007?
RAÚL CASTRO
34. The Fat Duck in Bray in Berkshire is a restaurant owned by which celebrity chef?
HESTON BLUMENTHAL
35. Who is the Roman goddess of crossroads and magic?
TRIVIA
36. Tamino and Papageno are characters in which opera?
THE MAGIC FLUTE
37. The University of St Mark & St John is based in which English city?
PLYMOUTH
38. In the TV soap 'Coronation Street', which role has been played since 1995 by the actor David Neilson?
ROY CROPPER
39. In rugby league, which Super League team play at Belle Vue?
WAKEFIELD TRINITY (WILDCATS)
40. The fennec fox is found in which desert?
SAHARA
41. Which singer had a UK number one single in 2013 with the song 'Mirrors'?
JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE
42. Which element of the periodic table has the chemical symbol La?
LANTHANUM
43. 'Cousin Bette' is a 1998 film based on a novel of the same name written by which French author?
HONORE DE BALZAC
44. The prison known locally as Winson Green is in which city?
BIRMINGHAM
45. Which fashion designer, artist and photographer was born in Hamburg in 1933?
KARL LAGERFELD
46. Which rank comes between Wing Commander and Air Commodore in the Royal Air Force?
GROUP CAPTAIN
47. What was the regnal number of the French king known as Charles the Affable?
EIGHT(H)
48. How is the Academy Award winning actor and Grammy Award winning musician Eric Marlon Bishop?
JAMIE FOXX
49. Which person was awarded the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize alongside the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change?
AL GORE
50. Between 1929 and 1995, Stapleton International Airport served which US city?
DENVER
51. What was created in March 2006 by Jack Dorsey?
TWITTER

52. 'Dear Old Shiz' and 'Thank Goodness' are songs from which hit musical?
WICKED
53. Edward Smith-Stanley was better known as which 19th century British Prime Minister?
EARL OF DERBY
54. Anjou and Seckel are types of which fruit?
PEAR
55. Which sans-serif typeface was named after the native American name for Mount Rainier?
TAHOMA
56. In which country is the sport of Vigoro played?
AUSTRALIA
57. Osbert Lancaster and Carl Giles were both prominent cartoonists for which UK national newspaper?
DAILY EXPRESS
58. Which painter won the 1998 Turner Prize with artwork that incorporated elephant dung?
CHRIS OFILI
59. 'No Sleep Til Hammersmith', 'What's Words Worth' and 'Everything Louder Than Everyone Else' are live albums by which band?
MOTORHEAD
60. Which bird is the English translation of the constellation Grus?
CRANE
61. In which Suffolk town are the headquarters of Greene King?
BURY ST EDMUNDS
62. Justin Ripley, Martin Schenk and Rose Teller have all been colleagues for which BBC TV detective?
JOHN LUTHER
63. After Alan Shearer, Andrew Cole and Thierry Henry, which footballer, still playing, has scored the most goals in the Premier League?
FRANK LAMPARD
64. Give a year in the life of the English physicist Robert Hooke?
1635-1703
65. What was the first name of the Czech classical composer Smetana?
BEDRICH
66. George Milton and Lennie Small are the main characters in which novel?
OF MICE AND MEN
67. In which South American country are the Yumbilla Falls?
PERU
68. Winged, Lacebark and Slippery are all types of which tree?
ELM
69. Used in World War II, The Empire and the Singapore were seaplanes manufactured by which company?
SHORT BROTHERS
70. In which trade was US president Andrew Johnson apprenticed before he entered politics?
TAILOR

SPARES

- S1. For which film did Al Pacino receive the first of his 8 Oscar nominations?
THE GODFATHER
- S2. What was the flagship of the Royal Navy fleet between 1993 and 2005?
HMS INVINCIBLE
- S3. What does a machirologist collect?
KNIVES
- S4. Which group were the first winners of the Mercury Music Prize in 1992?
PRIMAL SCREAM
- S5. In 1928, the athletes Fanny Rosenfeld, Ethel Smith, Jane Bell and Myrtle Cook combined to be the first Olympic champions in the 4 x 100m relay for women. They represented which country?
CANADA
- S6. John Longbotham was the chief engineer of which 127 mile UK canal, which was first used in 1774 and was completed in 1816?
LEEDS/LIVERPOOL CANAL