

MSQL 2014 - Questions by Rob Hannah

1. In the book of *Genesis*, to which land to the East of Eden was Cain banished after killing his brother Abel?
Land of **Nod**
2. In Edgar Allen Poe's poem *The Raven*, which word is repeatedly spoken by the raven?
Nevermore
3. Which Scottish broadcaster hosts the *PopMaster* music quiz on BBC Radio 2?
Ken **Bruce**
4. Which type of yarn, made with straight, parallel fibres, is named for a village in Norfolk served by a railway station on the scenic Bittern Line?
Worsted
5. We all know that Gainsborough painted *The Blue Boy*, but who later painted *The Red Boy*?
Thomas **Lawrence**
6. In September 1967, the name of which American state provided the Bee Gees with a number 1 hit single?
Massachusetts
7. Which hill in Lancashire gives its name to a famous witch trial of 1612?
Pendle Hill
8. Since 1846, the Maid of the Mist has been a popular boat tour of which of the world's great tourist attractions?
Niagara Falls
9. Also called Willingdon Beauty when showing, who was the Stalinist pig from *Animal Farm* – the first character described in the book -whose philosophies are corrupted by Napoleon?
Old Major
10. Which British pop group was the only group to appear on both the original 1984 *Band Aid* and the subsequent 1989 *Band Aid II* versions of *Do They Know It's Christmas??*?
Bananarama
11. According to tradition, in which town was a monkey hanged during the Napoleonic Wars because it was mistaken for a French sailor?
Hartlepool
12. The library at Trinity College, Cambridge is named for which famous architect who designed it in 1676?
Christopher **Wren**
13. Its name translating as 'Liberation', which square in downtown Cairo became the focal point of the 2011 Egyptian Revolution against former president Hosni Mubarak?
Tahrir Square
14. Although Bacon and Newton had previously been knighted, which man became, in 1819, the first scientist to be ennobled?
Humphry **Davy**
15. Which species of parrot native to New Zealand is known as the 'feathered wolf' because of its reputation for attacking and killing sheep?
Kea
16. Named after an Italian anatomist of the 16th Century, what name is given to the tube that links the pharynx to the middle ear?
Eustachian tube
17. According to Greek mythology, who was punished in the underworld by being placed in a pool of water and afflicted with a raging thirst with the waters receding every time he tried to drink?
Tantalus
18. All current notes issued by the Bank of Scotland feature a portrait of which famous Scotsman?
Walter **Scott**
19. In which American state is Camp David, the mountain retreat of the President of the USA?
Maryland
20. The vacant 4th plinth in Trafalgar Square was originally intended to hold an equestrian statue of which monarch?
William IV
21. Which lethal infectious disease is named after a river in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, near the site of its first outbreak?
Ebola
22. What was the name of the Swiss psychologist who developed the ink-blot psychological test?
Hermann **Rorschach**

23. Costing \$18 million and broadcast in September 2010, the first episode of which HBO crime drama series was directed by Martin Scorsese and became the most expensive TV pilot in history?
Boardwalk Empire
24. The Mary Celeste had been on its way to which European port city before it was abandoned for unknown reasons and found off the coast of Portugal?
Genoa
25. N-Dubz rapper Dappy is the son of Byron Contostavlos, who played bass guitar with which chart-topping pop/rock band of the early 1970s?
Mungo Jerry
26. In which British film does John Hannah famously recite W.H. Auden's poem *Funeral Blues*?
Four Weddings and a Funeral
27. In 1966, the left-leaning British newspaper *The Daily Worker* was renamed as what?
Morning Star
28. In which Antarctic sea was Shackleton's ship *Endurance* sunk in 1915?
Weddell Sea
29. Unusual for its policy of zero advertising but, nevertheless, considered one of the world's fastest-growing brands, which Spanish clothing store was founded by Amancio Ortega in La Coruña in 1975?
Zara
30. The two oak species native to Britain are the Penducate (or English) Oak and which other tree with the Latin name *Quercus petraea*?
Sessile oak or Cornish oak or Durmast oak
31. Which European people speak a language called Euskara?
Basques
32. The swords used in the oriental martial art of kendo are made from which material?
Bamboo
33. Its capture being one of the objectives of the early moments of the Invasion of Normandy in 1944, to what was the Bénouville Bridge near Caen renamed in honour of the shoulder emblem worn by the British airborne forces?
Pegasus Bridge
34. Ernest Hemingway took the title of his novel *For Whom the Bell Tolls* from a line in which poet's *Meditation XVII*?
John **Donne**
35. Traditionally made with raisins, currants and candied peel, which Welsh fruitcake has a name literally translating as 'speckled bread'?
Bara brith
36. Which cartoonist had his studio at One Snoopy Place in Santa Rosa?
Charles M. **Schultz**
37. The 1953 musical *Kismet* was adapted from the music of which Russian composer?
Alexander **Borodin**
38. Which British actor plays the title character in the psychological crime drama series *Luther*?
Idris **Elba**
39. Which village in Derbyshire took the decision, in 1665, to isolate itself when plague was discovered there? After 14 months, two-thirds of village's inhabitants were dead.
Eyam
40. Which very famous baseball catcher and outfielder got the nickname by which he is universally known after a friend suggested that he resembled a Hindu holy man they had seen in a movie?
Yogi **Berra**
41. Which English physician was the first to describe completely, and in detail, the systemic circulation and properties of blood being pumped to the brain and body by the heart?
William **Harvey**
42. The 2001 film *Black Hawk Down* told the story of a US military campaign in which country?
Somalia
43. Which of the wives of Henry VIII was appointed Queen Regent in 1544 whilst he was away on his unsuccessful campaign in France?
Catherine **Parr**
44. What is the surname of the brothers Greg and Jonny who won the gold medal in the coxed pairs rowing event at the Barcelona Olympics?
Searle

45. The son of Vivienne Westwood and Malcolm McLaren, the British businessman Joseph Corré co-founded which lingerie retailer in 1994?
Agent Provocateur
46. *From Black Holes to the Big Bang* is the subtitle of which very famous science book?
A Brief History of Time
47. In Star Wars, what was Darth Vader's full name before he was seduced by the Dark Side of the Force?
Anakin Skywalker
48. Between 1963 and 1965 Singapore was part of which which Asian country?
Malaysia
49. Which British discus-throw record holder signed for the NFL team San Francisco 49ers this year?
Lawrence **Okoye**
50. Sharing its name with the river that serves as its primary outflow, which lake in Ghana is the world's largest reservoir by area?
Lake **Volta**
51. The SI unit of capacitance is named for which English scientist?
Michael **Faraday**
52. What was the pen-name of the 13th Century Italian mathematician Leonardo of Pisa?
Fibonacci
53. Which cheese originated on Stilton farms made with milk that was surplus once all the Stilton desired had been made?
Red Leicester
54. Who was the French political philosopher and anarchist who coined the phrase 'Property is theft'?
Pierre-Joseph **Proudhon**
55. Central Cavern was the first of twenty caverns that must be negotiated in which British platform video game first released for the ZX Spectrum in 1983?
Manic Miner
56. What is the name of the geological fault upon which San Francisco stands?
San Andreas fault
57. In the English version of the board game *Cluedo*, what is the name of the murder victim?
Dr. **Black**
58. Which British nuclear-powered submarine sunk the *General Belgrano* during the Falklands War?
HMS **Conqueror**
59. Which famous cantata by William Walton tells the story of a Babylonian prince mentioned in the Book of *Daniel*?
Balshazzar's Feast
60. At which English railway station can you view a stuffed 19th century dog known as Station Jim on Platform 5?
Slough
61. In which American state is the majority of Yellowstone National Park?
Wyoming
62. The Irish capital of Dublin is to be found in which of the four historical provinces of Ireland?
Leinster
63. Which legendary figure gives his name to a fishing village, five miles south of Whitby and fifteen miles north of Scarborough, famous for its picturesque views and fossil-laden beach?
Robin Hood (Robin Hood's Bay)
64. Which famous singer is the grand-daughter of Max Born, who won the 1954 Nobel Prize in Physics for his research into quantum mechanics?
Olivia **Newton-John**
65. A trip to the fictional Isle of Fernando's is the ultimate goal of the contestants on which ITV show?
Take Me Out
66. Which geographic feature on the island of Sicily derives its name from the Greek for 'I burn'?
Mount **Etna**
67. The Orioles are the baseball team, the Ravens are the American football team, the Bay Lions are the basketball team and the Blast are the soccer team. Which city?
Baltimore

68. Now hanging in the National Gallery, the Wilton Diptych depicts which King of England kneeling before the Virgin and Child?

Richard II

69. The Catalan Dragons rugby league club are based in which city in the Pyrénées-Orientales department of France?

Perpignan

70. The 1,110 mile long Sénégal River forms the border between its namesake country and which other nation?

Mauritania

Spare Questions

1. Which brothers wrote Dionne Warwick's 1982 hit '*Heartbreaker*'?

Brothers Gibb (Bee Gees)

2. Which car manufacturer produced the models 'Logan', 'Sandero' and 'Duster'?

Dacia

3. In which city did coffee chain Starbucks open its first branch in 1971?

Seattle