

2015 Season

MERSEYSIDE SUMMER QUIZ LEAGUE

Questions set by Keith Andrew and Eric Kilby - Correct as at 11th May 2015.

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1	"Live Free or Die" is the official motto of which state of New England, which is the fifth smallest of the 50 United States?	NEW HAMPSHIRE
2	The Georgia O'Keeffe Museum, which was featured in the in episode "Abiquiu" of <i>Breaking Bad</i> , is in which American state capital?	SANTA FE
3	Which is the only country in Central America which does not have a coastline on the Caribbean?	EL SALVADOR
4	On completion in 1880, which religious building in Germany was the tallest structure in the world until Ulm Minster was completed?	COLOGNE CATHEDRAL
5	Which river flows from Lake Ladoga, through Saint Petersburg, to the Gulf of Finland?	NEVA
6	Which former Portuguese colony, annexed by India in 1961, is India's richest state due to the large number of tourists who visit its beaches, places of worship and world heritage architecture?	GOA
7	Founded in 1976 by Anita Roddick, which company is now part owned by L'Oreal?	THE BODY SHOP
8	Which supermarket chain began as an egg and butter stall in Rawson Market, Bradford, in 1899?	MORRISONS
9	Where in Dublin did the stabbings in 1882 of Lord Frederick Cavendish and Thomas Henry Burke take place?	PHOENIX PARK
10	Who was director of the FBI from 1935 to 1972?	J EDGAR HOOVER
11	Which artist believed he had lodged in a room used by Jack the Ripper and in recent years has been accused of actually being Jack?	WALTER SICKERT
12	The Yorkshire Sculpture Park lies within the borders of which city?	WAKEFIELD
13	In 2014, Marvel Comics recast which superhero as a female character?	THOR
14	The absence of what animals in Ireland gave rise to the legend that they had all been banished by St. Patrick?	SNAKES
15	Which philosopher is known for the proposition "cogito ergo sum"?	RENE DESCARTES
16	The inner core of the Earth is a solid sphere consisting primarily of iron and which other metal?	NICKEL
17	What name is given to the cold ocean current that moves south, off the Atlantic coast of Canada?	LABRADOR (CURRENT)
18	Waggle dance is a term used for a particular figure-eight dance of which insect?	HONEY BEE (accept BEE)
19	The last known specimen of which bird was killed off Eldey Island, Iceland in 1844?	GREAT AUK – prompt on 'AUK'
20	Which type of whale is known as the sea canary due to its high-pitched twitter and is entirely white as an adult?	BELUGA
21	In which country were Ignaz Semmelweis, known as the "saviour of mothers", and Edward Teller, known as the "father of the hydrogen bomb", both born?	HUNGARY
22	Perseids, Leonids, Quadrantids, and Geminids are all examples of what type of celestial event?	METEOR SHOWERS
23	<i>The Casual Vacancy</i> by J.K. Rowling is set in which fictional West Country town?	PAGFORD
24	Who wrote the children's books <i>Stuart Little</i> and <i>Charlotte's Web</i> ?	E B WHITE
25	Who served the longest time in office as Poet Laureate, from 1850 to 1892?	ALFRED LORD TENNYSON
26	Which piece of music by Ralph Vaughan Williams finished top of the Classic FM Hall of Fame for the sixth time in 2015?	THE LARK ASCENDING
27	<i>Night and Day</i> is a 1946 biographical musical film starring Cary Grant as which composer and songwriter?	COLE PORTER
28	Which duet from Leo Delibes' opera <i>Lakme</i> was used on the British Airways 'Face' commercial?	FLOWER (DUET)

29	What is the name of the Finnish band that won the 2006 Eurovision Song Contest with the song <i>Hard Rock Hallelujah</i> ?	LORDI
30	<i>Cloudbuckooland</i> (1990) and <i>Sense</i> (1992) were the first two studio albums by which band from Liverpool?	LIGHTNING SEEDS
31	Who is lead singer and rhythm guitarist of the rock band Bush, who married Gwen Stefani in 2002?	GAVIN ROSSDALE
32	Which music festival, first held in 2006, takes place in July at Henham Park in Suffolk – the headline acts for 2015 are alt-J, Portishead, and Noel Gallagher's High Flying Birds?	LATITUDE
33	Which group produced <i>Time Out</i> , the first jazz album to be certified platinum?	DAVE BRUBECK QUARTET
34	Which Scottish snooker player knocked Mark Selby out of the 2015 World Championship but was beaten in the quarter-finals by Sean Murphy?	ANTHONY MCGILL
35	Which knighted actor played Mel Hutchwright in <i>Coronation Street</i> in 2005?	IAN MCKELLEN
36	Who hosted the revived version of <i>Take Your Pick!</i> from 1992 to 1998?	DES O'CONNOR
37	Which actor from Liverpool is best known for playing Denzil in <i>Only Fools and Horses</i> and Horse in <i>The Full Monty</i> ?	PAUL BARBER
38	Which American sitcom, set in Brooklyn, follows the lives of roommates Max Black and Caroline Channing, who work in a local diner?	2 BROKE GIRLS
39	First broadcast in 1947, which Radio 4 programme which is typically broadcast from a village hall, is currently chaired by Eric Robson and Peter Gibbs?	GARDENERS' QUESTION TIME
40	Mad hatter disease refers to poisoning among hatmakers whose felting work involved exposure to the vapours from which metal?	MERCURY
41	What was the name of the United States' first space station, which orbited the Earth from 1973 to 1979?	SKYLAB
42	Which class of drugs, which are used to lower cholesterol levels, include Lipitor, the best-selling drug in the history of pharmaceuticals?	STATINS
43	Richard Dawkins is married to which actress, who played the Doctor's companion Romana in <i>Doctor Who</i> ?	LALLA WARD
44	Carrie Fisher is the daughter of which actress, who received an Oscar nomination for her role in the film <i>The Unsinkable Molly Brown</i> ?	DEBBIE REYNOLDS
45	Who won the Razzies for both Worst Actor and Worst Actress for his roles in the 2011 film <i>Jack and Jill</i> ?	ADAM SANDLER
46	Who directed the films <i>The Day After Tomorrow</i> , <i>Godzilla</i> (1998 version), <i>Independence Day</i> , and <i>2012</i> ?	ROLAND EMMERICH
47	What is the full name of the new <i>Terminator</i> film starring Arnold Schwarzenegger, which is scheduled for release on 1 July 2015?	TERMINATOR GENISYS
48	Which brewery in Kent produces beers named <i>Spitfire</i> and <i>Bishop's Finger</i> ?	SHEPHERD NEAME
49	Although other meats can be substituted which meat is properly used in a Rogan josh in an Indian restaurant?	LAMB
50	Who created the cone bra for Madonna's Blond Ambition tour?	JEAN PAUL GAULTIER
51	Who was the only GB track cyclist to return from the Beijing Olympic Games in 2008 without a medal?	MARK CAVENDISH
52	Who won the BBC Sports Personality of the Year Award in both 1967 and 1970?	HENRY COOPER
53	Fought after the signing of the Treaty of Ghent which should have ended the conflict, the Battle of New Orleans was the final major battle of which war?	WAR OF 1812
54	Who was Premier of the Soviet Union during the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962?	NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV

55	Which cathedral in Staffordshire is the only medieval English cathedral with three spires, known as the 'ladies of the vale'?	LICHFIELD
56	Which city, which was the European Capital of Culture in 2005, is home to the Heineken Brewery that brews Murphy's Irish Stout?	CORK
57	Meaning "snow mountain", what is the highest point on the Isle of Man?	SNAEFELL
58	Hosting 234 million blogs as at 1 May 2015, which micro-blogging platform and social networking website was founded by David Karp in 2007 and sold to Yahoo! in 2013 for \$1.1 billion?	TUMBLR
59	Who made the "white heat of technology" speech at 1963 Labour Party conference at Scarborough?	HAROLD WILSON
60	Syngman Rhee was the first president of which country?	SOUTH KOREA
61	The APT was an experimental tilting high speed train developed by British Rail during the 1970s and early 1980s – what does APT stand for?	ADVANCED PASSENGER TRAIN
62	What was the name of the plane in which Charles Lindbergh made the first nonstop transatlantic flight in 1927?	SPIRIT OF ST LOUIS
63	Born in Coventry and employed by the RAF, which engineer invented the jet engine in 1930?	FRANK WHITTLE
64	Who is best known for designing the Crystal Palace, and a number of structures at Chatsworth House, including the Great Conservatory and the Emperor Fountain?	JOSEPH PAXTON
65	One of the founding fathers of the United States, who was the first US Secretary of the Treasury – his portrait appears on the US ten-dollar bill?	ALEXANDER HAMILTON
66	Presidents John Adams, John Quincy Adams, John F Kennedy and George Bush Senior were all born in which US state?	MASSACHUSETTS
67	What was the name of the first animal in space, a dog launched into Earth orbit in November 1957 aboard the Sputnik 2 spacecraft?	LAIKA
68	What is the name of the first song performed in the musical <i>Aspects of Love</i> , which reached No. 2 in the UK singles chart for Michael Ball in 1989?	LOVE CHANGES EVERYTHING
69	Who did Jake LaMotta fight six times during his career – the final fight, held in 1951, was known as the Saint Valentine's Day Massacre?	SUGAR RAY ROBINSON
70	David Beckham was sent off in the 1998 World Cup for kicking out at which Argentinean player?	DIEGO SIMEONE

Spare Questions

1	What is the name of the historic environment service of the Welsh Government, which works to protect the historic environment and heritage sites of Wales?	CADW
2	Which 1968 film which won three Academy Awards for its technical achievements starred James Garner as Formula One driver Pete Aron?	GRAND PRIX
3	What is the name of the high fibre diet created in the 1980s by Audrey Eyton?	F-PLAN
4	What name is used for a place of worship that falls directly under the jurisdiction of the British monarch, rather than a diocese?	ROYAL PECULIAR