

1	In 1897 which prolific American inventor was granted a patent for the kinetoscope, a precursor to the film projector?	<i>Thomas Edison</i>
2	Created by Ricky Gervais for a series of children's books, collectively what are Grundit, Coddleflop, Honk, Sprog, Glonk and Mudge Fuddler?	<i>Flanimals</i>
3	Football. In his programme notes for a match in February 2017 which Premier League manager wrote, 'The increase in performance doesn't have to be that big. If you put 2% on every player, that's an overall 22% increase in how you play'?	<i>Sam Allardyce</i>
4	Which conservation charity was founded as the Plumage League in 1889 by Emily Williamson at her house in Didsbury, Manchester?	<i>Royal Society for the Protection of Birds</i>
5	In elementary algebra what name is given to any equation having the form $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ ?	<i>Quadratic equation</i>
6	Which song was a number two hit for Frankie Vaughan in 1956 and a number one for Shakin' Stevens in 1981?	<i>Green Door</i>
7	Napoleon Bonaparte once described which famous square in a European city as 'the drawing room of Europe'?	<i>St Mark's Square (Venice)</i>
8	The so-called 'Chandos Portrait' attributed to John Taylor (1585–1651) is supposed to portray which famous Englishman?	<i>William Shakespeare</i>
9	First synthesized in 2003 the element with the atomic number 115 was officially named in November 2016 after the area around which capital city?	<i>Moscow (Moscovium)</i>
10	A museum in the Royal Victoria Arcade, Ryde on the Isle of Wight is dedicated to a man whose name is synonymous with the saucy seaside post card; who is he?	<i>Named for Moscow Oblast Donald Magill</i>
11	What was the name of the mail steamer that sank in 1909 with all passengers and crew sailing from the Isle of Man to Liverpool? It is also the title of a song about the event and the Manx name for the Isle of Man.	<i>Ellan Vannin</i>
12	Which species of freshwater fish, Latin name thymallus thymallus, sounds like the surname of a Cabinet minister?	<i>Grayling</i>
13	Who launched the 'Next' brand in 1982, an eponymous clothing range at Asda and the 'Per Una' range which he sold to Marks and Spencer in 2004?	<i>George Davis</i>
14	Which of the 27 amendments to the US Constitution is unique in that it is the only one to repeal a previous amendment?	<i>21<sup>st</sup> Amendment (repealed 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment – Prohibition)</i>
15	Yang di-Pertuan Agong (literally 'He Who Is Made Lord) is the title held by the monarch and head of state of which Commonwealth country, one the few elected monarchs in the world?	<i>Malaysia (currently Muhammed V of Kelantan)</i>
16	In 2006 the baiji was declared 'functionally extinct'. It was a freshwater dolphin found only in which river?	<i>Yangtze</i>
17	Cricket. In 2006 who became the first bowler to take a hat-trick in the opening over of a test match?	<i>Irfan Pathan (India)</i>
18	Who was King George V referring to in a 1934 letter to prime minister Stanley Baldwin when he wrote, 'After I am dead, the boy will ruin himself within twelve months'?	<i>His son David Prince of Wales future Edward VIII</i>
19	Discounting the areas of London that use them five British cities have single letter post codes, Birmingham, Liverpool and Manchester are three name either of the other two?	<i>Glasgow and Sheffield</i>
20	What two word rhyming name is shared by a cheeseburger that has the cheese inside the meat patty, a British blues rock band and a character in 'The Virgin Soldiers' by Leslie Thomas?	<i>Juicy Lucy</i>
21	Mathematician John Venn, aviatrix Amy Johnson, guitarist Mick Ronson and anti slavery campaigner William Wilberforce were all born in which English city?	<i>Kingston upon Hull accept Hull</i>
22	In 1959 which motor manufacturer patented the 3-point seat belt and fitted it to its Amazon model making it the first production car to be so equipped?	<i>Volvo</i>
23	A J Hackett and Chris Sigglekow used a mathematical formula developed by New Zealand's Department of Scientific and Industrial Research to develop which activity or extreme sport?	<i>Bungee Jumping</i>
24	Which work by William Makepeace Thackeray was originally published as a 19 volume serial with the subtitle 'Pen And Pencil Sketches of English Life'?	<i>Vanity Fair</i>
25	What was the first name of David Bowie's first wife who he once described as, 'having as much insight into the human condition as a walnut and a self interest that would make Narcissus green with envy'?	<i>Angie (accept Angela)</i>
26	Prior to Alejandro Inarritu in 2015 and 2016 who had been the last person to win two consecutive Academy Awards for Best Director?	<i>Joseph L Mankiewicz (1949 and 1950)</i>
27	Which Damon Runyon character is also the title of a Mercury Prize winning album by Elbow?	<i>The Seldom Seen Kid</i>
28	Best known for the anthemic 'Something In The Air' a hit in the summer of 1969, Thunderclap Newman only recorded one album 'Hollywood Dream'. It was produced by which rock guitarist and songwriter who also played bass on the album under the pseudonym Bijou Drains?	<i>Pete Townshend</i>

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| 29 | In a BBC television sitcom which character usually answers the telephone by saying, 'The lady of the house speaking'?  | <i>Hyacinth Bucket</i>                              |
| 30 | COMECON was an economic organization established in 1949 under the leadership the Soviet Union and mainly comprised the countries of the Eastern Bloc. Which was the only county to the west of the Iron Curtain to be a member state of COMECON?  | <i>Cuba</i>   |
| 31 | All bar three of the kings of France from the 10 <sup>th</sup> century onwards are buried at which large medieval abbey?   | <i>Basilica of <u>Saint Denis</u></i>               |
| 32 | Who created the 'Pop Idol' franchise, managed the Spicegirls and owns XIX Entertainment?   | <i>Simon Fuller</i>                                 |
| 33 | Written in sets of seven rhyming couplets what is the title of W H Davies poem that begins: What is this life if, full of care, We have no time to stand and stare. No time to stand beneath the boughs, And stare as long as sheep or cows. No time to see, when woods we pass, Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass? | <i>Leisure</i>                                      |
| 34 | What eight letter word is used for the process of working or shaping flint, chert and obsidian or other brittle stones?  | <i>Knapping</i>                                     |
| 35 | Which piece of music written by Samuel Barber was played at the funerals of Albert Einstein and Princess Grace of Monaco and was broadcast on US television for the announcement of the assassination of president John Kennedy?   | <i>Adagio for Strings</i>                           |
| 36 | Werther's Originals, the caramel flavoured sweet, takes its name from a town in which country where the company was founded in in 1903?  | <i>Germany</i>                                      |
| 37 | Two books of the Bible begin with the words 'In the beginning'; one is Genesis, which is the other?  | <i>John (In the beginning was the word . . . )</i>  |
| 38 | Piloted by Charles Sweeney what was the name of the B29 Superfortress that dropped the plutonium bomb called Fat Man on Nagasaki?  | <i>Bockscar</i>                                     |
| 39 | Following her divorce from Sonny Bono in 1975 Cher married which American musician, singer and songwriter?   | <i>Greg Allman</i>                                  |
| 40 | Patricia Cornwell's book 'Portrait Of A Killer: Jack The Ripper - Case Closed' presents a theory that which German born artist was the notorious murderer?   | <i>Walter Sickert</i>                               |
| 41 | What was the name of the fictional Shakespearean actor-manager and regular character on 'Wake Up To Wogan' who was created by Roger Byrne and Charles Slane?   | <i>Chuffer Dandridge</i>                            |
| 42 | How is the US state of Louisiana described in KFC's new in 2017 chicken based burger?  | <i>Dirty</i>  |
| 43 | Who wrote the literary satire 'The Dunciad'? It celebrates the goddess Dulness and the progress of her agents as they bring decay, imbecility and tastelessness to Great Britain.  | <i>Alexander Pope</i>                               |
| 44 | The Penguin Islands, the largest of which is called Possession Island with an area of 0.35 square miles, is a group of islands and rocks stretching along some 221 miles of the coast of which African country?  | <i>Namibia</i>                                      |
| 45 | Which French painter whose works include 'The Death of Marat' and 'Oath of the Tennis Court' voted in the National Convention for the death of Louis XVI?  | <i>Jacques-Louis David</i>                          |
| 46 | It's unlikely existence has been documented and a single photograph of it exists: what was 'The Colditz Cock'?   | <i>A Glider (made for an escape but never used)</i> |
| 47 | Aloysius Lilius also known as Luigi Lilio was a Neapolitan doctor, astronomer and chronologist and the 'primary author' of the proposal for what major change of the late 16 <sup>th</sup> century?  | <i>Gregorian Calendar</i>                           |
| 48 | The 1967 Grand National was famously won by Foinavon when a first fence faller, having jumped 21 fences loose, refused at the 23 <sup>rd</sup> and according to jockey John Oaksey 'cut down the leaders like a row of thistles'. What was the somewhat appropriate name of this horse?                                    | <i>Popham Down</i>                                  |
| 49 | Which actress made her last screen appearance when aged 35 and thereafter shunned publicity using many pseudonyms including Emily Clark, Karin Lund, Harriet Brown and Gussie Berger?  | <i>Greta Garbo</i>                                  |
| 50 | Which element, number four in the Periodic Table is contained in the gemstones emerald and aquamarine?   | <i>Beryllium</i>                                    |
| 51 | On March 5 <sup>th</sup> 1960 Cuban photographer Alberto Korda took a picture at a memorial service that he titled 'Guerrillo Heroico'. It was to become an iconic image of the age, who was the subject?  | <i>Ernesto 'Che' Guevara</i>                        |
| 52 | The five youngest men to win a Nobel Prize all did so in which category?   | <i>Physics</i>                                      |
| 53 | Which actress has played the following: Tina MacIntyre in 'Coronation Street, Georgie Lane in 'Our Girl' and Tina Moore in 'Tina And Bobby'?   | <i>Michelle Keegan</i>                              |
| 54 | In Dickens' 'David Copperfield' what is the name of the maid of the Copperfield household who plays a large part in David's upbringing and later marries Barkis?   | <i>Clara <u>Peggotty</u></i>                        |

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55	Designed by illustrator David Lloyd and appearing in the 2006 film 'V For Vendetta' a mask depicting which historical figure is a symbol of the online hactivist group Anonymous and other anti-establishment protests around the world?	<i>Guy Fawkes</i>
56	Which epic poem by Dante Alighieri is also the name of a band fronted by Neil Hannon?	<i>Divine Comedy</i>
57	Inspired in part by Islamic socialism and Arab and African nationalism who outlined his 'Third International Theory' in a little green book in the early 1970s?	<i>Colonel Muammar Gaddafi</i>
58	Which radical US feminist wrote the 'SCUM Manifesto'? Published in 1967 it argued that men have ruined the world and that it was up to women to fix it.	<i>Valerie Solanas</i>
59	The upmarket domestic appliance company Smeg is based in which country?	<i>Italy</i>
60	The 'Resolute Desk' so called because it was made from timbers from the British Arctic exploration ship 'Resolute' is used by presidents of the United States and was a gift from which British monarch?	<i>Queen Victoria</i>
61	In which country is Suffragette campaigner Sylvia Pankhurst buried? She was accorded a state funeral on her death there in 1960 due to her support of various national causes and is the only foreigner buried in front of its capital city's Holy Trinity Cathedral.	<i>Ethiopia</i>
62	Which scriptwriter and co-creator of 'Crossroads' set up 'Pyramid films' in the early 1970s with wrestling commentator Kent Walton specializing in erotic comedy and horror films such as 'Virgin Witch'? Together they also wrote scripts under the name Elton Hawke.	<i>Hazel Adair</i>
63	Name any of the three Britons that have held the post of NATO Secretary General?	<i>Hastings Ismay, Peter Carington, George Robertson</i> <i>Pinyin or Hànyǔ Pīnyīn</i>
64	Created by linguist Zhou Youguang who died in January 2017 aged 111 what is the name of the official system for writing Chinese in Latin script?	
65	Which two word alliterative nickname is shared by a breakfast time television fitness expert and the Bedford RLHZ Self Propelled Pump, a fire engine used originally by the Auxiliary Fire Service?	<i>Green Goddess</i>
66	Known as the 'Northamptonshire Peasant Poet' what was the name of the 19 <sup>th</sup> century poet described by Jonathan Bate as 'the greatest labouring-class poet England has ever produced'?	<i>John Clare</i>
67	Infinity is the luxury brand of car producer?	<i>Nissan</i>
68	What is the name of the Australian glass size, capacity 2/3 of a pint that was unsuccessfully introduced into British pubs for sales of beer and cider in 2011?	<i>Schooner</i>
69	It is the single biggest reenactment society in Europe and the oldest in Britain; it began in 1968. What is the name of this society that reenacts the battles and events of the English Civil War?	<i>The Sealed Knot</i>
70	The GCCF is the largest organisation registering pedigree cats in the United Kingdom; the G and first C stand for Governing Council; for what do the second C and the F stand?	<i>Cat Fancy (Governing Council of the Cat Fancy)</i>

*Spare Questions*

1	Often seen growing over hedgerows, traveller's joy is a species of which common garden flower?	<i>Clematis</i>
2	What is the official residence of the First Minister of Scotland?	<i>Bute House</i>
3	Which word connects the first Sunday after Easter, an Italian writer who won the 1959 Nobel Prize for Literature and a character created by Victor Hugo?	<i>Quasimodo</i>
4	The Elbphilharmonie Concert Hall, one of the largest and most acoustically advanced concert halls in the world, finally staged its first concert in January 2017 several years behind schedule and vastly over budget. In which city is the Elbphilharmonie Concert Hall?	<i>Hamburg</i>
5	Established on 2016, with its capital at Strasbourg which is the only one the 18 French administrative regions to border Germany?	<i>Grand Est</i>