

MERSEY SUMMER LEAGUE 2015 - set by David Rainford

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1. Which actor played Neil Baldwin in the 2014 BBC drama 'Marvellous', which featured cameo roles by Gary Lineker and Lou Macari?
TOBY JONES
2. With which medical development would we associate the names of Robert Edwards and Patrick Steptoe?
TEST TUBE BABIES (ACCEPT IVF)
3. The Maximos Mansion is the official residence of the prime minister of which EU country?
GREECE
4. What type of creature is a lancehead?
SNAKE
5. In which month of the year do Americans celebrate Columbus Day?
OCTOBER
6. The 1743 Battle of Dettingen took place during which war?
THE WAR OF THE AUSTRIAN SUCCESSION
7. In computing, what does the I stand for in the acronym GIF?
INTERCHANGE
8. Who directed the 2014 film 'Boyhood'?
RICHARD LINKLATER
9. Which author, who died in 2015, wrote the novel 'The Thorn Birds'?
COLLEEN McCULLOUGH
10. Novi Sad is the second largest city in which European country?
SERBIA
11. Fukuhara, Castellana, Joppa and Gardner are types of which fruit?
ORANGE
12. Held at Old Trafford in 1998, which rugby league team won the inaugural Super League Grand Final?
WIGAN WARRIORS
13. Who was MP for Liverpool Wavertree between 1992 and 2010?
JANE KENNEDY
14. One of the biggest selling albums of 2014 was 'Caustic Love'. It was released by which Scottish singer-songwriter?
PAOLO NUTINI
15. Bertram Mills and Gerry Cottle were names that were associated with which form of entertainment?
CIRCUS
16. The 1963 picture 'Eight Elvises' was painted by which American artist?
ANDY WARHOL
17. Which pretender to the English throne claimed to be Richard of Shrewsbury, Duke of York, son of Edward IV of England?
PERKIN WARBECK
18. Which Italian city has an airport named after the inventor Guglielmo Marconi?
BOLOGNA
19. Who is the youngest English cricketer to have scored a century in the 40-year history of the cricket World Cup?
JOE ROOT
20. Bob Denver was the main star of which US television sitcom which was produced between 1964 and 1967?
GILLIGAN'S ISLAND
21. What is the SI unit of luminous intensity?
CANDELA

22. 'Master Georgie', 'Every Man For Himself' and 'An Awfully Big Adventure' were novels written by which prolific British author, who died in 2010?
BERYL BAINBRIDGE
23. Winner of the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film at the 2015 Oscar ceremony, the dialogue of the film 'Ida' is largely in which language?
POLISH
24. A commodore in the Royal Navy is equivalent to which rank in the British army?
BRIGADIER
25. The fashion designers Carlos Miele and Alexandre Herchcovitch are what nationality?
BRAZILIAN
26. Which global brand is advertised with the slogan 'The Best a Man Can Get'?
GILLETTE
27. 'Les Troyens' or 'The Trojans' is a nineteenth century opera by which composer?
HECTOR BERLIOZ
28. Since 1990, who has been the presenter of the Radio 4 programme 'The Moral Maze'?
MICHAEL BUERK
29. The Macan is a make of car manufactured by which company?
PORSCHE
30. In 2012, 19 year-old Keshorn Walcott, representing Trinidad and Tobago, became the youngest ever male Olympic gold medallist in which field event?
JAVELIN
31. Antony Jenkins is the chief executive of which major bank?
BARCLAYS
32. Which vegetable has the Latin name *Apium graveolens*?
CELERY
33. Vivien Merchant earned her only Academy Award nomination playing the role of Lily Clamacraft in which 1966 film?
ALFIE
34. Opened in 2004, NET is a light rail tramway covering which British city?
NOTTINGHAM
35. 'Half-pipe', 'parallel slalom' and 'slopestyle' are all Olympic disciplines in which winter sport?
SNOWBOARDING
36. The twelfth and final labour assigned to Hercules involved the capture of which dog?
CERBERUS
37. Who immediately succeeded Warren Harding as US president?
CALVIN COOLIDGE
38. Which Italian architect was responsible for London's 87-storey skyscraper The Shard?
RENZO PIANO
39. Of the 111 winners of the Nobel Prize for Literature, what has been the most common nationality of the recipients?
FRENCH
40. Born in 1970, Dana Elaine Owens is better known as which entertainer?
QUEEN LATIFAH
41. Puncak Jaya is the highest peak on which large island?
NEW GUINEA
42. The Vira is a traditional dance originating in which European country?
PORTUGAL
43. DCI Sasha Miller, ex DCI Dan Griffin and ex DCI Steve McAndrew are all characters in which long-running BBC TV series?
NEW TRICKS

44. Nosocomephobia is an irrational fear of which type of building?
HOSPITAL
45. With the chemical symbol Rg, which chemical element is number 111 on the periodic table?
ROENTGENIUM
46. Blackie and Brownie were names given to his favourite Fender Stratocasters by which guitarist?
ERIC CLAPTON
47. The Hampton Roads Conference was a peace conference held aboard the steamboat River Queen to discuss terms to end which war?
AMERICAN CIVIL WAR
48. Which Hollywood actress married Romain Dauriac in October 2014, her second husband after her previous marriage to Ryan Reynolds?
SCARLETT JOHANNSON
49. In which religion is the Day of Ashura a significant festival?
ISLAM
50. DY is a UK postcode area. After which town is it named?
DUDLEY
51. Simeon II, who reigned between 1943 and 1946, was the last monarch of which European country?
BULGARIA
52. The West Brom footballer Stéphane Sèssegnon represents which country at international level?
BENIN
53. Who is the presenter of the ITV quiz show 'Ejector Seat'?
ANDI PETERS
54. In 18th century English furniture-making, the 'big three' were acknowledged as Thomas Sheraton, Thomas Chippendale and which cabinet-maker from County Durham?
GEORGE HEPPLWHITE
55. Hawaiian Monk, Mediterranean Monk, Harbour and Leopard are all types of which creature?
SEAL
56. In terms of area, what is the second largest country in Africa?
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO
57. The 17th century painting 'The Laughing Cavalier' is housed in which London art museum?
THE WALLACE COLLECTION
58. Which former world snooker champion is nicknamed 'The Magician'?
SHAUN MURPHY
59. Elected leader of the UK Green Party in 2012, Natalie Bennett was born in which country?
AUSTRALIA
60. Larissa, Galatea and Proteus are all moons of which planet in the solar system?
NEPTUNE
61. What was Slade's first UK number one single?
COZ I LUV YOU
62. Born in 1850, what was the first name of the English army officer the 1st Lord Kitchener?
HORATIO
63. In 2014, who said upon meeting Helen Mirren 'I should probably call you Granny'?
PRINCE WILLIAM (DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE)
64. 'Captain Singleton', 'Colonel Jack' and 'Memoirs of a Cavalier' are all 18th century novels by which author?
DANIEL DEFOE

65. Kimchi is the national dish of which Asian country?

SOUTH KOREA

66. Who played the title role in the 1992 film 'Hoffa'?

JACK NICHOLSON

67. In which city has the Formula One United States Grand Prix been held since 2012?

AUSTIN

68. Mariano Rajoy was elected prime minister of which European Union country in 2011?

SPAIN

69. Since 1977 what has been the assay mark for the English city of Sheffield?

(YORKSHIRE) ROSE

70. In which long-running Broadway and West End musical do the characters Monsieur André, Monsieur Firmin and Madame Giry appear?

PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

SPARE QUESTIONSS

1 What is the nationality of the golfer Camilo Villegas?

COLOMBIAN

2 The Madonna of the Meadow', which is currently housed in Vienna, is a painting by which Renaissance artist?

RAPHAEL

3 In which country did the TV series 'Dragon's Den' originate?

JAPAN

4 Which scientist famously lived at Down House at Downe in Kent?

CHARLES DARWIN

5 The musician Bruno Mars was born and raised in which US state?

HAWAII