

Questions set by Darren Martin. Correct as at March 2015

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1	Which islands are generally believed to have taken their name from the Old Norse word for sheep?	Faroe Islands
2	How is the painter born Michelangelo Merisi in 1573 more commonly known?	Caravaggio
3	The name of which US state was the title of a 1960 hit for Perry Como?	Delaware
4	How do we generally refer to the birds that are known as chickadees in the USA?	Tits
5	Which was the last club to win the FA Cup with an entirely English team?	West Ham United
6	Name either of the European ports to which there is a regular passenger ferry service from Kingston-upon-Hull?	Rotterdam or Zebbrugge
7	What is the more correct term for what is commonly known as a photographic memory?	Eidetic Memory
8	Which work of Irish literature was first published in 1922, but was banned in Britain until 1937?	Ulysses by James Joyce
9	What is the oldest north–south main thoroughfare in New York City, dating back to the first New Amsterdam settlement?	Broadway
10	What is the first name of David Cameron's youngest daughter, born in 2010?	Florence
11	Which saint is traditionally depicted as being pierced by arrows?	St Sebastian
12	Who played Ross Poldark in the 2015 BBC adaptation of the Winston Graham novels?	Aidan Turner
13	In pottery, what name is given to the thin mixture of clay and water used like paint for decorating earthenware?	Slip
14	Which London mainline station includes an air terminal for passengers travelling by train to Gatwick Airport?	Victoria
15	The 1986 French film <i>Manon des Sources</i> was the sequel to which earlier film?	Jean de Florette
16	In which city in Lower Saxony are the headquarters of motor manufacturer Volkswagen?	Wolfsburg
17	What surname connects the lead singers of the bands Suede, Jethro Tull and Yes?	Anderson (Brett, Ian, Jon)
18	Which unit of currency ceased to be legal tender in Britain on November 21 st 1970?	Ten Shilling Note
19	In the films of the same name, what are <i>The Blue Gardenia</i> , <i>The Blue Dahlia</i> and <i>The Blue Angel</i> ?	Night Clubs
20	Which position in US politics is currently held by Eric Holder? (NB succeeded by Loretta Lynch in April 2015)	Attorney General
21	Which cosmonaut was the first person to walk in space?	Alexei Leonov
22	Which is Britain's third-longest river, only the Severn and the Thames being longer?	Trent
23	In 1917, all of which country's nationals in Germany were detained as hostages?	USA
24	Who became the youngest ever undisputed chess champion at the age of 22 when he defeated Anatoly Karpov in 1985?	Garry Kasparov
25	Which European country has had twin brothers serving simultaneously as Prime Minister and President in the 21 st century?	Poland
26	Which New Zealander won the gold medal in the men's 800m and 1500m at the 1964 Olympics?	Peter Snell
27	Love-Lies-Bleeding is a popular name for which plant that has long tassels of bright red flowers?	Amaranthus
28	In the 1974 film <i>The Taking of Pelham 123</i> , the hijackers are all disguised as which famous American film comedian?	Groucho Marx
29	Which gas has the chemical formula C ₂ H ₂ ?	Acetylene (Accept Ethyne)
30	What is the name of the country house in County Durham, where Velasquez's masterpiece <i>The Toilet of Venus</i> was hung from 1813 until it was purchased by the National Gallery in 1906?	Rocheby Park
31	Adria Airways is the national airline of which EU country?	Slovenia
32	What was the name of the character played by Sid James in the ITV sitcom <i>Bless This House</i> ?	Sid Abbott
33	In the news against this year, who was the last Foreign Secretary in a John Major government?	Malcolm Rifkind
34	Having overtaken New York's Fifth Avenue in 2012, the rents in the shopping area of Causeway Bay are now the most expensive in the world; where in the world is Causeway Bay?	Hong Kong
35	On which date in September is Battle of Britain Day?	15th September
36	The painter Gwen John was, for over 10 years, the lover of which sculptor?	Auguste Rodin
37	The tourist hotspot of Sharm el-Sheikh lies at the tip of which peninsular?	Sinai Peninsular
38	His country's fourth most-capped player, who captained Ireland to their 2015 Six Nations title?	Paul O'Connell
39	Born Ruth Lee Jones, who had a posthumous 1992 hit with the song <i>Mad About the Boy</i> ?	Dinah Washington

41	<i>Leaving Time</i> is the 24 th and latest novel by which bestselling American female writer?	Jodi Picoult
42	According to the proverb, what is the "the mother of good fortune"?	Diligence
43	Name either of the authors of <i>The Principia Mathematica</i> , a three-volume work on the foundations of mathematics published in the early 20 th century?	Alfred North Whitehead or Bertrand Russell
44	Which American boxer took the world heavyweight title from Max Schmelling, the only German holder, and lost it to Primo Carnera, the only Italian holder?	Jack Sharkey
45	Played by John Hurt in the film, what was the name of the man wrongly executed for the murders committed by John Reginald Christie?	Timothy Evans
46	What name was given to the wars in England fought between 1215 and 1217, and between 1264 and 1267?	(1 st & 2 nd) Barons' Wars
47	Reaching a height of 1,600ft, what is the name of the pass through the Appalachian Mountains near the junction of Tennessee, Kentucky and Virginia?	Cumberland Gap
48	Which author, from the same family as a well known Victorian novelist, wrote <i>A Village Affair</i> , <i>A Passionate Man</i> and <i>The Rector's Wife</i> ?	Joanna Trollope
49	Named after a character used to advertise them, the breakfast cereal <i>Sugar Puffs</i> were rebranded as what in 2014?	Honey Monster Sugar Puffs
50	Invar is an alloy chiefly consisting of iron and which other metallic element?	Nickel
51	Which future England manager, who played for West Bromwich Albion and Fulham, scored four goals in a total of 20 appearances for his country between 1957 and 1962?	Bobby Robson
52	Who directed the 2014 film <i>Interstellar</i> ?	Christopher Nolan
53	Now a World Heritage Site, what is the name of the model village set up in 1786 to house mill workers in the Clyde valley south-west of Glasgow?	New Lanark
54	Which American children's author coined the word 'Nerd' in his book <i>If I Ran the Zoo</i> , published in 1950?	Dr Seuss (Theodore Geisel)
55	Which group had a top 5 hit in 1964 with a song entitled <i>Um um um um um um</i> ?	Wayne Fontana and The Mindbenders
56	In which country would you find the southernmost point of mainland Asia?	Malaysia
57	What was the subject of the 1983 Franks Report?	Falklands Invasion
58	In which year of the 1950s did Agatha Christie's <i>The Mousetrap</i> open in London?	1952
59	Ross Ulbricht was found guilty earlier this year of the creation and running of which black market website, part of the Deep Web, best known as a platform for selling illegal drugs?	Silk Road
60	Which television play by Dennis Potter concerned a group of seven-year-olds playing in the Forest of Dean in the summer of 1943, all of the children being played by adult actors?	Blue Remembered Hills
61	Which French river joins the Garonne to form the Gironde estuary?	Dordogne
62	What is the name of Brutus's wife in Shakespeare's <i>Julius Caesar</i> ?	Portia
63	Who, in 1994, broke a record which had been held by Hanif Mohammed since 1959?	Brian Lara (highest score in first class cricket)
64	The word perk, meaning a privilege or benefit, is an abbreviation of which longer word?	Perquisite
65	In which country are the wines <i>Goats do Roam</i> , <i>Bored Doe</i> and <i>Goat-Roti</i> all produced?	South Africa
66	Which Irish author wrote the 2005 Booker Prize-winning novel <i>The Sea</i> ?	John Banville
67	Which actor played the part of Nick Leeson in the 1999 film <i>Rogue Trader</i> ?	Ewan McGregor
68	Who became the new prime minister of Greece in January of this year?	Alexis Tsipras
69	Which Berkshire town was the site of two battles in the English Civil War, in 1643 and 1644?	Newbury
70	The PDC World Darts Championship trophy was renamed in 2013 in honour of whom following his death the previous year?	Sid Waddell

Spare Questions

1	Which was the first Asian city to host the Olympic Games?	Tokyo
2	Based on the book of the same name by SLA Marshall, which 1959 Lewis Milestone film stars Gregory Peck and George Peppard as US soldiers in the Korean War?	Pork Chop Hill
3	In the Christian calendar, what name, other than Holy Wednesday or Holy and Great Wednesday) is given to the Wednesday of Holy Week, the day before Maundy Thursday?	Spy Wednesday
4	Which Spanish liqueur takes its name from the number of herbs used in its production?	Cuarenta Y Tres / Licor 43