

Merseyside Quiz Summer 2015 – Set by Nic Paul

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1) Which disease is named after an outbreak of pneumonia which occurred at a convention of the American Legion at Philadelphia in 1976?

ANSWER: Legionnaires' disease

2) Diane Chambers, Rebecca Howe, Lilith Sternin and Carla Tortelli were four of the main female characters in which U.S. sitcom?

ANSWER: Cheers

3) Which Italian expression describes pasta that is cooked but still firm to the bite?

ANSWER: Al dente

4) With the Buffalo, Elephant, Lion and Leopard, which other animal makes up Africa's 'big five'?

ANSWER: Rhino

5) As in the singer Rod Stewart, the name Rod is a shortened form of what?

ANSWER: Roderick

6) Coined by German author Jean Paul, which German word meaning 'world weariness' describes the disappointing comparison of the world as it actually is to a fictional idealised world?

ANSWER: Weltschmerz

7) Mark Gatiss based his portrayal of Mycroft Holmes in the BBC drama Sherlock, on the characteristics of which politician?

ANSWER: (Peter) Mandelson

8) The deglet noor variety makes up the majority of California's crop of which fruit?

ANSWER: Date

9) The love theme from Romeo and Juliet composed by Nino Rota, was the music used by which DJ for his 'Our Tune' radio feature?

ANSWER (Simon) Bates

10) What is the food related nickname of the HQ of G.C.H.Q in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire?

ANSWER: Doughnut

11) A Dorkie is a cross between a Yorkshire terrier and which other dog breed?

ANSWER: Dachshund

12) Since 1972, Henrik has been Prince consort of which European country?

ANSWER: Denmark

13) What small seaside village near Clacton - on - Sea was in 2011 named Britain's most deprived community?

ANSWER: Jaywick (on sea)

14) Who was the leading point's scorer in Rugby Union's 2015 Six Nations Championship?

ANSWER: (George) Ford

15) Whitby Morrison, based in Crewe, are the leading manufacturers of what vehicles seen on Britain's roads at certain times of the year?

ANSWER: Ice Cream Van's

16) Which leader of the Labour party was described by Private Eye magazine as 'Worzel'?

ANSWER: (Michael) Foot

17) Which 8 letter colloquial word is used for the process of checking a piece of building work for minor faults that need to be rectified?

ANSWER: Snagging

18) What was the name of the tiger voiced by George Sanders in the 1967 Disney animation The Jungle Book?

ANSWER: Shere Khan

19) Which member of the British Royal Family was born on 15th September 1984 at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, London?

ANSWER: Prince Henry/Harry

20) Who is the Radio 1 sidekick of DJ Scott Mills, who is one of the team captains on the E4 quiz show Virtually Famous?

ANSWER: (Chris) Stark

21) The Syrian city of Homs, much in the news in 2014 under threat from ISIS, is near the border of which other country?

ANSWER: Lebanon

22) Which hobby/sport did Samuel Johnson define as "a stick and a string, with a worm at one end and a fool at the other"?

ANSWER: Fishing/Angling

23) In 2002, Iran, Iraq and which other country were described by George W Bush as the 'Axis of Evil'?

ANSWER: North Korea

24) Also called Bee glue or Hive Dross, what name is given to a greenish-brown resinous substance collected by bees from tree buds for use in the construction of hives?

ANSWER: Propolis

25) What is the name of the duo, comprising Alex Larke and Bianca Nicholas, who represented the UK at the 2015 Eurovision Song Contest?

ANSWER: Electro Velvet

26) In the summer of 2015 Katharine Viner will replace Alan Rusbridger as editor-in-chief of which daily newspaper?

ANSWER: Guardian

27) Which work by Igor Stravinsky is subtitled 'Pictures of Pagan Russia in Two Parts'?

ANSWER: Rite of Spring

28) Which novel by Emily Bronte is narrated by Mr Lockwood and Nelly Dean?

ANSWER: Wuthering Heights

29) Which country hosted the first cricket World Cup in 1975?

ANSWER: England

30) Periorbital haematoma is the medical term for which condition?

ANSWER: Black eye

31) Which series of six paintings by William Hogarth, depicts the loveless marriage of Viscount Squanderfield, his wife and her lover Silvertongue?

ANSWER: Marriage a la Mode

32) The names of how many states of the USA begin with the letter 'N'?

ANSWER: 8 (Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina and North Dakota)

33) What Italian city, the capital of Liguria, has given its name to a cake topped with almonds?

ANSWER: Genoa

34) Who is the host of the ITV quiz show Tipping Point?

ANSWER: (Ben) Shepherd

35) What religious cult is associated with the belief that 75 million years ago a leader named Xenu brought his people to Earth?

ANSWER: Scientology

36) Sharing the name with a Roman emperor, what name was commonly given to the decree issued by Hitler in 1945 ordering the destruction of the German infrastructure to prevent it falling into the hands of the allies?

ANSWER: Nero (Decree)

37) Which band had UK hit singles in the 1990's entitled 'This Is How It Feels', 'Saturn 5' and 'Dragging Me Down'?

ANSWER: Inspiral Carpets

38) Which country is bordered by Burma, Laos, Cambodia and Malaysia?

ANSWER: Thailand

39) Which actor played Mr Orange in the 1992 Quentin Tarantino film Reservoir Dogs and Pumpkin in the 1994 Quentin Tarantino film Pulp Fiction?

ANSWER: (Tim) Roth

40) Pomology is the branch of horticulture specifically concerned with growing what?

ANSWER: Fruit

41) Also known as the Ischiadic nerve, what is the longest and widest nerve in the human body?

ANSWER: Sciatic nerve

42) Which country's dissolution is sometimes known as the 'Velvet Divorce'?

ANSWER: Czechoslovakia

43) From the Latin for 'many flowering', what type of garden rose was developed by crossing polyantha with hybrid tea roses?

ANSWER: Floribunda

44) In Ten-Pin Bowling, what name is given to the pin at the front of the triangular formation, it shares its name with a Farrelly Brothers movie about the sport?

ANSWER: Kingpin

45) Cm is the chemical symbol for which transuranic element?

ANSWER: Curium

46) Neil Kinnock's daughter in law, Helle Thorning-Schmidt, has since 2005 been Prime Minister of which European country?

ANSWER: Denmark

47) In terms of area, which is the smallest state of Australia?

ANSWER: Tasmania

48) In Things Aren't Simple Anymore, the final episode of the TV sitcom One Foot in the Grave, which actress played Glynis Holloway; who ran over and killed Victor Meldrew?

ANSWER: (Hannah) Gordon

49) In 1989 a storm given the name the 'Great Dark Spot' was discovered on which planet in our solar system?

ANSWER: Neptune

50) Almadi Point, the most westerly point of mainland Africa, is located in which country?

ANSWER: Senegal

51) Which fatty secretion from wool is also known as 'wool wax' or wool grease?

ANSWER: Lanolin

52) Which Oscar winning 2010 movie, set in the world of dancing, starred Natalie Portman and Mila Kunis?

ANSWER: Black Swan

53) He died in March 2015, who became the first Prime Minister of Singapore in 1959?

ANSWER: Lee Kuan Yew

54) Located in Cheshire, by what name is the Nuffield Radio Astronomy Laboratory better known?

ANSWER: Jodrell Bank

55) In the James Bond film Goldfinger, Operation Grand Slam was the name given to the plan to rob what?

ANSWER: Fort Knox

56) In which annual sporting event, the score of which is currently 81-78, do the Middlesex and Surrey bends play prominent roles?

ANSWER: University Boat Race

57) In Greek mythology, which King of Thebes killed Laius, his father, and married his mother, Jocasta?

ANSWER: Oedipus

58) Sharing the name with a battle of 1571, which poem by G.K. Chesterton opens with the line "White founts falling in the courts of the Sun"?

ANSWER: Lepanto

59) Which Island on the south-east of the Thames estuary is separated from the mainland by a channel called 'the Swale'?

ANSWER: Isle of Sheppey

60) Which class of mollusc has a name meaning 'stomach foot'?

ANSWER: Gastropod

61) Lexus is the luxury vehicle division of which car manufacturer?

ANSWER: Toyota

62) Claiming to be the World's oldest, the Althing is the Parliament of which country?

ANSWER: Iceland

63) Which Russian composer's work includes the 'Russian Easter Festival Overture' and the opera 'Mozart and Salieri'?

ANSWER: (Nikolai) Rimsky-Korsakov

64) In which TV series did Terence Alexander play a character named Charlie Hungerford?

ANSWER: Bergerac

65) In which year did Margaret Thatcher become British Prime Minister for the first time?

ANSWER: 1979

66) Who famously got lost in the Sahara desert, with his rally co-driver Charlotte Verney?

ANSWER: (Mark) Thatcher

67) The film *Beloved Infidel*, starring Gregory Peck, was based on the life of which American writer?

ANSWER: F Scott Fitzgerald

68) Which band's second album, *Contra*, featured the model Ann Kirsten Kennis on the cover and landed the group in court as they had not sought her permission?

ANSWER: Vampire Weekend

69) Which battle of 1746 took place five miles east of Inverness?

ANSWER: Culloden

70) Which asteroid is the second brightest in our solar system and the only one visible from Earth?

ANSWER: Vesta

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1) A deficiency of which vitamin causes the failure of the blood to clot?

ANSWER: K

2) For which film did Harrison Ford gain his only Oscar nomination?

ANSWER: Witness

3) Which poet and novelist wrote the works Headlong Hall and Nightmare Abbey?

ANSWER: (Thomas Love) Peacock

4) Who is the only footballer to score goals in the League Cup Final, FA Cup Final, UEFA Cup Final and Champions League Final?

ANSWER: (Steven) Gerrard

5) What did the Ancient Greeks and Romans call the historical region covering the modern-day flat regions that straddle present-day Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Tajikistan?

ANSWER: Bactria