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1. Which television panel show takes its name from a famous *Whiskas* advertising tagline?

8 Out of 10 Cats

2. Accounting for approximately 0.93% of the Earth's atmosphere, which noble gas is the third most abundant gas in our atmosphere?

Argon

3. In operation since 1846, the Maid of the Mist is a popular boat tour of which of the world's great tourist attractions?

Niagara Falls

4. In *Monty Python's Life of Brian*, Graham Chapman plays both the title character and which amusingly-named Roman?

Biggus Dickus

5. Which large gulf off the coast of Australia's Northern Territory is named for a European monarch?

Joseph Bonaparte Gulf

6. Now home to a safari park and a Center Parcs village, which country house is the traditional family seat of the Dukes of Bedford?

Woburn Abbey

7. The New York borough of Queens was named after the wife of which English King?

Charles II

8. Lucy Maud Montgomery's novel *Anne of Green Gables* is set on which island?

Prince Edward Island

9. What is the surname of the brothers Alistair and Jonathan who won the gold and bronze medals, respectively, in the triathlon at the 2012 Olympics in London?

Brownlee

10. Although common in mainland Europe, which mammal's UK range is almost entirely limited to the Chiltern Hills of southeast England?

Edible dormouse

11. Supplying 40% of the water of Northern Ireland, which lough is the largest lake – by area – in the British Isles?

Lough Neagh

12. Britain's largest gay village is centred around, and often named for, which pedestrianized street in Manchester?

Canal Street

13. Which fictional character has been played in films by Robert Donat, Peter O'Toole, and Martin Clunes?

Mr. Chips

14. Which appropriate figure from folklore gave his name to the mass evacuation of 3 million children from British cities upon the outbreak of World War II?

Pied Piper

15. Published posthumously in 1681, what was the equally monstrous title of Thomas Hobbes' follow up to *Leviathan*?

Behemoth

16. The Grade II listed George Hotel in Huddersfield is most famous as being the birthplace of which sport?

Rugby League

17. Which English political economist is best-remembered for his 1798 *An Essay on the Principle of Population* in which he argued that population would ultimately be checked by famine and disease?

Thomas Malthus

18. Between 1957 and 1988, Herstmonceux Castle in East Sussex was home to which famous institution?

Royal Greenwich Observatory

19. The Cutty Sark was named after a character who appeared prominently in which famous 1791 poem?

Tam o' Shanter

20. Finishing in the top 3 in the voting for the Ballon D'Or on three occasions during the 1980s, which German midfielder is one of a small number of players to have made the transfer between Barcelona and Real Madrid, doing so in 1988?

Bernd Schuster

21. Which theatre was built by Richard D'Oyly Carte in 1881 as a showcase for the comic operas of Gilbert and Sullivan?

Savoy Theatre

22. Britain's tallest tree is which species, particularly common in western England and Scotland and named for a Scottish botanist?

Douglas fir

23. Damien Hirst's famous work *Mother and Child, Divided* – depicting a dissected cow and calf – took its title in homage to which artist's 1934 sculpture *Mother and Child*?

Barbara Hepworth

24. Still played today in certain counties including Bedfordshire, Bucks and Oxfordshire today, which traditional English game sees competitors throwing sticks at a model of an old woman's head?

Aunt Sally

25. Although made famous by Madness, the song *It Must Be Love* was written and first recorded by which British singer born to a Nigerian father and a British mother of Belgo-Barbadian descent?

Labi Siffre

26. Edward Jenner developed the smallpox vaccine in 1798 after observing that smallpox was never caught by milkmaids who had previously caught which other related disease?

Cowpox

27. Alan Sillitoe's novels *Saturday Night and Sunday Morning* and *The Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner* are both set primarily in which English city?

Nottingham

28. What name is given to the riots that occurred in South and Mid Wales between 1839 and 1843 that saw groups of men dressed as women destroy toll-gates in protest at unfair taxation?

Rebecca riots

29. Historically, a saggar maker's bottom knocker was a young boy employed to assist in the making of items made from which material?

Ceramics or pottery

30. Donald Sinden and Elaine Stritch both died last year. They starred together in which British sit-com which ran from 1975 to 1979?

Two's Company

31. Now a Grade I listed building, Willy Lott's Cottage in Suffolk features prominently in which extremely famous painting?

The Hay Wain

32. Which castle on Anglesey was built between 1295 and 1330 as part of Edward I's campaign to conquer North Wales?

Beaumaris Castle

33. *X-Factor* winner Alexandra Burke is the daughter of Melissa Bell, who sang with which band best-known for the 1989 top 5 hit *Back to Life (However Do You Want Me)*?

Soul II Soul

34. The Welsh Assembly Building and the Wales Millennium Centre are both located on a square in Cardiff named for which writer?  
Roald Dahl
35. The soft drink Vimto is flavoured with the juice of blackcurrant, raspberry, and which other fruit?  
Grape
36. Which post was held by both Lanfranc and Anselm during the reign of William the Conqueror?  
Archbishop of Canterbury
37. The Swiss woman, Monique Delacroix, is the mother of which very famous fictional British character?  
James Bond
38. All the curling stones used at the Olympic Games have been fashioned from granite taken from a quarry on which Scottish island?  
Ailsa Craig
39. Which English cathedral was reputedly the tallest building in the world between 1092 and 1311?  
Lincoln Cathedral
40. Which American President amazingly has two living grandsons despite the fact that he was born in 1790?  
John Tyler
41. What is the name of the island, approximately 1 square mile in area, that lies off the southwest coast of the Isle of Man?  
Calf of Man
42. The father of acting siblings named Kate and Samantha, which English actor is best-remembered for his roles as Lennie Godber in *Porridge* and Alan Moore in *Rising Damp*?  
Richard Beckinsale
43. Which appetiser, traditionally consisting of thinly sliced strips of raw beef, veal, or tuna is named for a 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> century Italian painter of the Venetian school?  
Carpaccio
44. Which character from Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* dies with the words, "May a plague strike both your families! They've turned me into food for worms. I'm done for. Curse your families! Mercutio
45. Walmer Castle in Kent is the official residence of the holder of which ceremonial post?  
Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports
46. The painter David Hockney, the playwright J.B. Priestly, and the composer Frederick Delius were all born in which city?  
Bradford
47. What name is shared by the SI unit of magnetic flux and the German sociologist best known for writing *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*?  
Weber
48. Founded by Dr. William Penny Brookes and directly inspiring the Modern Olympic Games, which town in Shropshire has hosted its own annual Olympics since 1850?  
Much Wenlock
49. At 9 feet below sea level, the lowest point in Great Britain is to be found in the village of Holme in which county?  
Cambridgeshire (accept Huntingdonshire as this is the historical county)
50. What is the first name of Woodie Guthrie's son who is, perhaps, best-known for his 18-and-a-half-minute long musical monologue entitled *Alice's Restaurant Massacre*?  
Arlo
51. Which famous tourist attraction is built on the grounds of the former estate of the Earl of Shrewsbury?  
Alton Towers

52. Although never himself monarch, which famous historical figure was both the third son of Edward III and the father of Henry IV?

John of Gaunt

53. Silkie or selkie are mythological creatures – closely associated with Shetland and Orkney – which take the form of which animal?

Seals

54. Which fast bowler took a miraculous 9 wickets for 57 runs in a Test innings against South Africa at the Oval in 1994?

Devon Malcolm

55. Which controversial Englishman led the ultimately unsuccessful expedition to conquer Kanchenjunga in 1905?

Aleister Crowley

56. Which British car manufacturer is based at the former site of RAF Hethel, a World War II airfield in Norfolk?

Lotus

57. Which banded variety of fluorite – used as a gemstone – is found only in an eponymous cavern and the Treak Cliff Cavern, both in Derbyshire?

Blue John

58. What is the famous last line of Lord Alfred Douglas' poem *Two Loves*, first published in *The Chameleon* in 1894?

I am the love that dare not speak its name

59. Which country of 998 square miles traces its history to its founding on a promontory known as the Bock in 963 AD where Count Siegfried built his first castle?

Luxembourg

60. In a 1974 Sam Peckinpah film, a powerful man known only as El Jefe offers a \$1 million reward to anyone who will bring him... what?

The head of Alfredo Garcia

61. What first name and surname is shared by the current host of BBC Radio 4's *Brain of Britain* and the screenwriter responsible for the 2005 revival of *Doctor Who*?

Russell Davies

62. In which decade did John Logie Baird invent the television, did Alexander Fleming discover penicillin, and did Macleod, Banting, Best, and Collip discover insulin?

1920s

63. Inspiring the 2014 film *The Riot Club*, which exclusive all-male Oxford University students club is known for its grand banquets and trashing of restaurants and college rooms?

Bullingdon Club

64. In which town does the Cornish Pirates rugby union team play its home games?

Penzance

65. Deriving ultimately from the old Irish for 'companion', what name is given to the traditional social gatherings – common in Ireland and Scotland – which involve Gaelic folk music and dancing?

Ceilidh (pronounced 'KAY-LEE')

66. Which chemist "lived in the odium of having discovered sodium"?

Humphry Davy

67. Famous for his namesake dyke, Offa was the king of which Anglo-Saxon kingdom with its capital at Tamworth?

Mercia

68. The 1999 film *Boys Don't Cry* and the 2005 film *Just Like Heaven* both took their names from 80s singles by which British band?

The Cure

69. The last absolute monarch of sub-Saharan Africa and currently in possession of 15 wives, King Mswati III is the head of state in which country?

Swaziland

70. In the *Book of Genesis*, Joseph was imprisoned because he was falsely accused of raping the wife of which captain of the palace guard?

Potiphar

#### Spare Questions

1 Which city did Astana replace as capital of Kazakhstan in 1998?

ALMATY

2 Which Italian early Renaissance painter and architect is said to have drawn a perfect circle freehand for the Pope?

GIOTTO

3 What was the name of The Addams Family's pet octopus?

ARISTOTLE

4 In which country did French troops help to restore former President David Dacko to power in 1979?

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

5 Diaphoresis is the technical name for which bodily process?

SWEATING