

Mersey Summer League 2016

Questions set by Maddog. Correct as at 1st April 2016

1	Which time zone is abbreviated to CET?	Central European Time
2	Give a year in which the Second Opium War in which British and French forces fought against the Qing dynasty in China, took place?	1857-1860
3	Which 1750 Thomas Gainsborough picture depicts a couple with the forenames Robert and Frances with their dog in the former's estate?	Mr & Mrs Andrews
4	Which actor played the title role in the 2004 film "The Calcium Kid"?	Orlando Bloom
5	Baku is the capital of which country?	Azerbaijan
6	Which politician became Time magazine person of the year in 2015?	Angela Merkel
7	Published in 1991, "The Liar" was the first novel by whom?	Stephen Fry
8	The American Civil War battle commonly known as Bull Run, was known as what by the Confederacy?	Manassas
9	The Strait of Otranto separates the Adriatic from which other sea?	Ionian Sea
10	Which serif typeface was designed by Victor Lardent in 1931, commissioned by the Times Newspaper in collaboration with printing equipment company Monotype?	Times New Roman
11	Around which British island was a 65 mile path opened in 2003, devised by Dick Sim and Hugh McKerrell?	Arran
12	In Greek Mythology, who was the Father of Andromeda?	Cepheus
13	Which singer - songwriter's only UK top ten hit was "Fast Car" in 1988?	Tracy Chapman
14	The periodic table was created by which Russian chemist in 1869?	Dimitri Mendeleev
15	The sportswear manufacturer Nike, founded in 1964, has its headquarters in which American city?	Eugene
16	What is the name of the multi-purpose indoor sports arena, situated above Pennsylvania Station, New York?	Madison Square Garden
17	Old Jamaica is a leading brand of which soft drink in the UK?	Ginger Beer
18	Who was the American president at the time of the Wall Street Crash in 1929?	Herbert Hoover
19	What colour is the head of a male mallard duck?	Green
20	The debtor's prison, Marshalsea in Southwark, was depicted in which Charles Dickens' book?	Little Dorrit
21	The Duchess of Cambridge, Samantha Cameron and Sally Bercow are all alumni of which school in Wiltshire?	Marlborough College
22	Which composer collected and arranged the set of French folksongs known as the "Songs of the Auvergne"?	Michel Canteloube
23	The Yi Sun-Sin Bridge, the world's fourth longest suspension bridge is in which country?	South Korea
24	Which actress who died in 2014 is best remembered for her role as "Nursie" in Blackadder II?	Patsy Byrne
25	In World War II what was Operation Avalanche?	The Salerno Landings
26	What ore is the primary source of the metal mercury?	Cinnabar
27	Who narrated the television version of "The Hitch Hikers Guide to the Galaxy"?	Peter Jones
28	The Vauxhall Chevette was replaced by which Vauxhall car model?	Astra
29	In the TV series "Call the Midwife", what is the name of the nun, played by Jenny Agutter, a regular character in each series?	Sister Julienne
30	Which British dog-breed is sometimes called "the King of the Terriers", because it is the largest of all terrier breeds?	The Airedale Terrier
31	Which seafood is used in the French dish coquille St Jacques?	Scallops
32	In the reign of which king did the parliament known as "The Useless Parliament" convene?	Charles I
33	The disease beri beri is caused by the lack of vitamin B1. By what name is the vitamin also known as?	Thiamine
34	In medieval Britain what unit of currency was equal to 13 shillings and 4 pence?	Mark

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35	What is the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet?	Aleph
36	What name, taken from a German soldier born at Rostock in 1742, has been given for nearly two centuries to a kind of leather half-boot?	Blucher
37	Pons Aelius is the Roman name for which English City?	Newcastle upon Tyne
38	The Bill Bryson book "A Walk in the Woods" concerns his attempt to walk which trail?	Appalachian Trail
39	HM Queen Elizabeth II is the only surviving member of which British Order of Chivalry, which has not been bestowed upon anyone since 1936?	The Order of St Patrick
40	Which composer wrote the Hungarian folk opera "Hary Janos" (<i>pronounced Hah-ree Yanosh</i>), which was first performed in 1926?	Zoltan Kodaly
41	Which well-known entrepreneur has children called Holly and Sam?	Sir Richard Branson
42	Junction 9 of which motorway takes you to Gatwick Airport?	M23
43	Which champagne bottle size comes between Jeroboam and Methuselah?	Rehoboam
44	Michael Frayn's play "Copenhagen" is based around a 1941 meeting in that city between Niels Bohr and which other physicist?	Werner Heisenberg
45	Which 1956 film, was the last film in which Humphrey Bogart appeared?	The Harder They Fall
46	Which wind blows from the Sahara Desert to the Gulf of Guinea?	Harmattan
47	The Roman road Stane Street ran from London to where?	Chichester
48	Who is the author of "The Fox and the Star", Waterstones's Book of the Year for 2015?	Coralie Bickford-Smith
49	In which Gilbert and Sullivan work does the song "I am the very model of a modern Major General" appear?	The Pirates of Penzance
50	The Coronation Street character "Gail" that has had the surnames, Potter, McIntyre and Rodwell amongst others has been portrayed by which actress?	Helen Worth
51	For what event was Sheffield's Don Valley stadium built for, it was demolished in 2014?	(1991) World Student Games
52	When Old Age Pensions were introduced into the UK what age did you have to have reached to qualify for a pension?	70 years old
53	Which character did Paul Newman play in the films "The Hustler" and "The Color of Money"?	Fast Eddie Felson
54	Which Australian actor and comedian, who died in 2014, was a regular in "Hancock's Half-Hour" on British radio during the 1950's?	Bill Kerr
55	In which 2006 animated Wes Anderson film, based on a Roald Dahl book, did George Clooney voice the title role?	Incredible Mr Fox
56	Who was the fiancée of John Keats, who died before they could marry?	Fanny Brawne
57	The koto is a stringed instrument from which country?	Japan
58	In which country can you visit the museum ship "Fregatten Jylland"?	Denmark
59	Which team with 128 goals in a season hold the record for most goals in the top flight of English football, though they only finished runners-up in the league?	Aston Villa (1930-1)
60	Which writer created "The Gruffalo"?	Julia Donaldson
61	What was the nationality of the jazz guitarist Django Reinhardt?	Belgian
62	With an area of half-a-million acres, the Great Smoky Mountains National Park straddles between two states of the USA – name either of them?	Tennessee or North Dakota
63	In which county are Castle Rising and Castle Acre to be found?	Norfolk
64	To which saint and former Bishop of Myra, is the Anglican cathedral in Newcastle-upon-Tyne dedicated?	Saint Nicholas

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65	Grand Rapids, Michigan is the home to a Presidential Museum and an airport named after which American president?	Gerald Ford
66	Which Downton Abbey actress played the title role in Kenneth Branagh's film "Cinderella"?	Lily James
67	Who is the protagonist of the series of novels by Lee Childs which started with "Killing Floor" in 1997?	Jack Reacher
68	Which National Trust property in Dorset was the home of Lawrence of Arabia?	Clouds Hill
69	What is the opening song from the George Gershwin musical "Porgy and Bess"?	Summertime
70	"A Tangled Tale", "Phantasmagoria" and "Sylvia and Bruno" are works by which writer of children's fiction?	Lewis Carroll (accept CL Dodgson)

Spares

1	What did Sweet say "Love is like" in the title of a 1978 top 19 UK hit?	Oxygen
2	Which race for seaplanes and flying boats was originally held from 1913-31 before being revived by the Royal Aero Club 50 years later?	Schneider Trophy
3	What is the brightest star in the constellation of Gemini?	Pollux
4	The albums "Pawn Hearts" (1971) and "Present" (2005) are among the works of which band, whose members have included Peter Hammill, Hugh Banton and Guy Evans?	Van Der Graaf Generator
5	What was the name of the Swedish warship that sank in 1628, was raised from the seabed and is now preserved in Stockholm?	Vasa