

Mersey Summer Quiz By Bob Thompson Correct as at March 7th 2016 Set 2

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| 1 | The nickname of 'Chariots of Fire' athlete Eric Liddel is the same as the name of which steam locomotive? | <i>Flying Scotsman</i> |
| 2 | Named in 1870 and erupting every 91 minutes which cone geyser in Yellowstone National Park is one of the most predictable geographical features on Earth? | <i>Old Faithfull</i> |
| 3 | The original members of the comedy stage revue 'Beyond the Fringe' were, Peter Cook, Dudley Moore, Jonathan Miller and who else? | <i>Alan Bennett</i> |
| 4 | In 1859 Daniel Gooch wrote in his diary, 'By his death the greatest of British engineers was lost; the man of the greatest originality of thought and power of execution, bold in his plans but right'. Who was he writing about? | <i>Isambard Kingdom Brunel</i> |
| 5 | Which society claims to be Britain's oldest political think tank, is named after a Roman general and was founded in 1884 by George Bernard Shaw, Sidney Webb, Beatrice Webb and others? | <i>Fabian Society</i> |
| 6 | Built around 1576 to 1580 Uraniborg was an astronomical observatory and alchemical laboratory established and operated by which Danish nobleman? | <i>Tycho Brahe</i> |
| 7 | David Cameron's daughter Florence takes her third given name, Edellion, from a place in which county? | <i>Cornwall</i> |
| 8 | Which funk and disco band was founded by Nile Rodgers and Bernard Edwards in 1976? | <i>Chic</i> |
| 9 | Who wrote the children's books 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' and the 'Mog' series? In 2015 at the age of 92 she announced a new book 'Mister Cleghorn's Seal', her first in 37 years | <i>Judith Kerr</i> |
| 10 | Which of Elizabeth Taylor's husbands was killed in a plane crash in 1958 while she was filming 'Cat On A Hot Tin Roof'? | <i>Mike Todd</i> |
| 11 | Which is the smallest country in the world to have a coastline and also the smallest member state of the United Nations? | <i>Monaco</i> |
| 12 | Which horse racing journalist and respected BBC television commentator was also a race horse owner; Attivo and Be Friendly were two of his more successful horses? | <i>Peter O'Sullivan</i> |
| 13 | At over 150,000 miles which country has the longest coastline? | <i>Canada</i> |
| 14 | Which Oscar winning actor who has appeared in 'Fight Club', 'American Psycho' and 'Dallas Buyers Club' is the lead vocalist and songwriter for the band 'Thirty Seconds To Mars'? | <i>Jared Leto</i> |
| 15 | According to Thomas Grey in his "Elegy Written a Country Church Yard", 'the paths of glory lead but to the ' what? | <i>Grave</i> |
| 16 | The first plastic Airfix construction kit went on sale in 1949; it was a model of what kind of vehicle? | <i>Tractor (Ferguson TE20)</i> |
| 17 | According to the FINA rules of water polo the goalkeeper's cap must be what colour? | <i>Red</i> |
| 18 | Which progressive rock group was formed in 1981 by Geoff Downes, Steve Howe, John Wetton and Carl Palmer? | <i>Asia</i> |
| 19 | In Greek myth who was the trusted companion of Odysseus and tutor to Telemachus? His name has come to mean faithful and wise advisor. | <i>Mentor</i> |

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| 20 | Who held the title of Deputy Prime Minister in Winston Churchill's War Cabinet? <i>Clement Atlee</i> | |
| 21 | According to the nursery rhyme who 'sat among the cinders warming her pretty little toes'? | (Little) Polly Flinders |
| 22 | Which boxer from Liverpool who became European cruiserweight champion in December 2015 plays Pretty Ricky Conlan in 'Creed' the latest Rocky film? | Tony Bellew |
| 23 | Published in 1995 'The Missionary Position', an essay by Christopher Hitchens is a critique of the charitable work and philosophy of which Nobel Peace Prize winner? | Mother Therese |
| 24 | Which Welsh singer, night-club host, promoter and New Romantic was born Stephen John Harrington? | Steve Strange |
| 25 | Roughly half of the Grade 1 Listed war memorials in England were designed by which architect? | Edwin Lutyens |
| 26 | What is the common name in Britain for the lettuce known as 'Romaine' in France and the United States? | Cos |
| 27 | Which 1980s ITV soap opera was based around a covered market in Salford and featured Anthony Booth and Helen Shapiro? | Albion Market |
| 28 | Which nonsense word invented by him did Edward Lear use in his works to describe a hat, a cat, a goose, a spoon and a wall? | Runcible |
| 29 | Noted for his urban and rural scenes which American realist painter's works include 'Girl at Sewing Machine', 'Nighthawks' and 'Hotel Lobby'? | Edward Hopper |
| 30 | In the revived television series 'Thunderbirds' first shown in 2015, David Graham reprises his role in the original 1960s series as the voice of which character? | Parker |
| 31 | The operas 'The Marriage of Figaro' by Mozart and Rossini's 'The Barber of Seville' are both based on plays by which writer? | Pierre Beaumarchais |
| 32 | Which actress is the mother of actor Benedict Cumberbatch? She has appeared in the television series 'Sherlock' playing the detective's mother. | Wanda Ventham |
| 33 | The Shengen Agreement that created Europe's borderless Shengen Area is named after a town in which country? | Luxembourg |
| 34 | Which Glasgow born businesswoman founded the lingerie company Ultimo when in her 20s having left school at 15? | Michelle Mone |
| 35 | What is the common name of the breed of dog sometimes called the Carriage Dog or Plum Pudding Dog; in the USA it is also called the Firehouse Dog? | Dalmation |
| 36 | The 1998 film 'Hideous Kinky' starring Kate Winslett is based on the real life of Bernadine Coverley who was the subject of the painting 'Pregnant Girl' by which British artist? She was also the mother of two daughters Esther and Bella by him. | Lucien Freud (Esther Freud wrote the novel Hideous Kinky) |
| 37 | According to United Nation's figures which is the most populous country in Africa? | Nigeria |
| 38 | Which word describes a linguistic blend in which multiple words or their sounds and meanings are combined into a new word such as 'smog' a combination of smoke and fog? | Portmanteau or portmanteau word |
| 39 | Which US president holds the record for the shortest time in office at just thirty two days? | William Henry Harrison |
| 40 | What is more common title of John Cleland's work, 'Memoirs of A Woman Of Pleasure'? | Fanny Hill |
| 41 | How old must you be to legally buy Category 1 fireworks in Britain? Category 1 fireworks include Christmas crackers and party poppers. | Sixteen |

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| 42 | What is the name of the printer and publisher who in 1848 first published his authoritative directory that covers in detail the whole of the Church of England including details of about 26,000 clergy? | John Crockford |
| 43 | In 1988 who became the first woman head of state of an Islamic country? | Benazir Bhutto(Pakistan) |
| 44 | Which four word phrase associated with space exploration is also the title of a book by Jack Higgins and a 1976 film directed by John Sturgess and starring Michael Caine? | The Eagle Has Landed |
| 45 | Who is this? He resigned from the International Olympic Committee in 2011 to avoid being censured for receiving bribes and was also the president of FIFA from 1974 to 1998 when he was succeeded by Sepp Blatter. | Joao Havelange |
| 46 | Which panellist has made the most appearances on the Radio 4 panel game 'Just A Minute'? | Clement Freud |
| 47 | It will be coloured purple on the tube maps: by what name is the £15billion Crossrail Link under London to be known? | Elizabeth Line |
| 48 | Which Oxford college has produced 13 British prime ministers a number equal to all the other Oxford Colleges combined and only 2 less than all of Cambridge University? | Christ Church |
| 49 | The name of which musical instrument is derived from the Greek for good sound? | Euphonium |
| 50 | Upanishads are a collection of texts that contain some of the central philosophical concepts of which religion? | Hinduism |
| 51 | Which was the last year in which the Summer and Winter Olympic Games were staged in the same country? | 1936 – Germany –Berlin & Garmisch-Partenkirchen |
| 52 | Which is the largest landlocked county in England? | Shropshire |
| 53 | Christopher Landon served in North Africa during World War II. In 1957 he fictionalized his experiences for a novel that was later made into one of the great British World War II films. What was the title of both the novel and the film? | Ice Cold in Alex |
| 54 | In 1964 which British actor became the first man to appear on the front cover of Playboy Magazine? | Peter Sellers |
| 55 | Which English artist whose works include 'The Nuremberg Trial' (1946) and 'Land Army Girl' (1939) was the first female to be elected to the Royal Academy? | Laura Knight |
| 56 | At the 2016 Brit Awards Adele won four awards equalling the record number won in a single year. Which group won four awards in 1995? | Blur |
| 57 | Which British prime minister is noted for writing copious love letters to his close friend Venetia Stanley? The letters, being virtual Cabinet minutes, became important historical documents. | Herbert Henry Asquith |
| 58 | Sometimes called a lemniscate which mathematical sign was introduced by John Wallis in 1655 in his work 'De sectionibus conicis'? | Infinity |
| 59 | After her marriage to Henry VIII ended which of his former wives accepted the honorary title 'King's Sister' and was given property including Hever Castle? | Anne of Cleves |
| 60 | What is the name of the Australian con-man who became associated with Cherie Blair over the purchase of two flats in Bristol in 2002? He was the boyfriend of her fitness guru Carole Caplin. | Peter Foster |
| 61 | Which opera by Richard Wagner is loosely based on a thirteenth century epic poem about an Arthurian knight and his quest for the Holy Grail? It was Wagner's last completed opera. | Parsifal |

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| 62 | Which musical instrument shares its name with a quarter size bottle of Champagne? | Piccolo |
| 63 | Which company advertised its lawnmower with the slogan 'A lot less bover than a hover'? | Qualcast (Model Concord) |
| 64 | The musical 'Sunday in the Park with George' by Stephen Sondheim was inspired by the painting 'A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte – 1884' by which artist? | Georges Seurat |
| 65 | Singer Tina Turner gave up her American citizenship in 2013 and became a citizen of which country that has been her home since 1994? | Switzerland |
| 66 | Fernaude Olivier, Olga Khokhlova, Marie-Thérèse Walter, Dora Maar, Françoise Gilot and Jacqueline Roque were all muses of which artist? | Picasso |
| 67 | The Brooklyn Class light cruiser USS Phoenix that saw action in the Pacific theatre during World War II was eventually sunk by enemy fire in what year? | 1982 (Then called General Belgrano) |
| 68 | Which word can be a breed of cat (also called Persian Longhair in the UK), a type of grape used to make red wine and the sixth most populous city of Iran? | Shiraz |
| 69 | Which group have been shortlisted for the Mercury Prize four times but have never won it? | Radiohead |
| 70 | What connects the following books? 'Hero Tales from American History', released 1895, 'The Little Baby Snoogle-Fleejer' 1995 and the Pulitzer Prize winning 'Profiles In Courage' published in 1957? | The (co)writers were all sometime American Presidents (T.Roosevelt, Carter, Kennedy) |

Spare Questions

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| 1 | Which British rock star once said, 'Of all the things I've lost, it's my mind I miss the most'? | Ozzy Osbourne |
| 2 | Popular in Indian cuisine what is the name of the yogurt based drink originating from the Punjab that can contain water, spices or fruit and is often served chilled? | Lassi |
| 3 | Queen Elizabeth II has taken the salute at every Trooping of the Colour since she acceded the throne except for one time, 1955 when the event was cancelled for what reason? | National rail strike |
| 4 | The first Paddington Bear stuffed toy was created in 1972 by a husband and wife owned company called Gabrielle Designs. The prototype was made as a Christmas present for their children, a boy and a girl. The boy became a famous TV presenter and writer; who is he? | Jeremy Clarkson |
| 5 | In North America this terrine or meat jelly is called 'head cheese' by what name is it most commonly known in England? | Brawn |