

MERSEYSIDE QUIZ Set by Nic Paul (August 2013)

- 1) Which Dutchman won the 2013 darts premier league, beating Phil Taylor in the final?
ANSWER (Michael) Van Gerwen
- 2) Which river, the longest in Ireland, enters the Atlantic Ocean through a seventy mile long estuary close to the city of Limerick?
ANSWER Shannon
- 3) William III landed at which Devon holiday resort en route to deposing James VII/II in the Glorious Revolution of 1688?
ANSWER Brixham
- 4) A twelve volume novel cycle by Anthony Powell and an 1830's painting by Nicholas Poussin share which title?
ANSWER A Dance to the Music of Time
- 5) Which orange giant star represents the so-called bull's eye of the astronomical constellation Taurus?
ANSWER Aldebaran
- 6) Which former winner of Britain's Got Talent plays a character called Kyle Stack in the TV drama Waterloo Road?
ANSWER (George) Sampson
- 7) With which country does Slovakia share its longest land border?
ANSWER Hungary
- 8) US President Barack Obama has two daughters; if one is called Sasha what is the forename used by the other?
ANSWER Malia
- 9) In which ITV sitcom do the two central characters own an unseen pet dog called Balthazar?
ANSWER Vicious
- 10) The Mary Celeste was sailing from New York to which Italian city when it disappeared?
ANSWER Genoa
- 11) What two word phrase, coined by Nicholas Kurti, is used to describe a scientific approach to cooking?
ANSWER Molecular gastronomy
- 12) Which country is divided by the 38th parallel?
ANSWER Korea
- 13) What was the last completed novel written by Charles Dickens?
ANSWER Our Mutual friend
- 14) Salford Lads Club, a sporting facility located in the centre of that city, has a room dedicated to which seminal pop group?
ANSWER Smiths
- 15) What title was bestowed upon the then five year old William Augustus, the son of King George II?
ANSWER Duke of Cumberland
- 16) Who directed the movies That Sinking Feeling, Local Hero and Gregory's Girl?
ANSWER (Bill) Forsyth
- 17) Having colourful blue buttocks, the rare Lazuli monkey (*cercopithecus lomamiensis*) is almost solely to be found in which large African country?
ANSWER D.R. Congo
- 18) By what three letter name were both Liberace and Alexander McQueen known to their friends?
ANSWER Lee
- 19) Astronomy. Regulus is the brightest star in which constellation?
ANSWER Leo
- 20) Perhaps best known for her work 'A Recipe for Water', which recipient of the Queens medal for poetry is the current National Poet of Wales?
ANSWER (Gillian) Clarke
- 21) The George Bush Centre for Intelligence is what organisation's compound HQ?
ANSWER C. I. A
- 22) Which black ore of Crystalline Uranium Oxide was the source of the discovery of the elements, Uranium, Radium and Polonium?
ANSWER Pitchblende

- 23) The website www.theyworkforyou.com is dedicated to which subject?
ANSWER Politics
- 24) Which contemporary artists work 'Break Down', involved him destroying all of his worldly possessions?
ANSWER (Michael) Landy
- 25) What was the name of the 1641 House of Commons Bill, which listed all the grievances that were said to have occurred during the reign of King Charles I?
ANSWER the Grand Remonstrance
- 26) Which young singer did the deranged bigots of the Westboro Baptist church in the USA describe as "the whorish face of doomed America"?
ANSWER (Taylor) Swift
- 27) What food item consists of one word containing six letter a's but no other vowels?
ANSWER Taramasalata
- 28) If Stewart, Chatham and Auckland are three, four and Five, Name either one or two?
ANSWER North or South (Islands of New Zealand)
- 29) Which artist was appointed first painter to King Charles IV of Spain in 1789?
ANSWER Goya
- 30) In which Puccini opera could you meet the characters Ping, Pang and Pong?
ANSWER Turandot
- 31) In the 2012/2013 season, which team finished second to Glasgow Celtic in the Scottish Premier Football league?
ANSWER Motherwell
- 32) According to Hindu legend, which god was raised by the leader of the cowherds Nanda, and his wife Yashoda?
ANSWER Krishna
- 33) In which James Bond movie did the Danish actress Famke Janssen play the character Xenia Onatopp?
ANSWER Goldeneye
- 34) President Salva Keer dissolved the government of which African country in July 2013?
ANSWER South Sudan
- 35) Which British actor did Orson Welles supposedly describe as "a joke with a celebrity wife"?
ANSWER (Richard) Burton
- 36) Which city, birthplace of Anne of Cleves, is the capital of the German state of North Rhine-Westphalia?
ANSWER Dusseldorf
- 37) Yellow-Winged Darters, Common Hawkets and Wandering Gliders are all species of which insect?
ANSWER Dragonfly
- 38) In the ITV comedy drama series Kingdom, which actor played the title character Peter Kingdom?
ANSWER (Stephen) Fry
- 39) Which former British Prime Minister did Private Eye magazine describe as 'the grocer'?
ANSWER (Ted) Heath
- 40) What name links a town on Sardinia, the unit of currency in Botswana and a town on the Adriatic coast of Croatia?
ANSWER Pula
- 41) What is the salivary secretion produced by worker honey bees with which they feed young larvae in order to produce Queen Bee's?
ANSWER Royal Jelly
- 42) Which US River in the state of Virginia and flows in a northerly direction to join the Potomac at Harpers' Ferry?
ANSWER Shenandoah
- 43) Running between 19th February and 20th March, what is the final sign of the zodiac?
ANSWER Pisces
- 44) Which British newspaper ceased publication on 14th September 1964?
ANSWER Daily Herald
- 45) What was the name of the tune by Gustav Holst, to which Christina Rossetti set the words to the hymn 'In the Bleak Midwinter'?
ANSWER Cranham

- 46) In children's literature, what kind of creatures are Common Welsh Green, Swedish Short Snout and Hungarian Horntail?
ANSWER Dragons (in Harry Potter)
- 47) What is the title of the poem by W.B. Yeats that opens "I have met them at close of day, coming with vivid faces"?'
ANSWER Easter 1916
- 48) Which noted English designer, perhaps best known for his work on the London 2012 Olympics cauldron, has been described by Terence Conran as "the Leonardo of our times"?'
ANSWER (Thomas) Heatherwick
- 49) Which UK pop singer born in 1985 had a debut UK hit single entitled 'Stone Cold Sober'?'
ANSWER Paloma Faith
- 50) In the Lake District, what is the name of the pass which leads from the Duddon Valley easterly into Little Langdale?
ANSWER Wrynose Pass
- 51) According to Greek Mythology who, mourning the loss of her daughter Persephone, created the seasons?
ANSWER Demeter
- 52) At Lords in 1990, who became the first and only cricketer to score a triple century and a century in the same test match?
ANSWER (Graham) Gooch
- 53) At which event did Queen Elizabeth II last, officially, curtsy?
ANSWER Her Father's Funeral
- 54) What word means a phrase that has two contradictory parts, for example 'bitter sweet', 'pretty ugly', and 'friendly fire'?'
ANSWER Oxymoron
- 55) The village of Bucklebury, home of the quasi royal Middleton family is in which county?
ANSWER Berkshire
- 56) Who is the host of the ITV quiz-game show Take on the Twisters?
ANSWER (Julia) Bradbury
- 57) Which British country and Western singer is also a fully qualified obstetrician?
ANSWER (Hank) Wangford
- 58) The US intelligence whistle-blower Edward Snowden has been granted a year's asylum in which country?
ANSWER Russia
- 59) What name is given to the philosophical theory that nothing really exists but oneself and one's mental states?
ANSWER Solipsism
- 60) What is the name of the first female President of Ireland who was appointed UN High Commissioner for Human Rights in 1997?
ANSWER (Mary) Robinson
- 61) Which horse won the 2013 Cheltenham Gold Cup?
ANSWER Bobs Worth
- 62) What name is given to an animal that feeds on green plants or their products, including seeds, fruit and nectar?
ANSWER Herbivore
- 63) What role on television and radio is performed by Liam Dutton, Nina Ridge and Laura Tobin?
ANSWER Weather Presenters
- 64) Name the violinist and composer who, in 1805, wrote the '24 Caprices for solo Violin'?'
ANSWER (Nicolo) Paganini
- 65) Which US TV sitcom centres on the dysfunctional Bluth family?
ANSWER Arrested Development
- 66) What name was given to the American acquisition of Mexican territories in 1853?
ANSWER Gadsden Purchase
- 67) The Shiregreen Working Men's club in Sheffield is famous as the setting for which 1997 comedy drama film directed by Peter Cattaneo?
ANSWER the Full Monty

68) Which car company has a name that means 'Let it be done' in Latin?

ANSWER FIAT

69) Which city, the second largest in Algeria, has a name derived from the Turkish meaning 'beautiful fort'?

ANSWER Oran

70) According to the song by Benny Hill, what did Ernie get off the widow, Sue, three times a week?

ANSWER Cocoa

SPARES

1) What rank of the British peerage lies between Marquess and Viscount?

ANSWER Earl

2) Which group have had UK hit singles including Amateur Hour, Beat the Clock and Never Turn Your Back on Mother Earth?

ANSWER Sparks

3) Which British general was killed at the Battle of Corunna during the Peninsular War?

ANSWER John Moore

4) In the kids' TV series Captain Pugwash, what was the name of Cut Throat Jake's ship?

ANSWER Flying Dustman

5) In the 20th century, what was unique about Jonathan Aitken, John Stonehouse and John Profumo?

ANSWER Only people to resign from the Privy Council

6) In what sport might you find sea gulling, cherry-picking, a mushroom or an umbrella?

ANSWER Water Polo