

Questions set by Darren Martin. Correct as at April 2017

1	In operation from 1974 to 1992, what was the name of ITV's original teletext service?	Oracle
2	In which city is Tennessee is Jack Daniels whisky produced?	Lynchburg
3	Which small town in the Scottish Borders is known as the birthplace of Rugby Sevens?	Melrose
4	George Frederick Handel's oratorio <i>The Messiah</i> was first performed in 1742 in which capital city?	Dublin
5	What is the two-word literary term for the attributing of human emotion and conduct to all aspects within nature, for example where clouds are described as sullen or when rocks seem indifferent?	Pathetic Fallacy
6	Much of the location filming for which ITV drama series, which premiered in 2013, took place in the town of Clevedon in Somerset?	Broadchurch
7	Which river, the longest entirely within Switzerland, rises in the Alps, flows through the capital, Bern, and later joins the river Rhine?	Aare
8	Which sport was described by Lord Mancroft as "a game which the English, not a being a spiritual people, have invented in order to give themselves some concept of eternity"?	Cricket
9	In the 1949 film <i>The Third Man</i> , what specific object does the Orson Welles' character Harry Lime say was all Switzerland had to show for "brotherly love" and "500 years of democracy and peace"?	Cuckoo Clock
10	Known as Empingham Reservoir during its construction and until its official opening in 1976, which is the largest man-made lake in Britain?	Rutland Water
11	What symbol appears on the tail of Ryanair airliners?	Harp
12	Which racecourse is the closest to central London, being 12 miles away at Sunbury-on-Thames?	Kempton Park
13	What did the 'K' stand for in the name of the science fiction writer Philip K. Dick?	Kindred
14	An epithalamium is a poem written to celebrate what kind of occasion?	Marriage / Wedding
15	In which 1932 film did Greta Garbo deliver the famous line "I want to be alone"?	Grand Hotel
16	Released in 1969, <i>Ticket to Ride</i> was the first album released by which US music duo?	The Carpenters
17	What entertainment venue in New York City's Rockefeller Center, nicknamed 'The Showplace of the Nation', opened to the public in December 1932?	Radio City Music Hall
18	In a restaurant, what is the job of the 'plongeur'?	Washing Up
19	Which 13 th century English philosopher and Franciscan friar was known by the accolade <i>Doctor Mirabilis</i> ?	Roger Bacon
20	How was the superspy Joe McClaine known in the title of a television series original broadcast in the UK in the late 1960s?	Joe 90
21	In reference to its shape when viewed from the east, the Lake District mountain Blencathra is also known by what alternative name?	Saddleback
22	The <i>Tony Hill</i> , <i>Kate Brannigan</i> and <i>Lindsay Gordon</i> novels are among the works of which Scottish female crime author?	Val McDermid
23	In which fairy story, popular as a pantomime, does the Marquis of Carabas appear?	Puss in Boots
24	Which former world leader was awarded an honorary knighthood by Britain in 1989?	Ronald Reagan
25	The editorial of 1 st July 1967 entitled 'Who breaks a butterfly on a wheel' was prompted by the jailing of two members of which band?	Rolling Stones
26	Jeff Kinney has written a series of books for young adults concerning the diary of what sort of 'Kid'?	Wimpy Kid
27	Which international sporting trophy is known informally as the 'Auld Mug'?	America's Cup
28	Which Commonwealth county is nearest to the UK?	Malta
29	Which British band finished runners-up in the 1975 Eurovision Song Contest with the song <i>Let Me Be the One</i> ?	The Shadows
30	Which <i>Cluedo</i> character did Hasbro replace with Dr Orchid in 2016?	Mrs White
31	A Gypsy Moth aircraft named Jason that is on display at the Science Museum in London belonged to which aviator?	Amy Johnson
32	In 1982, the first non-human winner of <i>Time</i> magazine's 'Man of the Year' was announced; what was it?	The Computer
33	Its people are likened to 'wolves' in the Old Testament; Tiglath-Pileser III was a prominent king of which warlike and powerful Kingdom in the 8 th century BC?	Assyria
34	On which racecourse was the English Derby run during World War II?	Newmarket
35	The songs <i>The Rhythm of Life</i> and <i>If My Friends Could See Me Now</i> come from which musical show – the film version of which had Shirley MacLaine in the title role?	Sweet Charity
36	Who was the last Sovereign Queen of England not succeeded by a direct heir?	Queen Anne
37	Islamabad and which other Pakistani city is served by Benazir Bhutto International Airport?	Rawalpindi
38	Which London department store first opened on Regent Street in 1875 and now inhabits a Tudor revival building constructed in the 1920s?	Liberty

39	Which river in Tolkien's writing shares its name with a British military victory of 1777 that led to the capture of Philadelphia?	Brandywine
40	Which fashion brand was created by the English businessman Stephen Marks in 1972, the year after the Oscar-winning film from which it took its name was released?	French Connection
41	The Roman Emperor Gaius Julius Caesar Germanicus is better known by which name?	Caligula
42	Matabeleland is a region in which present day African country?	Zimbabwe
43	The £1 coin introduced in Britain in 1983 will cease to be legal tender in which month of this year?	October (16th)
44	What was the surname of the English novelist and humourist who gave his name to the irregular form of humorous verse on biographical topics known as a clerihew?	(Edmund Clerihew) Bentley
45	Which US country music group comprises sisters Martie Erwin Maguire and Emily Erwin Robison and lead singer Natalie Maines?	The Dixie Chicks
46	Who was the presenter of the BBC's <i>Top Gear</i> for its first two series?	Angela Ripon
47	What is the anatomical term for the loose, connective tissue in the human body that stores energy in the form of fat?	Adipose Tissue
48	Dushanbe is the capital of which former Soviet Republic?	Tajikistan
49	Which English singer, born Lynn Annette Ripley, had her biggest hit in 1964 with a song about the death of a boyfriend in a motorcycle crash?	Twinkle (Terry)
50	Who is the author of the 2004 novel <i>The Plot Against America</i> , an alternative history in which Franklin D. Roosevelt is defeated in the 1940 US presidential election by Charles Lindbergh?	Philip Roth
51	What name is given to the massacre of the French ruling class while in church by local people at Palermo in 1282 that marked the start of a rebellion?	Sicilian Vespers
52	Which Republican did Barack Obama defeat in the 2012 US Presidential election?	Mitt Romney
53	What is the longest-running West End musical, and the second longest-running West End show overall, after <i>The Mousetrap</i> ?	Les Misérables
54	Which Canadian province takes its name from the Cree word for 'fast-flowing river'?	Saskatchewan
55	Which BBC police procedural drama stars Vicky McClure as Detective Sergeant Kate Fleming and Martin Compston as Detective Sergeant Steve Arnott?	Line of Duty
56	Officially known as 110 Bishopsgate, the tallest building in the City of London shares its name with which bird?	Heron (Tower)
57	Which British rock band were named after a 1963 Boris Karloff film billed as 'the most gruesome day in the calendar'?	Black Sabbath
58	Niki Lauda was almost killed in a crash in 1976 during which Grand Prix?	German (Nürburgring)
59	In the film <i>Sleepless in Seattle</i> , Meg Ryan's character is inspired to write a letter to Tom Hanks's character suggesting that he meet her on top of the Empire State Building on Valentine's Day after watching which classic 1959 Cary Grant film?	An Affair to Remember
60	Which Manchester rock band, fronted by the son of the actors Tim Healy and Denise Welch, won the 2017 Brit Award for Best British Group?	The 1975
61	What two-word term is given to the hypothesis that people tend to gravitate towards areas of work that fit their name, for example the weather girl Sara Blizzard or Lord Chief Justice Ivor Judge?	Nominative Determinism
62	How is Mildred Hubble known in a series of children's books by Jill Murphy?	The Worst Witch
63	John Renbourn and Bert Jansch were guitarists with which influential five piece folk-jazz band, formed in London in 1968?	Pentangle
64	Which Asian capital city lies on the Red River?	Hanoi
65	Which organ of the human body is comprised primarily of red pulp and white pulp?	Spleen
66	For which of his novels did William Golding win the 1980 Booker Prize?	Rites of Passage
67	Which Lancashire-born screenwriter created the Channel 4 comedy-drama series <i>Shameless</i> and <i>No Offence</i> ?	Paul Abbott
68	Born in Vienna in 1717, who was the only female ruler of the Habsburg Empire?	Maria Theresa
69	Which British government advisor chaired the 1957 commission on homosexuality and prostitution?	Baron Wolfenden
70	What name, derived from the Greek for 'weight', is given to the branch of medicine that deals with the causes, prevention and treatment of obesity?	Bariatrics

Spare Questions

1	In physics, what name is given to the product of the mass and velocity of an object?	Momentum
2	What is the minimum number of people required by law in a police identity parade in England and Wales?	Nine
3	<i>The Good Terrorist</i> is a 1985 political novel by which Nobel Prize-winning British female writer?	Doris Lessing
4	The Tay Road Bridge, opened in 1966, connects the town of Newport-on-Tay to which Scottish city?	Dundee