

LANCASTER CITY QUIZ LEAGUE

Set by George Washington "A" for Cup Match 28th January 2013

All answers in bold upper case

Round 1 - Light and Sparkle

- 1a:** Swarovski is a name synonymous with sparkling cut crystal glass and quality optics. In which country was it founded and still has its headquarters? **AUSTRIA**
- 1b:** Sparklers are a popular personal 'firework' on 5th November. What is the principal ingredient that generates the classic white 'sparks'? **ALUMINIUM** or **MAGNESIUM**
- 2a:** 'Sparklers' is a colloquial name for diamonds. Diamonds occur commonly as 1 of 2 natural crystal shapes. Name either of these shapes. **CUBE** or **OCTAHEDRON**
- 2b:** Diamond is one natural form of the element carbon. Name either of the other 2 naturally occurring forms of carbon. **GRAPHITE** or **FULLERENE**
- 3a:** Shooting stars or meteorites race across the sky in a brilliant blaze of light. Some meteorites are made predominantly of metal. What is the most abundant metal in these metallic meteorites? **IRON**
- 3b:** Incandescent filament light bulbs are now virtually banned for sale in the UK. What material is used to construct the 'glowing incandescent filament'? **TUNGSTEN**
- 4a:** Sparkling wines contain carbon dioxide and those from the type area in France are called Champagne. What are sparkling wines called that originate from Spain? **CAVA**
- 4b:** What trademark name is given to a type of yarn that provides a metallic appearance to the woven fabric? **LUREX**
- Spare:** Who sang the song 'Diamonds are Forever' on the sound track of the Bond movie of the same name? **SHIRLEY BASSEY**

Round 2 - Islands

- 1a:** Which is the largest island, by area in The Mediterranean Sea? **SICILY**
- 1b:** Which is the largest Canadian Island, by area? **BAFFIN**
- 2a:** What is the name of the Pacific island where The Bounty mutineers settled? **PITCAIRN**
- 2b:** What is the name of the island in Morecambe Bay where, traditionally the pub landlord is "King" of the island? **PIEL**
- 3a:** Which island volcano erupted in 1883 killing 30,000 people and reputedly making the loudest noise ever heard in modern history? **KRAKATOA**
- 3b:** To which country do The Galapagos Islands belong? **ECUADOR**
- 4a:** Name the furthest Scottish island group from the mainland, evacuated in 1930 and now owned by National Trust for Scotland? **ST KILDA**

4b: On which island was Napoleon Bonaparte born? **CORSICA**

Spare: Which is the largest Japanese island, by area? **HONSHU**

Round 3 - Presidents

1a: Who is the President of Israel? Shimon **PERES**

1b: Who is the President of France? Francois **HOLLANDE**

2a: Who is the President of The European Commission? Jose Manuel **BARROSO**

2b: Who, at present, is Vice President of The European Commission, who takes over duties of the President in his absence? Catherine **ASHTON**

3a: Who was Acting President of Argentina during the invasion of The Falkland Islands in 1982? Leopoldo, General **GALTIERI**

3b: Who is the present President of Argentina? Christina Fernandez de **KIRCHNER**

4a: Who is President of Ireland? Michael **HIGGINS**

4b: Who is the President of Venezuela? (as of 23 Jan 2013) Hugo **CHAVEZ**

Spare: J F Kennedy was the 35th president of USA - what number is Barack Obama? **44th**

Round 4 - Myths & Legends

1a: Which hero of Troy was killed by Achilles who dragged his body behind his chariot? **HECTOR**

1b: Who was the son of King Arthur who betrayed his father? **MORDRED**

2a: In Celtic mythology what is a "kelpie"? **WATER HORSE**

2b: Who was the mother of Helen of Troy and a lover of Zeus, who came to her disguised as a swan? **LEDA**

3a: The search for The Holy Grail was one of the main quests of The Knights of The Round Table but who supposedly brought The Grail to England? **JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA**

3b: Which bird did The Ancient Britons consider a powerful omen of prophecy, war and death? **RAVEN**

4a: The day following All Hallows' Eve is called what? **ALL SAINTS' DAY**

4b: Who were the Roman god equivalents to Zeus & Hera? (1 point for one, 3 points for both, both for a pass) **JUPITER & JUNO**

Spare: In Norse mythology, a tree called Ygdrasil is at the centre of the universe to support the world. What species of tree is it? **ASH**

Round 5 - Money

- 1a:** Pounds, shillings and pence were known as LSD, what did these 3 initials stand for?
(1 point for each, all 3 for a pass) **LIBRAE, SOLIDI & DENARII**
- 1b:** Most of the 17 Eurozone countries share a land border with another country that has The Euro as its official currency. 6 do not. Name any 3 of them. (1 point for each, 3 needed for a pass, 3 attempts only)
IRELAND, CYPRUS, FINLAND, GREECE, ESTONIA & MALTA
- 2a:** Which South American country has the US Dollar as its official currency? **ECUADOR**
- 2b:** Where in South America is The Euro the official currency? **FRENCH GUIANA**
- 3a:** Which is the oldest currency in the world that is still currently in use?
POUND STERLING (Accept **UK POUND**)
- 3b:** According to EU rules all member nations except two (which have an opt out clause) should eventually join the Euro. UK is one, name the other. **DENMARK**
- 4a:** In UK slang what monetary value is represented by a "Pony"? **£25**
- 4b:** In Cockney rhyming slang what monetary value is a "Cock" or "Cockle"?
£10 note. (Cock & hen)
- Spare:** What is the official currency of Brazil? **REAL**

Round 6 — "Ghost of Christmas Past"

As we finished early for Xmas and didn't really have a Xmas round last year....

- 1a:** In Ireland what is Boxing Day more usually called? **ST STEPHEN'S DAY**
- 1b:** St Nicholas (proto-type Santa Claus) was Bishop of Myra, in which modern day country is Myra? **TURKEY**
- 2a:** The song "*White Christmas*" was first featured in which 1942 film? **HOLIDAY INN**
- 2b:** Which singer/actor/TV star had an American No 1 hit in 1949 with the song "*Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer*"? **GENE AUTRY**
- 3a:** In "*A Christmas Carol*" what is the name of Scrooge's dead partner?
JACOB MARLEY
- 3b:** Who wrote the book and Christmas TV favourite "*The Snowman*"?
RAYMOND BRIGGS
- 4a:** In which fictional land is it "*always winter but never Christmas*"? **NARNIA**
- 4b:** Which Christmas poem is usually attributed to Clement Clarke Moore?
VISIT FROM ST NICHOLAS (Accept "**TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS**")
- Spare:** In which country is *HOH OHO* Santa's official post-code? **CANADA**

Round 7 - Shared surnames

Given 2 clues, name both people and their shared surname

- 1a:** (1) Long serving Labour minister; (2) British boxer known as "The Dark Destroyer"
TONY & NIGEL BENN
- 1b:** (1) First test-tube baby; (2) "The Godfather of Soul" who died in 2006.
LOUISE & JAMES BROWN
- 2a:** (1) Oscar winning actress; (2) nominee for Democratic candidate for President in 1984 and 1988,
GLENDA & JESSE JACKSON
- 2b:** (1) Classic British comic/magician; (2) US rock star with an infamous stage show featuring dolls, fake blood and boa constrictors.
TOMMY & ALICE COOPER
- 3a:** (1) British classical artist 1573-1652, designed buildings such as The Banqueting Hall, Westminster; (2) footballer/actor known for his aggressive play.
INIGO & VINNIE JONES
- 3b:** (1) Inventor of "Cats-Eyes"; (2) English actor who had starring roles in "A Man for All Seasons" and "Jaws"
PERCY & ROBERT SHAW
- 4a:** (1) Modern British architect who designed The Pompidou Centre; (2) "King of the Cowboys" star of westerns and TV shows.
RICHARD & ROY ROGERS
- 4b:** (1) US President after Nixon; (2) four times Oscar winning director of films such as "Stagecoach" (1939) and "The Searchers" (1956).
GERALD & JOHN FORD
- Spare:** (1) British Heptathlon winner in 2000 Olympics; (2) US athlete who won 9 gold medals between 1982 and 1996.
DENISE & CARL LEWIS

Round 8 - General

- 1a:** "I have just returned from a visit to my landlord, the solitary neighbour that I shall be troubled with" is the opening sentence of which famous nineteenth century novel?
WUTHERING HEIGHTS
- 1b:** Similarly which nineteenth century novel starts with the sentence "There was no possibility of me taking a walk that day"
JANE EYRE
- 2a:** At 1705 feet Dunkery Beacon is the highest point in which UK National Park?
EXMOOR
- 2b:** What is the second highest mountain in Scotland?
BEN MACDHUI
- 3a:** What was the name of Cervantes' Don Quixote's horse?
ROSINANTE
- 3b:** Who, supposedly, borrowed a horse called Brown Beauty to ride and deliver a warning to his compatriots that The British were coming?
PAUL REVERE
- 4a:** Which ship was the first to come to the aid of The Titanic?
CARPATHIA
- 4b:** Margaret Thatcher's life peerage makes her Baroness of where?
KESTEVEN
- Spare:** What is the highest mountain in Northern Island?
SLIEVE DONARD