Questions set by 'Gregson B'. All essential answers are in BOLD CAPITALS

Round 1: MIDDLE NAMES OF AMERICAN PRESIDENTS

Give the middle names of the following US Presidents, relating to the initial given.

1a: Bill J Clinton **JEFFERSON**

1b: Lyndon B Johnson **BAINES**

2a: Richard M Nixon MILLHOUSE

2b: John F Kennedy FITZGERALD

3a: Dwight D Eisenhower **DAVID**

3b: Jimmy E Carter **EARL**

4a: Franklin D Roosevelt DELANO

4b: Barack H Obama **HUSAIN**

Spare: George W Bush (NB: GB the younger) WALKER

Round 2: HAND MADE FILMS - A round on George Harrison's Hand Made Films production company.

1a: 'Water' is a 1985 comedy starring Michael Caine as the United Kingdom's pot smoking governor of a Caribbean island. Which British comedian plays the role of the island's revolutionary leader, Delgado Fitzhugh?
BILLY CONNOLLY

1b: *Mona Lisa* is a 1986 film about a petty criminal entangled in the dangerous life of a high-class call girl. Who played the call girl? **CATHY TYSON**

2a: George Harrison re-mortgaged his home to fund Monty Python's '*Life of Brian*' in 1979. Which Indian-born Irishman was added to the cast simply because he was revisiting World War Two battlefields in Tunisia at the time of filming?

SPIKE MILLIGAN

2b: Who played the gangster Harold Shand in 'The Long Good Friday'? BOB HOSKINS

3a: Which member of Monty Python directed '*Time Bandits*' in 1981? **TERRY GILLIAM**

3b: Which Python starred in the 1982 comedy 'The Missionary'? MICHAEL PALIN

4a: This 1984 comedy starred Michael Palin & Maggie Smith. In a small Yorkshire town in 1947 the citizens continue to endure food rationing. Some local businessmen want to celebrate the Royal Wedding of Princess Elizabeth & Prince Philip by holding a banquet, but things start to go wrong. Name the film.

A PRIVATE FUNCTION

4b: When a bank job goes wrong in this 1990 comedy, Eric Idle & Robbie Coltrane have to hide from the police & Chinese mobsters dressed in a particular sort of women's clothing. Name the film. **NUNS ON THE RUN**

Spare: In the 1987 comedy 'Withnail and I' who played Withnail? RICHARD E GRANT

Round 3: RANK AND FILE - All answers are ranks in the British armed forces.

What is the highest rank in the Royal Navy? ADMIRAL OF THE FLEET 1a: 1b: What is the highest rank in the Royal Air Force? MARSHAL OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE 2a: What is the equivalent rank in the army of a Lieutenant in the Royal Navy? **CAPTAIN** 2b: What is the equivalent rank in the Royal Navy of a brigadier in the army? COMMODORE 3a: What is the name given to a private soldier in the Royal Engineers? **SAPPER 3b**: What is the name given to a private soldier in the Royal Artillery? GUNNER 4a: What rank badge of a commissioned officer in the army is denoted by a crown? **MAJOR** 4b: What indication of rank in the Royal Air Force is shown by 3 chevrons surmounted by a crown? **FLIGHT SERGEANT Spare**: What name is given to a private soldier in the Household Cavalry? TROOPER Round 4: MATERIAL WORLD - A round on fabrics from around the world & the places they were named after. Which town near Antwerp gave its name to a type of thick woollen material used in 1a: clothing & carriers which were originally manufactured there? These products were made popular in the UK by British sailors. DUFFEL/DUFFLE Which village in Norfolk, settled in the middle ages by immigrant Flemish weavers, 1b: gives its name to a closely twisted yarn or fabric made from long stapled wool, often WORSTEAD/WORSTED used in tailored garments? 2a: This British woollen fabric is characterized by closely woven check or herringbone patterns. Name the river valley where the mills were that originally produced it. TWEED 2b: Dyed cotton twill material - Name either the French city or the fabric originally produced there from which it takes its name. NIMES or DENIM Which fibre, obtained from goats to make quality woollen products, is named after a 3a: CASHMERE/ KASHMIR mountainous geographical area in Asia. 3b: Reversible material, usually silk or linen, with a pattern woven into it, now used mainly for table coverings or curtains. Name either the fabric OR the Middle Eastern city it was named after. DAMASK/DAMASCUS Apart from Kendal, which English county town was most closely associated with the 4a:

mass production of green dyed woollen cloth during the middle ages?

name from the Scottish town where it was once mass produced.

Based on a droplet shaped motif of Persian origin, which clothing design takes its

4b:

LINCOLN

PAISLEY

Spare: A quality light Cotton or linen fabric of very fine weave. Name either the French city OR the fabric originally produced there, from which it takes its name.

LAON or LAWN

Round 5: AMERICAN SONGBOOK - A round on the USA in rock & pop.

1a: Who was 'Living in America', the theme to Rocky IV, in 1986? JAMES BROWN

1b: Who was 'Born in the USA' in 1984? BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN

2a: Who went 'Surfin' USA' in 1963? THE BEACH BOYS

2b: Which Brit sang about 'Young Americans' in 1975? **DAVID BOWIE**

3a: Which duo had a hit with a track called 'America' in 1970? SIMON & GARFUNKEL

3b: Which band had 'Breakfast in America' in 1979? SUPERTRAMP

4a: Which female artist was 'Living in the USA' in 1978?

4b: The band 'America' had a hit both sides of the Atlantic with what track in 1972?

A HORSE WITH NO NAME

Spare: Which band caused controversy in 1968 by burning the American flag during a performance of Leonard Bernstein's 'America' in the Albert Hall?

THE NICE

Round 6: A POLITICAL ROUND UP

1a: Up to and including David Cameron, how many Prime Ministers have served during the reign of Queen Elizabeth 2nd?12

1b: In chronological order, which 3 Prime Ministers succeeded Anthony Eden?
Harold **MACMILLAN**, Alec **DOUGLAS-HOME** & Harold **WILSON**

2a: Who, in the Autumn of 2014, became the first UKIP Westminster MP?

Douglas CARSWELL

2b: Rounded up to the nearest whole number, what percentage of the total votes cast at the Rochester & Strood by-election went to the Liberal Democrats?

1%

Actually 0.87%

3a: According to Churchill, what connected Stettin in the Baltic to Trieste in the Adriatic? **THE IRON CURTAIN**

3b: Who was German Chancellor when Germany re-unified in 1990? Helmut **KOHL**

4a: Name the senior politician in the Blair administration whose son will be standing as Labour Parliamentary Candidate for Gainsborough in the 2015 General Election?

John **PRESCOTT**. His son is David Prescott

4b: Helle Thorning-Schmidt is Prime Minister of Denmark. Her father-in-law is a senior former political leader in Britain. Name him.

Neil **KINNOCK**

Spare: Which British Prime Minister was the first to use the term 'greasy pole' when he declared on reaching high office: "I have climbed to the top of the greasy pole".

Benjamin **DISRAELI**

Round 7: CHRISTMAS CRACKERS - Yes, we know you're all regretting it's past so here's a reminder of Christmas...

1a: In 1964 Santa Claus was the winning mount in which famous horse race?

Epsom **DERBY**

1b: Which monarch was crowned King of England on 25" December?

WILLIAM 1/ William the Conqueror

2a: In which decade of the 19" Century was the last 'Frost Fair' held on the frozen River Thames? 1810 - 19/Second Decade

2b: In what year did Queen Elizabeth II deliver her first Xmas television broadcast?

1957

3a: According to Dr Seuss which creature's heart was 'Two sizes too small'?

The **GRINCH**

3b: *'Christmas won't be Christmas without any presents'* is the opening line of which 19" century American novel? **LITTLE WOMEN** by Louisa May Alcott

4a: This Christmas, Berwick Kaler celebrated a record breaking 42 years as a writer, director and dame in pantomime at one venue - The Theatre Royal - in which city? **YORK**

4b: First imported into England from South America by the merchant William Strickland, who was the first English monarch to feast on Turkey in 1526? **HENRY VIII**

Spare: Which 1954 film musical tells the story of two ex-army buddies & a pair of sisters putting on a show to rescue their former General's failing Vermont ski lodge?

WHITE CHRISTMAS

Round 8: GENERAL

1a: 'Mallard' holds the world record for the fastest steam engine. What speed was that? (2 miles per hour either side) **126 mph**. 124-128 mph allowed

1b: In what city did Colman's Mustard originate?

2a: Who wrote an overture based on Romeo & Juliet, premiered in 1886?

TCHAIKOVSKY

2b: Beyonce Knowles was in which group? **DESTINY'S CHILD**

3a: The singer Lauren Hill was in which group in the 1990s? The **FUGEES**

3b: Left incomplete at the time of his death in 1828, which Composer's 8th symphony is usually referred to as the '*Unfinished*'? **SCHUBERT**

4a: In what city did Boots the Chemist originate?

NOTTINGHAM

4b: Name the first steam engine to exceed 100 mph. **FLYING SCOTSMAN**

Spare: Name the 20th Century French artist whose 'cut outs', made in his late career, were exhibited to great popular acclaim during 2014 at Tate Modern in London. [MATISSE]