

# 2019 Pairs Competition ROUND 1

Surnames will suffice except where stated

1 Which school, founded by King Henry VI to provide free education to poor boys, has produced 20 British Prime Ministers?

## **ETON COLLEGE**

2 Which Welsh town was made a city in 1969 to commemorate the investiture of the Prince of Wales?

#### **SWANSEA**

- 3 At the Battle of Balaclava, who led the Charge of the Light Brigade? LORD <u>CARDIGAN</u> (JAMES <u>BRUDENELL)</u>
- 4 The name of which group, who had UK No 1 singles in 1970 and 1971, was inspired by a poem from T. S. Eliot's Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats?
  MUNGO JERRY
- 5 Which dual Oscar winner played the part of Prime Minister Vivienne Rook in the 2019 TV programme *Years and Years*?

## **EMMA THOMPSON**

- The building known as Hitsville USA was the first HQ of which record label?

  MOTOWN
- 7 Pilgrims' Way is a historical route betwen which two cities in the south of England? WINCHESTER, CANTERBURY
- 8 In the 2008 film *Mamma Mia!*, who are the three actors invited to Sophie Sheridan's wedding, each of who might be her father?

## PIERCE BROSNAN, COLIN FIRTH, STELLAN SKARSGARD

9 What should come next in this sequence - Baths of Caracalla 1990, Dodger Stadium 1994, where in 1998?

# **EIFFEL TOWER (CHAMP DE MARS)**

- 10 What do Leonardo da Vinci, Michaelangelo, Charlie Chaplin. Albert Einstein, Jack The Ripper, Prince William, Bart Simpson and LCQL stalwart, Ian Gibson, have in common? According to one theory, it is caused by an excess of testosterone <a href="LEFT HANDED">LEFT HANDED</a>
- 11 In which month is the Earth nearest to the sun?

## JANUARY

- 12 In the UK, a symbol of which animal is on the brown road sign indicating a zoo? **ELEPHANT**
- 13 With 18, which sport has provided the most winners of the BBC Sports Personality of the Year?

# **ATHLETICS**

- 14 Which city is in the centre of the Mappa Mundi, the medieval map of the world? **JERUSALEM**
- 15 Who played the characters Dorothy Michaels and Michael Dorsey in a 1982 Oscar nominated film?

**DUSTIN HOFFMAN** (Tootsie)

16 Which two word term did O Henry coin, initially about Honduras, to describe a politically unstable country with an economy dependent upon the exportation of a limited resource product?

## **BANANA REPUBLIC**

17 Finishing the Hat is a song from a Stephen Sondheim musical about which 19th century French artist?

## **GEORGES SEURAT**

18 On which current Premiership ground did the England football team play an away game in 1973?

## **GOODISON PARK**

19 In which building can you see Rafael's famous fresco The School of Athens?

## APOSTOLIC PALACE IN THE VATICAN/VATICAN PALACE

- 20 In which city are the headquarters of the International Atomic Energy Agency? **VIENNA**
- 21 Aibohphobia is a fear of what?

## **PALINDROMES**

22 In which 1934 novel by James Hilton does the title character meet his future wife at Wasdale Head while holidaying in The Lake District?

# **GOODBYE, MR CHIPS**

23 Who was the Commanding General of the Armies of the USA who accepted the surrender of Robert E Lee's Confederate forces in 1865. He later served as President of the USA?

<u>ULYSSES S GRANT</u>

24 What was the original name of the river Cam, which is still used informally for parts of the river in Cambridge?

## **GRANTA**

Which Islington restaurant, named after an Italian dessert, also gave its name to a political agreement between Tony Blair and Gordon Brown?

## **GRANITA**

## **ROUND 2**

26 Which person, who died in 1963, is the title character of an Andrew Lloyd Webber musical?

## **STEPHEN WARD**

27 The character Adrian Mole, created by Sue Townsend, attended a comprehensive school named after which famous American who died in 2012?

## **NEIL ARMSTRONG**

28 Who wrote "Nowhere and under no circumstances should a woman ever be quite accurate about her age"?

## **OSCAR WILDE**

- 29 The Duke of Wellington and Napoleon Bonaparte were both born in which year? 1769 (accept 1767 to 1771)
- 30 One of the new elements named in 2016 takes its name from which capital city?
  MOSCOW
- 31 If Chris Columbus is 1 and 2, Mike Newell is 4 and David Yates is 5, 6, 7 and 8, which double Oscar winning director is 3?

# **ALFONSO CUARÓN**

- What is the unique connection between the 1st, 3rd, 16th and 26th US Presidents?

  MOUNT RUSHMORE
- 33 Which European golfer won his first major championship in 2017 at his 74th attempt? <u>SERGIO GARCIA</u>
- Which Dutch physicist and astronmer formulated the wave theory of light in 1678? CHRISTIAAN HUYGENS
- 35 Which building, officially opened by The Queen in 1973, did John Betjeman describe as "a group of nuns in a rugby scrum"?

# **SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE**

36 In which country is the Fjordland National Park?

## **NEW ZEALAND**

37 By population, which is by far the largest city in Aragon in Spain? **ZARAGOZA** 

38 Recordings of which piece of music have included narration by Boris Karloff (1957), Sean Connery (1965), David Bowie (1978), Christopher Lee (1989), Alice Cooper (2015), and many more?

# PETER AND THE WOLF

39 During its construction during the 1970s, what was known as Empingham Reservoir? **RUTLAND WATER** 

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Hereford Hop, Sussex Slipcote, Suffolk Gold and Wiltshire Loaf are types of what foodstuff?

CHEESE

41 Who were the two rival gangs in West Side Story?

# JETS, SHARKS

Which two people did Winston Churchill and Jane Austen replace on the reverse of £5 and £10 notes respectively?

## **ELIZABETH FRY, CHARLES DARWIN**

43 Which three of Enid Blyton's "Famous Five" are siblings?

## **ANN, JULIAN, DICK**

44 In the 1975 film *The Rocky Horror Show*, who plays Dr Frank N Furter, who describes himself as a transvestite from Transylvania?

## **TIM CURRY**

Which surname links an Oscar winning member of the Carry On team, the name of a long running radio serial and a US musician called The King of the Surf Guitar?

DALE

46 Who wrote *The Century Trilogy that* follows the fortunes of five inter-related families through the course of the 20th century?

## **KEN FOLLETT**

Which song did Paul Anka say he let Frank Sinatra have because "he didn't want to find a horse's head in his bed"?

# **MY WAY**

48 In computing, how many bits are there in a nibble?

4

49 Of the Queen's children, who was the only one <u>not</u> born at Buckingham Palace? **PRINCESS ANNE** (born at Clarence House)

50 Which space shuttle flew the most missions - 39 in total? **DISCOVERY** 

## ROUND 3

- 51 What is the maximum number of people that can share a Nobel Prize?
  3
- 52 Which two planets in the Solar System are classed as "inferior planets"?

  MERCURY, VENUS

The name of which Oscar winning actor appeared in the title of a UK No 3 single of 1984?

**ROBERT DE NIRO** 

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- 54 Which element gets its chemical symbol from its original Greek name hydrargyrum?

  MERCURY (Hg)
- 55 The Nuffield Radio Astronomy Laboratory, which became a World Heritage Site this year, is better known as what?

JODDRELL BANK

Which D Day landing beach had the same name as a rachehorse which won the US Triple Crown?

**OMAHA** 

57 Who are the four Roman generals whose names feature in the titles of plays by William Shakespeare?

JULIUS CAESAR, TITUS ANDRONICUS, CORIOLANUS, Mark ANTONY (and Cleopatra)

58 Which body of water did the Romans call Mare Nostrum?

# **MEDITERRANEAN**

- 59 The Balanescu Quartet performs the theme music to which BBC2 quiz programme? UNIVERSITY CHALLENGE
- 60 Which town has changed hands between England and Scotland 15 times, the last time in 1482 when Richard of Gloucester re-took it for England?

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED

Which islet, the smallest in the world with a lighthouse on it, is recognised as the eastern end of the transatlantic ocean crossing?

**BISHOP ROCK** 

Which Lancashire player is currently one of Wisden's Cricketers of the Year?

JOS BUTTLER

- 63 Which animal is the national emblem of Canada? **BEAVER**
- Designated SR N1, what had its first public demonstration on The Solent in June 1959?

  HOVERCRAFT accept AIR CUSHION VEHICLE (Saunders-Roe Nautical 1)
- 65 Celebrity chef Gino D'Acampo's middle name is the same as that of a city, which, according to local tradition, is built on seven hills. What is it?
  SHEFFIELD
- Which English city's cathedral and castle were declared a WHS in 1986? **DURHAM**
- 67 In terms of area, which is the largest landlocked country in South America? **BOLIVIA**
- 68 In his poem *Ode on a Distant Prospect of Eton College*, who wrote "where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise"?

**THOMAS GRAY** 

69 According to a Noël Coward song "The Japanese don't care to, The Chinese wouldn't dare to" do what?

## **GO OUT IN THE MIDDAY SUN**

70 Recorded in 1964 by The Righteous Brothers, what was the most played song on American radio and TV in the 20th century?

## YOU'VE LOST THAT LOVING FEELING

- 71 In 1921, future MP, Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Howard-Bury, led the first ever expedition to attempt to do what, which was not achieved for another 32 years?

  CLIMB MOUNT EVEREST
- 72 Which Dickens character has children called Adam Smith and Malthus? **THOMAS GRADGRIND**
- 73 What is the connection between The Princess Royal, The New Inn, The Brook and The Griffin?

## PUBS IN THE FOUR CORNERS OF GRIFFIN PARK, BRENTFORD

74 Which word precedes Hook, Line and Sinker in the three titles of the second Len Deighton Trilogy about Bernard Sansom?

SPY

75 Whose last words on 4th January 1967 were "I can't see much. The water's very dark....green. I can't see anything. Hello. The bow's up. I have gone."

## **DONALD CAMPBELL**

# **PICTURE ANSWERS**

1	EDMUND HILLARY
2	GEORGE WALLACE
3	PIERRE TRUDEAU
4	SHAH OF IRAN
5	NAT KING COLE
6	EVA PERON
7	MARGOT FONTEYN
8	SAM WANAMAKER
9	J D SALINGER
10	BOB PAISLEY
11	CLIFF MICHELMORE
12	JACKIE ROBINSON
13	IRIS MURDOCH
14	GEORGE SHEARING
15	PETER BUTTERWORTH