

Lancaster City Quiz League Pairs 2023

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Round 1

1: In May of this year which birthday did Joan Collins celebrate?

2: England cricketer Stuart Broad is engaged to which Radio presenter and member of The Saturdays?

3: Liverpool is the latest British city to host the Eurovision song contest, and London was the first in 1972 which was the second British city to host Eurovision?

Next three answers all begin with the letter M

4: Each year Pantone announces a colour of the year. For 2023 the colour is known as Viva...what? A name beginning with M, which takes its name from a battle.

5: Who wrote music and lyrics for the musical Hamilton? (Surname only)

6: Only two countries in the world have a non-decimal currency - both are African. One is an island. (One mark each)

7: In May 2015, in a La Liga game against Getafe, which current Premier League footballer became Real Madrid's youngest debutant?

8: "*Shakespeare: The Man Who Pays the Rent*" is a 2023 book by which actress?

9: You might remember from a league game earlier in the year that the country producing the most cheese is the USA, but which US State produces most cheese?

10: Which surname is shared by:

(a) The family which owns the Las Vegas pawn shop featured in the tv series Pawn Stars,

(b) Two US Presidents and,

(c) A British actor who won a Best Actor Oscar in the 1960s?

11: In which year was the foundation of the National Gallery (though not at its present Trafalgar Square location)?

12: Gerald Genta, born in Geneva in 1931, was particularly noted for the design of what?

13: What was the name of the BBC TV series, a mockumentary set in an airport starring Matt Lucas and David Walliams? It ran for one series from December 2010 and had the same title as a song by Frank Sinatra and the title track of his album of 1958.

14: Which US mobster, who was a key figure in the construction of the Flamingo Hotel and Casino and in the development of the Las Vegas Strip was murdered in June 1947?

15: The most famous painting of La Moulin de la Galette in Montmartre is by Pierre Renoir, but which other artist painted the scene several times in 1886? Although not French, he lived nearby with his brother for two years.

16: There have been lots of quiz questions about the owners of Wrexham FC, Ryan Reynolds and Rob McElhenney. McElhenney is most noted for the US TV series "*It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia*". What is the name of the character he plays in that series? A name otherwise famous as the mascot of a worldwide business which is one of the world's largest private employers.

The next three questions are about Operas set on islands. For each opera give the island on which it is primarily set.

17: Madame Butterfly (Puccini)

18: The Pearl Fishers (Bizet)

19: Otello (Verdi)

20: Which English football team plays home games at the Toughsheet Community Stadium?

21: The current series of the Strictly Come Dancing spin off show, It Takes Two has two presenters. One a professional dancer and one a former contestant. Name both. (One mark each)

22:

(a) In which country is the longest bridge in the European Union?

And (b) The bridge is named after someone who died in 1524. Who?

23: Which Shakespeare character was quote... - "*Deformed, unfinished, sent before my time into this breathing world scarce half made up*"?

24: Which former British Prime minister returned to government as Foreign Secretary ...in 1916?

25: Which 1979 song by Fleetwood Mac featured the University of Southern California Marching Band (Trojans)? It was also the title song of the album which was the follow up to Rumours.

Round 2

26: Where did Queen Elizabeth II die?

27: Where did Elizabeth I die?

28: Who is the only monarch to be born and die at Buckingham Palace?

29: "*A Cellarful of Noise*", published in 1964, was the autobiography of which entrepreneur and businessman? There is a strong musical connection.

30: Which island, 10th largest by area in the world, was named after the title held by Francis Egerton, President of the Royal Geographical Society?

Clue: If you change the word "Island" to a different word it becomes the town which is the venue of the (British) National Waterways Museum.

The next four questions require the names of English football teams.

31 to 34: Of the 12 Original members of the Football league in 1888, which four have never won the Title. (Football League Division 1 or Premier League)

35: Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm, the 1903 novel by Kate Douglas Wiggin was set in the fictional town of Riverboro, in which US State? It is the largest state by area in New England.

36: Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm was adapted for the cinema three times. The 1932 version starred Marian Nixon in the title role, but can you name the actors/actresses who starred in either the 1917 version, OR the 1938 version?

37: Who is the only British Prime Minister since 1914 not to have served in Cabinet under another Prime Minister (either before or after his premiership)?

38: Which former international footballer is a co-founder of Goalhanger Podcasts which produces podcasts such as The Rest is Politics and The Rest is History?

39: Which synthetic chemical element with atomic number 112 takes its name from a mathematician, astronomer and polymath who died in 1543?

40: Which multinational restaurant chain was founded in Johannesburg in 1987 by Fernando Duarte and Robert Brozin?

41: In 1644 which North-Western town was attacked and captured by Royalist forces under Prince Rupert and James Stanley, 7th Earl of Derby, leading to a so-called massacre of the defenders? In 1651 James Stanley was executed for treason in this town.

42: Which actor, whose surname is a palindrome, has appeared in several Marvel Cinematic Universe films, two Mission Impossible films and The Bourne Legacy?

43: Which city will host the Eurovision song contest in 2024?

44: The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for 1943 was shared by Henrik Dam and Edward Doisy, for their work on which vitamin, involved in the clotting of blood? The letter by which it is known comes from the initial letter of a German word describing its function.

45:

(a) Charlie Higson, actor, comedian and author has written a series of novels about young James Bond. In May 2023 he published his first adult James Bond novel, the title of which differs from one of Ian Fleming's novels by just one word. What is Higson's title?

(b) Which additional word changes a John Osborne play of 1956 into an Oasis number one hit of 1996?

46: Cecily Neville was the mother of two English Kings. Name either.

The next four questions are about girls' first names

47: Which name was popularised by a novel of 1904, is the name of an English poet who wrote the collection titled Anecdotal Evidence, and is a track on the Beach Boys album All Summer Long?

48: Which name features in the title of a song written by Hank Marvin, a song on Bob Dylan's Blonde on Blonde, and a song covered and made a hit by Shakin' Stevens?

49: Which name features in the titles of songs by Lindisfarne, The Turtles and The Beatles (any version of the spelling accepted)? Some variation in spelling here.

50: Which name connects a Spanish queen called the Mad, a song by Kool and the Gang and a song written by Tony Hatch and Jackie Trent which was a hit for Scott Walker in 1968?

Round 3

51: The Equalizer - Name the actors who played The Equalizer, Robert McCall in the following:

(a) The CBS tv series which originally ran from 1985 to 1989 with an English actor?

(b) The film franchise of three films 2014,2018,2023 with an Oscar winning actor?

(c)The 2021 reboot of the CBS tv series. Here the character is named Robyn McCall. *(To avoid confusion this Oscar nominated actor is an actress as well as being a Grammy winning rapper and singer (also an Emmy winner))*

52: The word maelstrom, referring to a very strong whirlpool, was introduced into the English language in 1841 in a short story Descent Into the Maelstrom. Who was the author? He died 8 years later in Baltimore.

53: Who was Superintendent of the US Military Academy at West Point from 1919 to 1922 and became Chief of Staff of the US Army in 1930?

54: Who are the two presenters of the food related podcast Off Menu? Both are primarily comedians. (One mark each)

55: Which composer's Second Symphony, first performed in 1927, was titled To October?

56: Which village on the island of Cuba was the main landing point for US troops during the Spanish American War of 1898.It gives its name to a cocktail which was invented nearby shortly afterwards. The drink's main ingredients are usually Rum, Lime Juice and Sugar.

57: Hyperinflation:

(a) from 1945 to 1946 which country experienced the highest rate of inflation ever recorded and in 1946 issued the highest ever denomination banknote - 100 quintillion pengoes?

(b)Since 1946 the only country which has come close to matching this record rate of inflation was which African country which, in 2008, saw prices doubling every 24 hrs.

57?: What is the first name of the Princess of Asturias, formally announced as heir presumptive to the Spanish throne on August 31st,her 18th birthday?

58: In 1997 which US singer and songwriter, at the age of 14, became the youngest winner of a Grammy winning two awards, including Best Female Country Vocal Performance. One of her biggest hits (though she didn't write it) is the multimillion selling How Do I Live?

59: What is the second city (second largest population) of Colombia?

60: On the Abbey Road album sleeve three of the Beatles wear suits designed by which Welsh born tailor and designer? He also created the suit worn by Jack Nicholson as The Joker in Batman.

61: Who was the last British Prime Minister to be educated at Cambridge University?

62: Who is the director of Napoleon (2023)?

63: In which city is the Headquarters of the IMF?

64: The 2023 film Killers of the Flower Moon is directed by Martin Scorsese and has music by which musician, guitarist and songwriter who died in August of this year? The film is dedicated to him.

65: Which is the only organization to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize three times (1917,1944,1963)?

66: Another organization has been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize twice. This is the UNHCR. For what does the letter R stand?

67: The CBS TV series “*CSI: Crime Scene Investigation*” began in 2000 and later became a franchise with series set in different cities. In which city was the first series set, running from 2000 to 2015

68: Which are the two smallest countries in mainland Africa by population?

69: Which famous Oscar winning British actor played Heathcliff in the 1939 film version of *Wuthering Heights* and Mr Darcy in the 1940 version of *Pride and Prejudice*?

70: In July 2020, Taylor Swift released the lead single from her album *Folklore*. It debuted at number one on the Billboard Hot 100 and reached the UK top ten. The title of the song is the name of an article of clothing. What is it?

71: On the 25th May 1660 a ship named the *Royal Charles* landed at Dover. It carried Charles II to begin the Restoration of the monarchy. The ship had to be renamed only two days earlier. It had been named after a battle of 1645. Which battle?

72: Samarinda is the largest city by population on which large island?

73: In the 1989 film version of which Shakespeare play, directed by Kenneth Branagh, does Michael Williams play a character called Michael Williams?

74: Which English writer, who died on 19th May 2023, received the unusual honour of a posthumous knighthood, conferred four weeks after he died?

75: The island of Mustique, frequented by the royal family and well known celebrities is in which country?

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