

LANCASTER CITY QUIZ LEAGUE: 20 November 2023

Quiz set by Fox & Goose A

Required answers are in **BOLD CAPITALS** (surnames only except where indicated)
incorrect first names (where first name not required) should not be penalised

Round 1 – Horror

1a	In Bram Stoker's novel, into which UK coastal town does Dracula arrive, having smuggled himself on a boat from Transylvania?	WHITBY
1b	Which classic horror novel has the subtitle 'The Modern Prometheus'?	FRANKENSTEIN
2a	The tenth instalment of which popular horror film franchise was released in cinemas in September 2023?	SAW
2b	Daniel Kaluuya stars in which 2017 film, the directorial debut of Jordan Peele, which was described in a review in the <i>New Yorker</i> as a 'radical cinematic vision of the world through a black man's eyes'?	GET OUT!
3a	Who wrote the novel <i>The Woman in Black</i> ?	Susan HILL
3b	Who wrote the novella <i>The Turn of the Screw</i> ?	Henry JAMES
4a	Which American actor, best known for starring in the TV series <i>Friends</i> , has starred in every film in the <i>Scream</i> franchise to date as the journalist Gale Weathers?	COURTNEY COX (full name required)
4b	Which American actor has reprised the role of Laurie Strode in 7 films in the <i>Halloween</i> franchise to date? Her mother is also considered a horror icon, having starred in Hitchcock's <i>Psycho</i>	JAMIE LEE CURTIS (full name required)
Spare #1	The Overlook Hotel is the setting for which 1980 horror film, adapted from a 1977 novel of the same name?	The SHINING
Spare #2	Richard Bachman is a pen name for which prolific horror author?	Stephen KING

Round 2 – Bands & Places: all the answers are bands that are also placenames or have placenames in them.

1a	Trip hop band whose debut album <i>Dummy</i> was released in 1994.	PORTISHEAD
1b	English band whose debut <i>Foxbase Alpha</i> featured a cover of Neil Young's <i>Only Love Can Break Your Heart</i> .	SAINT ETIENNE
2a	American R&B group who had a hit with <i>Could it be I'm Falling in Love?</i>	DETROIT SPINNERS
2b	Scottish pop band of the Seventies who briefly had their own TV show called 'Shang a Lang'.	BAY CITY ROLLERS
3a	American rock band seen as a catalyst for punk rock but dismissed as 'mock rock' by Bob Harris on <i>The Old Grey Whistle Test</i> .	NEW YORK DOLLS
3b	70s/80s Latin influenced band featuring Gloria Estefan.	MIAMI SOUND MACHINE
4a	The original name of The Stranglers that featured the Surrey town in which they were formed.	GUILDFORD STRANGLERS
4b	UK group that provided the title music, <i>Woke up This Morning</i> , for <i>The Sopranos</i> .	ALABAMA 3
Spare #1	Which American band is best known for their hit <i>More Than a Feeling</i> ?	BOSTON
Spare #2	Which English folk rock band's hits included <i>Lady Eleanor</i> ?	LINDISFARNE

Round 3 – Atomic Energy

1a	Which French scientist shared a Nobel Prize in Physics alongside Pierre and Marie Curie in 1904 for their work in discovering radioactivity?	Henri BECQUEREL
1b	Who was the director of the Los Alamos Laboratory, established by the Manhattan Project on 1 January 1943?	Robert OPPENHEIMER
2a	What is the current name of the site situated adjacent to the location of the worst nuclear accident in the United Kingdom's history?	SELLAFIELD
2b	In which modern day country is the Chernobyl nuclear reactor, the site of the worst nuclear disaster in history?	UKRAINE
3a	Potassium Iodide tablets are used to protect which gland in the human body from radioactive iodine absorption?	THYROID gland
3b	What is the name of the chemical reaction in which the nucleus of an atom is split?	Nuclear FISSION
4a	Which company builds the UK fleet of nuclear submarines?	BAE Systems (accept British Aerospace)
4b	Which company operates Heysham Nuclear Power Stations?	EDF Energy (accept Électricité de France)
Spare	Who owns the fictional Springfield nuclear power station where Homer Simpson works?	Mr Charles Montgomery (Monty) BURNS

Round 4 – Former Names: identify the current or public name of the following based on the former name and a clue

1a	Which London football club began life as Dial Square? (Dial Square being a workshop in the Royal establishment the club are now named after)	ARSENAL
1b	One of many clubs originally named after a church, which Midlands-based football team began life as St Lukes?	WOLVERHAMPTON Wanderers (accept Wolves)
2a	The Roman settlement of 'Coccium' is generally accepted to have been located on the site of which North-West town, the hometown of Stuart Maconie, Ian McKellan and Kay Burley?	WIGAN
2b	Former names of this Antipodean city include 'Batmania' (after the colonialist John Batman) and 'Bearbass'. What is its modern day name?	MELBOURNE
3a	Michael Barrett was the biggest selling singles artist (UK) of the 1980s. By what name is he better known?	SHAKIN' STEVENS
3b	Vincent Furnier eventually assumed the name of his band as his own. In a career spanning over 50 years he had a string of hit singles and albums and became notorious for an incident with a chicken. Who is he today?	ALICE COOPER
4a	What is the current name of 'Brad's Drink', introduced in 1893 before changing its name five years later and becoming a global best seller?	PEPSI
4b	Which global sportswear brand was founded as Blue Ribbon Sports?	NIKE
Spare #1	Which UK city was originally known as Dunedin (or Din Eidyn in its original language)?	EDINBURGH
Spare #2	Eric Blair wrote a series of influential works of fiction and non-fiction in the 1930s and 1940s – what was his famous pen name?	George ORWELL

Round 5 – Heavens Above
Questions about our Universe

1a	Which planet is closest to our sun?	MERCURY
1b	What type of celestial body lies at the centre of our galaxy, and probably at the centres of all galaxies?	BLACK HOLE
2a	What is the closest star to our sun?	PROXIMA CENTAURI (accept ALPHA CENTAURI C , but <i>not</i> Alpha Centauri alone, which is a cluster of three stars)
2b	What is our closest neighbouring large galaxy (i.e. closest galaxy to the Milky Way)?	ANDROMEDA
3a	What name is given to the doughnut-shaped ring of rocks and icy debris encircling the solar system just beyond the orbit of Neptune?	KUIPER Belt
3b	What is the name of the largest moon in our solar system?	GANYMEDE
4a	What is the currently accepted age of the Universe?	13.7 BILLION years (accept anything in range 13-14 billion)
4b	What name is given to the unit of distance used in astronomy that is roughly equivalent to 3.26 light years or 3×10^{13} km?	PARSEC
Spare	What name is given to neutron stars that emit regular bursts of radiation?	PULSAR

Round 6 – Imaginary Numbers: Numbers in folklore & popular fiction
All answers are numerical – no leeway!

1a	What was the model number of the mutinous HAL computer on board Discovery One in <i>2001 – A Space Odyssey</i> ?	9000
1b	On which platform at King's Cross Station would you catch a train to Hogwarts?	9³/₄
2a	In the original <i>Back to The Future</i> , what year does Marty McFly unintentionally travel back to when he flees in Doc Brown's DeLorean-based time machine?	1955
2b	In the original illustration in <i>Alice's Adventures in Wonderland</i> , what was the asking price for the Mad Hatter's hat?	10/6 (10&6, ten shillings and sixpence – 10 slash 6 accept any reasonable rendition of the price as shown – not everyone remembers pre-decimal!)
3a	What, according to the supercomputer Deep Thought, is the answer to the Ultimate Question of Life, the Universe and Everything?	42
3b	In which room might a person of interest have been subjected to their worst nightmare in <i>1984</i> ?	101
4a	In the traditional popular rhyme, how many blackbirds were baked in a pie?	24
4b	According to nursery folklore, how many men did the Duke of York have? (this is not a question about Prince Andrew)	10,000
Spare	In classical mythology, how many labours was Hercules (or Herakles if you prefer) required to perform?	12

Round 7 – His Majesty’s Opposition

Posts held by non-Conservative politicians (as of 7am, Saturday 18 November 2023)

1a	Who is Labour’s Shadow Chancellor?	Rachel REEVES
1b	Who is Labour’s Shadow Foreign Secretary?	David LAMMY
2a	Who is Labour’s Shadow Health Secretary?	Wes STREETING
2b	Who is Labour’s Shadow Home Secretary?	Yvette COOPER
3a	In addition to being Labour’s Shadow Deputy PM, name any shadow brief held by Angela Rayner?	LEVELLING UP (or) HOUSING (or) COMMUNITIES
3b	What shadow post is currently held by Ed Miliband?	CLIMATE CHANGE & NET ZERO (accept either part)
4a	Who is Leader of Plaid Cymru in Westminster?	Elizabeth/Liz Saville ROBERTS
4b	Who is Leader of the SNP in Westminster?	Stephen FLYNN
Spare #1	Who is Leader of the Liberal Democratic Party in Westminster?	Ed DAVEY
Spare #2	What shadow post is held by Thangam Debbonaire?	DIGITAL, CULTURE, MEDIA and SPORT (accept any part)

Round 8 – General

1a	In 2023 who became the first jazz group to win the Mercury Prize?	The EZRA Collective
1b	Which TV satirical drama series starring Brian Cox had its fourth and final series in 2023?	SUCCESSION
2a	In which European city would you find the world’s oldest University in continuous operation since its founding?	BOLOGNA (Italy)
2b	In which European city would you find the world’s tallest medieval church or cathedral?	ULM (Germany)
3a	Who wrote and directed the film <i>The Living Dead</i> , which is widely regarded as the original example of the modern zombie apocalypse genre?	George A. ROMERO
3b	Which major director’s early works included the zombie comedy <i>Braindead</i> (1992) and the ‘splatstick’ horror comedy film <i>Bad Taste</i> (1987)?	Peter JACKSON
4a	In <i>Dr Who</i> (which celebrates its 60th birthday on Thursday), which actor, who died in 2022, appeared as one of The Doctor’s companions in the 1966 feature film <i>Daleks Invasion Earth 2150 AD</i> , and returned to the ‘Whoniverse’ as Donna’s grandfather during David Tennant’s tenure as The Doctor?	Bernard CRIBBINS
4b	What iconic decorative electrical item, still manufactured by Mathmos in Poole, Dorset, celebrated its 60 th birthday in 2023?	LAVA Lamp
Spare	What is the International Vehicle Registration Code for Ukraine?	UA