

# LANCASTER CITY QUIZ LEAGUE

QUESTIONS SET BY SILVERDALE HOTEL

For Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Answers are in **bold**, surnames will suffice (unless otherwise shown)

## ROUND 1 ACRONYMS

Given the acronym and a clue, name the acronym's meaning.

- 1a** TARDIS – transport in Dr Who **TIME AND RELATIVE DIMENSION IN SPACE**
- 1b** TOWIE - TV programme **THE ONLY WAY IS ESSEX**
- 2a** USDAW – UK trade organisation **UNION of SHOP, DISTRIBUTIVE & ALLIED WORKERS**
- 2b** GMB – short version of UK union **GENERAL & MUNICIPAL BOILERMAKERS**
- 3a** NASA – US government agency **NATIONAL AERONAUTICS & SPACE ADMINISTRATION**
- 3b** ADHD – medical condition **ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER**
- 4a** SWAT – security team **SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS**
- 4b** SIM – mobile phone card **SUBSCRIBER IDENTIFICATION (or IDENTITY) MODULE**
- Spare:** ZIP – postal code **ZONE IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

## ROUND 2 GEOGRAPHICAL EXTREMES

- 1a** At 850,000 sq miles which is the largest country in the world with no rivers? **SAUDI ARABIA**
- 1b** Which is the largest landlocked country in the world & 9<sup>th</sup> overall? **KAZAKHSTAN**
- 2a** Which is the driest non-polar desert in the world (parts had no rain for 100s of yrs)? **ATACAMA**
- 2b** What is the most southerly capital city in the world? **WELLINGTON**
- 3a** What is the highest mountain in South America? **ACONCAGUA**
- 3b** What is the highest mountain in Antarctica? **MOUNT VINSON**
- 4a** Which is the largest country in the world with just one time zone? **CHINA**
- 4b** The lowest place on earth, The Dead Sea, borders which 2 countries? **JORDAN & ISRAEL**
- Spare:** What is the deepest part of the worlds' oceans? **MARIANA TRENCH**  
(Accept **CHALLENGER DEEP**)

**ROUND 3 1953 All answers concern people or events from 70 years ago**

- 1a** Who was the author of 'The Old Man and the Sea', published in 1953? Ernest **HEMINGWAY**
- 1b** Who was the author of 'Fahrenheit 451', published in 1953? Ray **BRADBURY**
- 2a** The song 'Luck Be A Lady Tonight' comes from which musical, which opened at the Coliseum in 1953 and ran for 555 performances? **GUYS AND DOLLS**
- 2b** The song 'Shall We Dance' comes from which musical which opened at the Drury Lane Theatre in 1953 and ran for 946 performances? **THE KING AND I**
- 3a** In 1953, England won the Ashes for the first time in 19 years in a cricket match at the Oval. Who was the England captain? Len **HUTTON**
- 3b** In 1953, England were beaten 6-3 by Hungary in a football match at Wembley, the first time England had lost a match at home for 90 years. Who was the English captain? Billy **WRIGHT**
- 4a** The wife of King George V died in 1953. What was her name and title? **MARY OF TECK**
- 4b** Hillary and Tenzing were the first men to reach the summit of Mt Everest on 29 May 1953. Who was the leader of this successful expedition? John **HUNT**

- Spares: 1.** The song 'Wonderful Copenhagen' reached number 5 in the hit parade in 1953. Who recorded it? **DANNY KAYE**
- 2.** The song 'I believe' spent 18 weeks at number 1 in the hit parade in 1953. Who recorded this version? **FRANKIE LAINE**

**ROUND 4 CLASSICAL ADVERTS. All answers concern classical music used in adverts**

- 1a** In 2020, an advert for KFC was accompanied by a Nocturne by which composer? **CHOPIN**
- 1b** Macdonalds used the Lachrimosa from a famous choral piece by which composer? **MOZART**
- 2a** Hamlet cigars featured a piece by J S Bach. What is its title? **AIR ON A G STRING**
- 2b** Vodafone used a piece of music called Flight of the Bumblebee in one of their adverts. Who was its composer? **RIMSKY-KORSAKOV**
- 3a** Cadbury's featured the late Frank Muir singing a version of which piece of music from the Nutcracker Suite by Tchaikovsky? **THE DANCE OF THE SUGAR PLUM FAIRY**
- 3b** Who wrote the 9<sup>th</sup> Symphony used in Hovis bread adverts? **DVORAK**
- 4a** A British Airways advert features the piece The Flower Duet by which composer? **DELIBES**
- 4b** Levi Jeans have featured the Sarabande by which composer in their advert? **HANDEL**

- Spare:** Domino's pizzas and Old Spice have both featured a piece called O Fortuna from a larger work called Carmina Burana. Who was its composer? Carl **ORFF**

## ROUND 5 BRIDGES

- 1a** Which is the tallest bridge in the world, built in 2001 standing at 340m? **MILLAU** (France)
- 1b** In which UK city would you find Pulteney Bridge, an eighteenth bridge unusual for having shops across its length? **BATH**
- 2a** In 2015 Paris city authorities began clearing the Pont des Arts of nearly fifty tons of what unusual objects, put there by romantic visitors? **PADLOCKS** - accept **Locks**
- 2b** What name is shared by bridges at Cambridge, Oxford and Chester with a bridge in Venice due to supposed similarities in form and/or purpose? **BRIDGE OF SIGHS**
- 3a** Which famous civil engineer worked on the design of Britain's longest and highest aqueduct, the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct (pron. pont-kuh-su-ll-te) near Llangollen? Thomas **TELFORD**
- 3b** Which famous civil engineer was in charge of the construction of the Britannia Bridge, which crosses the Menai Strait between Bangor and the Isle of Anglesey? Robert **STEPHENSON**
- 4a** What is notable about the bridge at Richmond-upon-Thames (but only since 1831)?  
It became the **OLDEST** in Gtr **LONDON** when the mediaeval London Bridge was demolished
- 4b** The 16th century slender single stone arch "Old Bridge" where men used to show their bravery by jumping 20 metres into the waters of the Neretva River was destroyed in the 1993 Balkan conflicts; the bridge has been rebuilt and again links two parts of which city? **MOSTAR**
- Spare:** The Canakkale bridge just south of Sea of Marmara is the longest single span in the world, in which country is it? **TURKEY**

**ROUND 6 COLLECTIVELY KNOWN AS** Given surnames of groups or movements identify how they were known collectively. Eg. Lennon, Starr, McCartney & Harrison.....The Beatles  
Not all lists feature all members.

- 1a** Banks, Collins, Rutherford, Hackett The band **GENESIS**
- 1b** Barrett, Mason, Waters, Wright The band **PINK FLOYD**
- 2a** Bentine, Milligan, Secombe, Sellers The comedy team The **GOONS**
- 2b** Chapman, Gilliam, Idle, Jones The comedy team **MONTY PYTHON'S** Flying Circus
- 3a** Jenkins, Owens, Rodgers, Williams The **GANG OF FOUR**, who broke away from Labour in 1981 to found the Social Democrat Party (SDP)
- 3b** Bell, Forster, Keynes, Strachey, Woolf. Artistic group the **BLOOMSBURY SET** (or GROUP)
- 4a** Hunt, Millais, Rossetti, Collinson, Stephens The artistic group the **PRE-RAPHAELITES**
- 4b** Fraser, Godfrey, Jones, Walker (and others) Characters from **DAD'S ARMY**

**Spare:** Barney McGrew, Cuthbert, Dibble, Grub (and two others) **TRUMPTON** Brigade

## ROUND 7 LIVERPOOL & (Greater) MANCHESTER

- 1a** Where in Liverpool would you find Tate Liverpool? **ALBERT DOCK / accept MANN ISLAND**
- 1b** What is the most photographed statue at Pier Head? **THE BEATLES**
- 2a** What is the name of Liverpool's principal art gallery (on William Brown St)? **THE WALKER**
- 2b** Who was the architect of Liverpool's Anglican cathedral? Giles **GILBERT SCOTT**
- 3a** In which borough is Manchester United's ground situated? **TRAFFORD**
- 3b** What is the name of the dock where Everton's new ground is being built? **BRAMLEY MOORE**
- 4a** In which hall do the Halle Orchestra play their concerts? **BRIDGEWATER HALL**
- 4b** Where in Manchester can you see the oldest known fragment of The New Testament?  
**JOHN RYLANDS LIBRARY (University of Manchester)**
- Spare:** 1. What is the name of the stadium shared by Salford City Reds (Rugby League) and Sale Sharks (Rugby Union)? **A.J. BELL**
2. Which Liverpool footballer's father was recently kidnapped? **LUIS DIAZ**

## ROUND 8 GENERAL

- 1a** Which river runs through the city of Derby? **DERWENT**
- 1b** Which river runs through the city of Leicester? **SOAR**
- 2a** Just Stop Oil protesters recently damaged the painting known as The Rokeby Venus in The National Gallery, who painted it? **VELASQUEZ**
- 2b** It was the 2<sup>nd</sup> time the Rokeby Venus had been damaged, the previous attack in 1906 was in support of which organisation? **SUFFRAGETTES (Acc VOTES FOR WOMEN)**
- 3a** There are 3 English teams in the Football League with "County" in their name, what are they? (One point each, all 3 for a pass) **NOTTS CTY, DERBY CTY & STOCKPORT CTY**
- 3b** What is the only Football League team with 2 towns in its name? **BRIGHTON & HOVE Albion**
- 4a** David Cameron is the 3<sup>rd</sup> former Prime Minister to return and serve as Foreign Secretary since 1900. Name either of the other two. **BALFOUR/DOUGLAS-HOME**
- 4b** In the November reshuffle who did Steve Barclay succeed as Environment Secretary?  
Therese **COFFEY**
- Spare:** What is the capital of Rwanda? **KIGALI**