

## Lancaster City Quiz League - Monday 26 February 2024

This week's quiz is set by Lancaster Railway Club. All questions are derived (sometimes loosely) from the lyrics of Billy Joel's 1989 single We Didn't Start the Fire. So plenty of post-war American stuff. All rounds are general. Minimum required answer is underlined.

### Round One

1a Harry Truman is the only American President to have been born in Missouri. But which state can claim to be the birthplace of a record eight Presidents? Virginia

1b Doris Day had two number one hits in the UK, Que Sera, Sera in 1956 and which song from the musical comedy Calamity Jane in 1954? Secret Love

2a Mitzi Gaynor played the leading female role as Ensign Nellie Forbush in which 1958 screen version of a Rodgers and Hammerstein Broadway musical? South Pacific

2b What name is given to the 5,000 mile military retreat of approximately 100,000 Chinese communists to avoid the Chinese Nationalist Army in 1934/35? It was instrumental in the rise to power of Mao Zedong. The Long March

3a Which American singer, dubbed the Prince of Wails for his emotional stage performances, features in the opening lyrics and the video of Come on Eileen, a number one hit for Dexy's Midnight Runners in 1982? Johnnie Ray

3b What was the name of the communications satellite which provided the first live transatlantic television feed in 1962? Telstar 1 (accept Telstar)

4a What is the capital of North Korea? Pyongyang

4b Who featured as the cover star and the nude centrefold in the first edition of Playboy magazine, published in December 1953? Marilyn Monroe

Spare Joe DiMaggio, the second husband of Marilyn Monroe, played his entire career for which baseball team? New York Yankees

### Round Two

1a The summer Olympic Games of 1988 took place in which city? Seoul

1b Which Republican Senator fuelled fears of large scale communist infiltration of US government, universities and the film industry between 1950 and 1954? Joe McCarthy

2a The lawyer Roy Cohn assisted McCarthy in his work and was later quoted in the 1987 bestseller The Art of the Deal where he advised readers never to apologize for that would be interpreted as a sign of weakness. Which entrepreneur wrote The Art of the Deal? Donald Trump

2b Which 1964 film has the alternative title How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb? Dr Strangelove

3a Born Walker Smith in 1921 this pugilist, a world champion at welterweight and middleweight, is regarded as the greatest boxer of all time. Name him. Sugar Ray Robinson

3b Which recording by Bill Haley and his Comets was the UK's first million selling single? Rock around the Clock

4a Holden Caulfield, a disillusioned teenager, is the main character and narrator of which 1951 novel by JD Salinger? The Catcher in the Rye

4b Marlon Brando won two Academy Awards for Best Actor. The Godfather in 1972 was one. Name the other from 1954. On the Waterfront

Spare American President Dwight D. Eisenhower was known by what nickname? Ike

### **Round Three**

1a Who was nominated for the best Actress Academy Award for her role as a school governess in the 1956 screen musical The King and I? Deborah Kerr

1b Nicknamed The Brockton Blockbuster, he was heavyweight boxing champion of the World from 1952 until he retired undefeated in 1956. Name him. Rocky Marciano

2a I'll be Seeing You was the theme song of which American pianist and showman? Liberace

2b Who was born Joseph Dzugashvili in 1878? Joseph Stalin

3a Who was President of Egypt from 1954 until his death in 1970? Gamal Abdel Nasser

3b What was the name of the collective defensive alliance formed by the Soviet Union and seven Eastern Bloc countries as a counterbalance to NATO? Warsaw Pact

4a Which African-American became the first black player of the modern era to play Major League baseball when he represented the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947? Jackie Robinson

4b Name the army general who was elected three times as President of Argentina and who founded a political movement that bore his name. Juan Peron

Spare Which scientist, who died in 1955, has featured in British television and radio adverts since October 2022 promoting the use of smart meters? Albert Einstein

### **Round Four**

1a What is the state capital of Alabama? Montgomery

1b Who received a posthumous Academy Award nomination for Best Actor for his role in the 1955 film East of Eden? James Dean

2a In 1955 the Brooklyn Dodgers won baseball's World Series but two years later the franchise moved to which American city? Los Angeles

2b Which song became Elvis Presley's first Uk number one in June 1957? All Shook Up

3a Tennessee Ernie Ford had a UK top ten hit in January 1956 with a song that celebrated which US frontiersman and politician? (Ballad of) Davy Crockett

3b Ferenc Liszt International Airport serves which European capital city? Budapest

4a Who succeeded Joseph Stalin as First Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union in 1953? Nikita Khrushchev

4b The original Disneyland theme park opened in which Californian city in July 1955? The city is part of the greater Los Angeles area and is home to the Angels Major League baseball team? Anaheim

Spare The 1956 romantic drama And God Created Woman was the breakthrough film for which French sex kitten? Brigitte Bardot

### **Round Five**

1a Which American soap opera, set in a small New England town, ran from 1964 to 1969 and was a springboard for the careers of Ryan O'Neal and Mia Farrow? Peyton Place

1b What is the state capital of Arkansas? Little Rock

2a Who resigned as British Prime Minister in January 1957 due to ill health after he had been accused of misleading Parliament over the Suez Crisis? Anthony Eden

2b Which novel by the Russian author Boris Pasternak was banned in the USSR but was eventually published in Italy in 1957? It was made into an epic film in 1965 directed by David Lean. Dr Zhivago

3a Which actress made her final film appearance in the 1956 musical High Society before she dedicated her life to her forthcoming marriage? Grace Kelly

3b Which novelist and beat poet wrote the 1957 book On the Road, a novel based on the author's travels with his friends across the United States? Jack Kerouac

4a What was the name of the world's first artificial satellite launched by the Soviet Union in October 1957? Sputnik

4b At the end of the 1957 baseball season the New York Giants relocated to which city? San Francisco

Spare Based on a novel by the Frenchman Pierre Boulle, which epic war film, directed by David Lean, won the Academy Award for Best Motion Picture in 1958? The Bridge on the River Kwai

### **Round Six**

1a In February 1959 Buddy Holly was killed in a plane crash in Iowa. Two other famous Rock and Roll musicians died with him. Name one of them. Richie Valens or The Big Bopper (JP Richardson)

1b In May 1959 Able and Baker became the first creatures to survive an American space flight. What were they? Monkeys

2a Which 1959 epic movie won a then unprecedented eleven Oscars? It featured Charlton Heston in the lead role and a nine-minute chariot race. Ben Hur

2b From 1958 the American toy company Wham-O, creator of the frisbee, manufactured a plastic ring for children which became a world-wide phenomenon. What was it called? Hula Hoop

3a Who was the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court who led the Presidential Commission into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy? Earl Warren

3b Who wrote the 1959 horror novel Psycho? Robert Bloch

4a Name the military dictator who was overthrown by Fidel Castro and his followers in the Cuban Revolution of 1959. Fulgencio Batista

4b Born Ernest Evans in 1941, this rotund American vocalist popularized many dance styles but is most remembered for The Twist. By what name is he better known? Chubby Checker

Spare In May 1960 the Soviet Union shot down an American reconnaissance aircraft, the U2, over Soviet territory. Who was the pilot? Francis Gary Powers

### **Round Seven**

1a Which short novel by Ernest Hemingway, published in 1952, tells of an old Cuban fisherman and his long struggle to catch a giant marlin? The Old Man and the Sea

1b Name the Nazi war criminal who was arrested by Israeli secret service agents in Buenos Aires in 1960 and was smuggled out of Argentina to face trial in Israel. Adolf Eichmann

2a In 1962 who became the third American into space but the first US astronaut to orbit the Earth? He later became a US Senator and an unsuccessful Democratic Party presidential nominee. John Glenn

2b The New York Jets gridiron team played their home games at which stadium between 1964 and 1983? It famously hosted two sell-out Beatles concerts in 1965 and 1966. Shea Stadium

3a Which African-American Muslim minister and civil rights activist was shot and killed in New York in February 1965? Malcolm X

3b Which fearsome ex-convict became heavyweight boxing champion of the World in September 1962 when he defeated the reigning champion, Floyd Patterson, inside one round? Charles "Sonny" Liston

4a Lee Harvey Oswald was arrested for the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in November 1963 but two days later he was shot and killed by which Dallas nightclub owner? Jack Ruby

4b Name the British Secretary of State for War who resigned from office in June 1963 after he admitted lying to the House of Commons about his relationship with the model Christine Keeler. John Profumo

Spare Who was born Robert Allen Zimmerman in 1941? Bob Dylan

### **Round Eight**

1a Who served as Vice President to Dwight D. Eisenhower from 1953 to 1961? Richard Nixon

1b Which music festival, held in New York State in August 1969, was promoted as "an Aquarian Exposition: Three Days of Peace and Music"? Woodstock

2a The American gameshow Wheel of Fortune was first adapted for British television in 1988. It was revived by ITV in January 2024 with which presenter? Graham Norton

2b Which 1976 film starred Robert Redford and Dustin Hoffman as Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, the Washington Post reporters who uncovered the Watergate scandal? All the President's Men

3a Who, in 1983, became the first American woman in space? Sally Ride

3b In 1984 the video to accompany a No1 single in the UK featured the US President, Ronald Reagan, wrestling with his Soviet counterpart, Konstantin Chernenko. Name the single. Two Tribes (Frankie goes to Hollywood)

4a Who won the Oscar for Best Director for the 1989 film Born on the Fourth of July, which stars Tom Cruise as a disabled war veteran who becomes an anti-war activist? Oliver Stone

4b Which religious cleric was Time Magazine's unlikely choice as Man of the Year in 1979? Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini

Spare Which statement of 1917, bearing the name of the then British Foreign Secretary, announced the British Government's support for the establishment of a national home for the Jewish people in Palestine? Balfour Declaration