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Required answers are in BOLD CAPITALS

*Tonight's quiz is themed around The Wacky Races, a children's cartoon series shown on BBC TV 1969-70. In each episode eleven eccentric drivers and their weird vehicles lined up for a cross-country race, eager to claim the title of 'The World's Wackiest Racer'. Sadly, three competitors, failed to make it to the starting line for tonight's quiz – Dick Dastardly and Muttley in the Mean Machine, Peter Perfect in the Turbo Terrific and the Gruesome Twosome in the Creepy Coupé – leaving eight drivers and their vehicles to provide each team with a varied selection of questions to answer.*

**ROUND ONE: Southern Beauty PENELOPE PITSTOP  
in the COMPACT PUSSYCAT**

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| 1A | In classical mythology, whose long-suffering wife was called Penelope, waiting for twenty years for his return from the Trojan Wars?          | <b>ODYSSEUS or ULYSSES</b>                  |
| 1B | In which long-running BBC TV sit-com was Mrs Slocombe always relating double entendre stories about her pussy?                                | <b>ARE YOU BEING SERVED?</b>                |
| 2A | A species of pit viper, which eleven letter reptile is commonly found in the deserts of the South-West USA?                                   | <b>RATTLESNAKE</b>                          |
| 2B | Which group had a Number 2 hit in 1966 with the song <i>Stop, Stop, Stop</i> ?                                                                | <b>HOLLIES</b>                              |
| 3A | <i>Compact</i> was a BBC TV soap opera which ran from 1962 to 1965. In the series what actually was <i>Compact</i> ?                          | Women's<br><b>MAGAZINE</b>                  |
| 3B | Housing one of the world's best Anthropological and Archaeological collections, the Pitt Rivers Museum is in which English city?              | <b>OXFORD</b>                               |
| 4A | Tom Jones' 1965 hit <i>What's New Pussycat</i> , the theme song from the film of the same name, was written by which famous song writing duo? | Burt <b>BACHARACH</b><br>& Hal <b>DAVID</b> |
| 4B | A white cat called Percy appears with its owners Mr and Mrs Clark in a 1968 painting by which artist?                                         | David <b>HOCKNEY</b>                        |
|    | <i>Spare:</i> What is the colour of Penelope Pitstop's Compact Pussycat?                                                                      | <b>PINK</b>                                 |

**ROUND TWO: Daredevil pilot THE RED MAX  
in the CRIMSON HAYBALER**

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| 1A | Apart from Red Rum there have been two other horses with the word Red at the beginning of their names which have won the Grand National. Name either.    | <b>RED MARAUDER or RED ALLIGATOR</b>    |
| 1B | The German artist Max Ernst (1891-1976) was a leading figure in which art movement?                                                                      | <b>SURREALISM</b>                       |
| 2A | Released in 1969, what is the title of the debut album of the progressive rock band King Crimson?                                                        | <b>IN THE COURT OF THE CRIMSON KING</b> |
| 2B | Linking the Red Sea with the Gulf of Aden the Bab-al-Mandab strait also separates Yemen from two African countries which border the strait. Name either. | <b>ERITREA or DJIBOUTI</b>              |

- 3A How is the painting *The Red Vineyard* unique among the works of the artist Vincent van Gogh? **ONLY (known) SALE IN HIS LIFETIME**
- 3B Known for its literary festival and second-hand bookshops, the town of Hay-on-Wye is in which Welsh county? **POWYS**
- 4A A small boy called Max is the main character in which illustrated children's book by Maurice Sendak published in 1963? **WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE**
- 4B In which 1937 film did comedian Will Hay play an inept station master in a remote part of Northern Ireland, unknowingly caught up in gun-running across the border? **OH, MR PORTER!**
- Spare:* The Red Max is loosely based on which World War I flying ace? **Manfred von RICHTHOFEN**

**ROUND THREE: *Gangsters CLYDE and the ANTHILL MOB in the BULLET-PROOF BOMB***

- 1A Astronomer Clyde Tombaugh made the news in 1930 for what significant discovery? Dwarf planet **PLUTO**
- 1B The song *Bulletproof* was a 2009 hit for which synth-pop duo? **LA ROUX**
- 2A What was the code name for the Atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki on the 9<sup>th</sup> of August 1945? **FAT MAN**
- 2B What acid is produced by many species of ant as a deterrent against predators? **FORMIC**
- 3A At 1,349 feet or 425 metres the Worcestershire Beacon is the highest point in which range of hills? **MALVERNS**
- 3B *The Bullet That Missed* is the third book in Richard Osman's series of cosy crime novels set in a retirement village. What is the title of the first book? **THE THURSDAY MURDER CLUB**
- 4A Considered to be the first notable engagement of the English Civil War, the Battle of Edge Hill in Warwickshire took place in which year? **1642**
- 4B Which shipbuilding firm on the River Clyde built many famous liners including the Lusitania, Queen Mary, Queen Elizabeth and QE2? **JOHN BROWN**
- Spare:* Excluding Clyde, how many gangsters are there in the Bullet-Proof Bomb? **SIX**

**ROUND FOUR: *The cavemen SLAG brothers ROCK and GRAVEL in the BOULDER MOBILE***

- 1A In which British comic could you read about the exploits of Sandra and Tracey, also known as the Fat Slags? **VIZ**
- 1B The city of Mobile, on Mobile Bay, is which US state's main port? **ALABAMA**
- 2A Also known as Spaghetti Junction, the Gravelly Hill Interchange is the meeting point of the A38, the A5127 and which motorway? **M6**
- 2B Previously known as Ayers Rock, this large sandstone monolith in the centre of Australia now also has what aboriginal name? **ULURU**
- 3A Boulder Dam on the River Colorado was constructed between 1930 and 1935 but was renamed in 1947 in honour of which president? **Herbert HOOVER**

- 3B The song *Stuck inside of Mobile with the Memphis Blues Again* is a track on the seventh studio album (1966) of which US singer/songwriter? **BOB DYLAN**
- 4A What type of rock forms the hexagonal columns of the Giant's Causeway in Northern Ireland and Fingal's Cave on the Scottish island of Staffa? **BASALT**
- 4B In which Lake District valley would you find the 2,000 ton boulder known as the Bowder Stone, one of the National Park's most famous features? **BORROWDALE**
- Spare:* How do the Slag brothers increase the speed of their Boulder Mobile? **HIT EACH OTHER WITH THEIR CLUBS**

**ROUND FIVE: Ingenious inventor PROFESSOR PAT PENDING  
in the RING-a-DING CONVERT-a-CAR**

- 1A Which ex-Premier League football manager was known as 'The Professor'? **ARSENE WENGER**
- 1B Richard Wagner's *Ring Cycle* consists of four operas – *Das Rheingold*, *Die Valküre*, *Götterdämmerung* and which other? **SIEGFRIED**
- 2A Ding Jun Hui is one of the top players in which sport? **SNOOKER**
- 2B Better known for a more famous fictional creation who, in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, wrote a series of 'science fantasy' novels featuring Professor Challenger? **Sir ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE**
- 3A Based on a picture from a comic called *Girls' Romances* the 1963 Pop Art painting *In the Car* was created by which US artist? **Roy LICHTENSTEIN**
- 3B Convert a distance of 40 miles into its equivalent in kilometres. **64**
- 4A With a blackish plumage and a white band around its neck, the Ring Ouzel belongs to which family of birds? **THRUSH**
- 4B In 1987 Pat Cash won the Men's Singles tennis title at Wimbledon by beating which eight times Grand Slam winner? **IVAN LENDL**
- Spare:* How many wheels does Professor Pat Pending's car have? **THREE**

**ROUND SIX: Soldiers SERGEANT BLAST and PRIVATE MEEKLY  
in the ARMY SURPLUS SPECIAL**

- 1A One of the earliest representations of a police detective in English fiction, Sergeant Cuff appears in which 1868 novel by Wilkie Collins? **THE MOONSTONE**
- 1B Largely uncelebrated for many years after World War II, Britain's so-called 'Forgotten Army' fought a brutal and gruelling campaign in which country? **BURMA or MYANMAR**
- 2A Which playwright wrote the three-act comedy *Private Lives*, first staged in 1930. **NOEL COWARD**
- 2B Britain's remaining coal-fired blast furnaces at Port Talbot and Scunthorpe are scheduled to be replaced by cleaner EAFs. What do these initials stand for? **ELECTRIC ARC FURNACE**
- 3A Who is the editor of the satirical magazine *Private Eye* ? **IAN HISLOP**
- 3B Which song of the Music Hall era, a favourite of Marie Lloyd, points out that "You can't trust a special like the old time coppers"? **MY OLD MAN or DON'T DILLY DALLY**
- 4A In which Gilbert & Sullivan operetta, subtitled *The Merryman and His Maid*, is Sergeant Meryll an important character? **THE YEOMEN OF THE GUARD**

4B What was the unusual middle name of the American expatriate artist John Sargent (1856-1925), considered by many the leading portrait painter of his generation? **SINGER**

*Spare:* What sort of vehicle is the Army Surplus Special? **TANK**

**ROUND SEVEN: Lumberjack RUFUS RUFFCUT and SAW-TOOTH  
in the BUZZ WAGON**

1A In what year did William Rufus meet his end, shot by an arrow while hunting in the New Forest? **1100**

1B The Ruff is a medium sized wading bird but what is its female called? She has the same name as an Anglo-Saxon official responsible for the administration of a shire. **REEVE**

2A Which composing duo wrote the 1951 stage musical *Paint Your Wagon* which, while successful, never achieved the heights of their follow-up, *My Fair Lady* ? Alan **LERNER** & Frederick **LOEWE**

2B Which North-West England waterway was known as the Duke's Cut? **BRIDGEWATER CANAL**

3A The second man to walk on the moon is usually known as Buzz Aldrin but what is his real forename? **EDWIN**

3B Which poet, who was Poet Laureate from 1850 until his death in 1892, described Nature as being: "red in tooth and claw" in his poem *In Memoriam A.H.H.*? Alfred Lord **TENNYSON**

4A Which playwright wrote the two-act farce *What The Butler Saw*, first staged in 1969? **JOE ORTON**

4B Which actor provided the voice for Buzz Lightyear in the *Toy Story* films? **TIM ALLEN**

*Spare:* In the Buzz Wagon, Rufus Ruffcut's companion Saw-Tooth is what sort of animal? **BEAVER**

**ROUND EIGHT: Country boy LUKE and BLUBBER BEAR  
in the ARKANSAS CHUG-a-BUG**

1A Who played the title role in the 1967 prison drama film *Cool Hand Luke* ? **PAUL NEWMAN**

1B *Chug-a-Lug* was a song recorded by which US Country singer, probably better known for his 1965 Number One hit *King of the Road* ? **ROGER MILLER**

2A In 2018 the adventurer and TV presenter Bear Grylls was appointed Chief Ambassador of which worldwide youth movement? **SCOUTS**

2B In the 1998 animated film *A Bug's Life* a colony of ants live on a small hill in the middle of a creek bed and each summer are forced to give food to a threatening gang of what other creatures? **GRASSHOPPERS**

3A Emerging from its pupa in late Spring, the Maybug turns into a large flying beetle also known by what ten letter name? **COCKCHAFFER**

3B St Luke is the patron saint of which profession? **PHYSICIANS  
or DOCTORS**

4A Which US state lies directly between Arkansas and the Gulf of Mexico? **LOUISIANA**

4B In which Shakespeare play does the stage direction 'Exit, pursued by a Bear' occur? The **WINTER'S TALE**

*Spare:* How did Blubber Bear, Luke's companion in the Arkansas Chug-a-Bug, get his name? **STARTED CRYING  
WHEN ANYTHING  
WENT WRONG**