

Quiz – 7-10-24. Set by Lancaster Cricket Club A.
Required answers are in bold and underlined.

Round 1 – Politics by Numbers

- 1a – What was Labour's majority after the July 2024 General Election? Ans **174**
- 1b – How many hereditary peers currently sit in the House of Lords? Ans – **92**
- 2a – How many contenders started the contest to replace Rishi Sunak as Conservative Party leader? Ans – **6**
- 2b – There are 16 Parliamentary constituencies in Lancashire, how many now have a Conservative MP? Ans - **1**
- 3a – How many MPs are in the Independent group formed by Jeremy Corbyn? Ans – **5**
- 3b – How many Green Party MPs were elected at the July 2024 election? Ans - **4**
- 4a – Sinn Fein do not take up their seats in the House of Commons, but how many Sinn Fein members were elected in the July 2024 election/ Ans – **7**
- 4b – How many Scottish Nationalist MPs were elected at the July 2024 election? Ans - **9**
- Spare – How many Conservative MPs were elected at the July 2024 election? Ans - **121**

Round 2 - Places.

- 1a – What was the site of the former capital of the Zulus where the last full scale battle of the Zulu wars took place in 1879. Ans – **Ulundi**
- 1b – What was the site of the last battle/slaughter of the Lakota Indians by the US army in December 1890. Also part of the title of a book detailing the genocide of the American native tribes. Ans – **Wounded Knee**
- 2a – What is the town just off the M74 in Scotland which was the site of the Pan Am 103 bombing. Ans – **Lockerbie**
- 2b – What is the birthplace of Thomas Carlyle – a village just off the M74 in Scotland. Ans – **Ecclefechan**

3a – What is the capital of Liechtenstein

Ans – Vaduz

3b – What is the capital of Lithuania

Ans – Vilnius

4a – What is the largest country by area in Africa

Ans – Algeria

4b – What is the largest country by population in Africa

Ans – Nigeria

Spares

Island in the Mediterranean where Napoleon was exiled in 1814

Ans - Elba

Site of the first battle of the English Civil War in 1642

Ans – Edge Hill

Round 3 – World Geography

1a – The earth has seasons because of the tilt of its orbit, what is the degree of that tilt?

Ans – 23.5 (accept 23 – 24)

1b – How old is the earth (according to scientists, not religious leaders) ?

Ans – 4.54 billion years (accept 4 to 5 billion)

2a – Which desert is recognised as the driest in the world ?

Ans – The Atacama desert

2b – What is the world's oldest desert?

Ans – The Namid desert

3a – What is the common name of the second highest mountain above sea level in the world?

Ans – K2

3b – Which Indonesian volcano exploded in 1815 (68 years before Krakatoa) causing the largest recorded explosion in history?

Ans – Tambora

4a – Name any 1 of the 4 deserts in the USA - Ans from

Great Basin, Chihuahan, Sonoran or Mojave

4b – In which country is the Carcross desert, the smallest desert in the world. Ans – Canada

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Which country has the most deserts?

Ans – China (13)

Which desert touches 11 countries?

Ans – The Sahara

Round 4 - Lead singers – given a group and a song - name the lead singer on that song.

1a – The Dave Clark 5 – Glad All Over.

Ans - **Mike Smith**

1b – The Hollies – I'm Alive

Ans – **Allan Clarke**

2a – Nirvana – Come As You Are

Ans – **Kurt Cobain**

2b – The Killers – Human

Ans – **Brandon Flowers**

3a – Jethro Tull – Aqualung

Ans – **Ian Anderson**

3b – Led Zeppelin – Stairway to Heaven

Ans – **Robert Plant**

4a – The Pretenders – Brass in Pocket

Ans – **Chrissie Hynd**

4b – Jefferson Airplane – White Rabbit

Ans – **Grace Slick**

Spares

Procol Harum – A Whiter Shade Of Pale

Ans – **Gary Brooker**

Spencer Davis Group – Keep On Running

Ans – **Stevie Winwood**

Round 5 – The EU

1a – How many member states are there currently in the EU?

Ans – **27**

1b – How many stars are there on the blue EU flag?

Ans – **12**

2a – By surface area which country is the smallest EU member?

Ans – **Malta**

2b – By surface area which country is the largest EU member?

Ans – **France**

3a – In which year did Britain join the EC prior to it becoming the EU?

Ans – **1973**

3b – On what exact date did the UK officially leave the EU?

Ans - **1st February 2020**

4a – What was the name of the treaty that changed the Common Market into the EU in 1993?

Ans – The **Maastricht** Treaty

4b – What was the name of the treaty that enabled travel across EU countries without a passport?

Ans – The **Schengen** Treaty

Spares

Who is the current president of the European Commission?

Ans – **Ursula Von Der Leyen**

Who was the president of the European Commission at the time of the Brexit vote?

Ans – **Jean Claude Junkers**

Round 6 - Villains

1a – What was the name of the Mexican bandit played by Eli Wallach in the film The Magnificent Seven?

Ans – **Calvera**

1b – What was the name of the renegade US officer played by Marlon Brando in the film Apocalypse Now?

Ans – Colonel **Kurtz**

2a – Who was the Argentinian footballer in the 1998 world cup whose original foul on David Beckham and subsequent writhing around after being gently tapped in retaliation led to Beckham's sending off and his subsequent vilification in England?

Ans – Diego **Simeone**

2b – Who was the Australian wicket keeper who controversially ran out Jonny Bairstow in the Lords test of 2023?

Ans – Alex **Carey**

3a – In the novel 1984, who is the interrogator of Winston Smith who eventually sends him to face the terrors of Room 101?

Ans - **O'Brien**

3b – In the novel Animal Farm, what is the name of the pig who corrupts the revolution and becomes the tyrannical dictator of Animal Farm?

Ans – **Napoleon**

4a – In the cartoon series Masters of the Universe, what is the name of He Man's arch enemy?

Ans – **Skeletor**

4b – In the puppet series Thunderbirds, what was the name of the criminal terrorist who was the main antagonist of the Thunderbirds' team?

Ans – The **Hood**

Spare 1 – In Shakespeare's Othello what is the name of Othello's trusted advisor who deceives him and causes his downfall?

Ans – **Iago**

Spare 2 – In the Lord of the Rings trilogy who is the evil ruler of Mordor? Ans – **Sauron**

Round 7 – Local Stuff

1a – Which famous food critic in December 2023 praised the food at The Merchants pub in Lancaster as being “seriously impressive food”?

Ans – Jay **Rayner**

1b – Name the local eatery that was praised by the Hairy Bikers for the quality of their salt marsh bacon.

Ans – **Archer's Cafe** (Bolton le Sands)

2a - On June 24th 1970, 2 major Morecambe attractions were badly damaged by fire. Name either of them.

Ans - The **Moby Dick** or The **Alhambra Theatre**

2b – On 12th June 2014 another Morecambe attraction burnt down. Whilst being less salubrious than the Alhambra it did keep the kids amused in the holidays! What was it called?

Ans – **Megazone**

3a – Still referred to as the Fat Scot by many an old git, what is the current name of the pub on Gage Street in Lancaster?

Ans - **The Tap House**

3b – Likewise the owners of The Nag's Head in Lancaster thought they could improve the pub by changing its name, what's it called now?

Ans – **The Study Rooms**

4a – Who was the organiser of the University Rock concerts which brought many top line acts to Lancaster in the 70's and 80's?

Ans – Barry **Lucas**

4b – What is the name of his book which details the who, where, whats and whens of the concerts and the bands?

Ans – **When Rock Went To College**

Spare – What is Lancaster University's motto?

Ans – **Patet omnibus veritas**

accept – **Truth lies open to all**

Round 8 – General

1a – Name the luxury yacht which sank off the Italian coast drowning financier Mike Lynch and his family.

Ans – **Bayesian**

1b – Name the submersible which imploded during its descent to the site of the Titanic.

Ans – **Titan**

2a – Which current Great British Bake Off presenter was in 1977 the first woman to be appointed to the British Rail Board. She was there to improve the catering, especially the sandwiches.

Ans – Prue **Leith**

2b – What name is given to the annual award ceremony of the British Sandwich association?

Ans – The **Sarnies**

3a – Name the night train service which runs 6 nights a week (strikes permitting!) between London Euston and Scotland.

Ans – The **Caledonian Sleeper**

3b – Name the only other UK night train service which runs 6 nights a week between London Paddington and Penzance.

Ans – The **Night Riviera**

4a – In what year was the Great Fire of London?

Ans - **1666**

4b - What is the name of the hot north wind that blows off the Sahara desert?

Ans – The **Sirocco** (accept Scirocco)

Spare

How many senators does each US state elect to the National Senate in Washington DC?

Ans – **2**

Which US city is nicknamed The Windy City?

Ans - **Chicago**

