

LANCASTER CITY QUIZ LEAGUE

QUESTIONS SET BY SILVERDALE HOTEL

For Monday 7th April 2025

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

ROUND 1 TWINS All questions about twins

- 1a** Who is the twin sister of the Greek god Apollo? **ARTEMIS**
- 1b** Who were the twin sons of the Roman god Mars? **ROMULUS & REMUS**
- 2a** In which London pub did Kray twins kill rival gangster George Cornell? The **BLIND BEGGAR**
- 2b** Who played both Kray twins in the 2015 film “Legend”? **TOM HARDY**
- 3a** Name 3 of the 5 towns twinned with Lancaster (1 point for each, name 3 for a pass)
PERPIGNAN, RENDBURG, AALBORG, LUBLIN, VAXJO
- 3b** Which town in France is twinned with Carnforth? **SAILLY (sur la Lys)**
- 4a** Which Shakespeare play concerns two sets of identical twins? **THE COMEDY OF ERRORS**
- 4b** From which 1954 classic novel by a Booker & Nobel prizewinner do the identical twins Sam & Eric appear? **LORD OF THE FLIES**
- Spare:** In which Shakespeare play do twins Viola & Sebastian get mistaken for each other? **TWELFTH NIGHT**

ROUND 2 GEOGRAPHICAL RENAMING

- 1a** Which African country was formerly known as Dahomey? **BENIN**
- 1b** Which African country was formerly known as Nyasaland? **MALAWI**
- 2a** What was the country Portugal known as to the Romans? **LUSITANIA**
- 2b** What did the Romans call Ireland? **HIBERNIA**
- 3a** In 1966 the African capital of Leopoldville changed its name to what? **KINSHASA**
- 3b** What was the former name of the city of Tokyo before it became Japan’s capital? **EDO**
- 4a** Now part of Australia what was Tasmania called until 1856? **VAN DIEMEN’S LAND**
- 4b** The Indian city of Madras changed its name in 1996 to what? **CHENNAI**
- Spare:** In 1975 the S Vietnam capital changed its name to what? **HO CHI MINH CITY**

ROUND 3 CHILDREN'S & YOUNG ADULT BOOKS & AUTHORS

- 1a** Which series of books by Enid Blyton was based on her daughter's time at boarding school?
MALORY TOWERS
- 1b** Who was the author of the Tracey Beaker series of books? **JACQUELINE WILSON**
- 2a** Who is the current Children's Laureate? Frank **COTTRELL-BOYCE**
- 2b** Who was the first Children's Laureate in 1999? Quentin **BLAKE**
- 3a** What are the 3 books that make up Philip Pullman's "His Dark Materials"?
(1 point each, all 3 for a pass)
NORTHERN LIGHTS, THE SUBTLE KNIFE & THE AMBER SPYGLASS
- 3b** What are the 3 books that make up Tolkien's "Lord of the Rings"? (1 point each, all 3 for pass)
FELLOWSHIP of the RING, THE TWO TOWERS & THE RETURN of the KING
- 4a** "The Colour of Magic" was the first in a series of books by which author? **TERRY PRATCHETT**
- 4b** Who was the author of "The Hunger Games"? **SUZANNE COLLINS**
- Spare:** Who wrote the children's classic book "We're going on a Bear Hunt"? **MICHAEL ROSEN**

ROUND 4 GENERAL

- 1a** Which popular book published in 1937 had the sub-title "Or There and Back Again"? The **HOBBIT**
- 1b** Who wrote the 1991 travel book "Neither Here nor There"? Bill **BRYSON**
- 2a** What is the heraldic name given to the tincture or colour red? **GULES**
- 2b** What is the heraldic name for the tincture or colour black? **SABLE**
- 3a** In the TV series "Minder" how did Arthur Daley (George Cole) refer to his wife? **'ER INDOORS**
- 3b** In the TV series "Rumpole of the Bailey how did Horace Rumpole (Leo McKern) refer to his wife?
SHE WHO MUST BE OBEYED
- 4a** With the Atomic Number 38 what is the only element named after a place in UK? **STRONTIUM**
- 4b** 4 elements (nos 39, 65, 68 & 70) are all named after a village in which country? **SWEDEN** (Ytterby)
- Spare:** Which Harvard mathematician and satirist wrote & performed the "list" song "The Elements"
Tom **LEHRER**

ROUND 5 ASTEROIDS & COMETS

- 1a** “Asteroid” was the name of a piece of music played to cinema goers since 1968 to introduce adverts from which company? **PEARL & DEAN**
- 1b** “Asteroids” was an early arcade game produced by which company? **ATARI**
- 2a** Bill Haley & the Comets song “Rock Around the Clock” was a hit single, album & film but in which film did it first appear? **BLACKBOARD JUNGLE**
- 2b** Which UK co. built the “Comet”, the 1st commercial jet to enter service? **DE HAVILLAND**
- 3a** Most asteroids orbit the sun in a belt between which 2 planets? **MARS & JUPITER**
- 3b** Which comet, named after its discoverers, had broken into chunks when it was discovered orbiting Jupiter in 1993 and then crashed into the planet in 1994? **SHOEMAKER-LEVY**
- 4a** Asteroid 12838 is named after which 18th century economist/philosopher, author of the book; The Wealth of Nations? **Adam SMITH**
- 4b** Asteroid 5020 is named after which 20th century Russian/American, a prolific writer of science Fiction books? **Isaac AZIMOV**
- Spare:** Asteroid 25924 is named after which British author whose 1979 best selling book contains this profound contribution to the science of cosmology “space is big. You won’t believe how vastly hugely mind-boggingly big it is”. **DOUGLAS ADAMS**

ROUND 6 BUILDINGS

- 1a** In which Scottish castle was Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother born? **GLAMIS**
- 1b** Which Yorkshire stately home was used for the BBC TV series Brideshead Revisited? **CASTLE HOWARD**
- 2a** In which building in Paris is Napoleon buried? **THE INVALIDES**
- 2b** What is the name of the structure in Ypres bearing the names of thousands of British wounded? **MENIN GATE**
- 3a** What is the name of the only ancient Roman building in Rome that is still complete, with roof, formerly Greek temple and now catholic church? **THE PANTHEON**
- 3b** The largest stadium ever built housed chariot racing in Rome and was 6 times larger than The Colosseum, what was its name? **CIRCUS MAXIMUS**
- 4a** By what name is the former imperial palace complex in Beijing known? **THE FORBIDDEN CITY**
- 4b** What is the name of the Sikh holy place in Amritsar? **THE GOLDEN TEMPLE**
- Spare:** What is the name of the mosque on the Temple Mountain in Jerusalem? **AL AQSA**

ROUND 7 HISTORY

- 1a** Who was the mother of King Henry VII? (both names required) **MARGARET BEAUFORT**
- 1b** George I claimed the throne by descent from which previous king? **JAMES I (and VI)**
- 2a** Which community was the victim of the St Bartholomew's Day Massacre in France? The **HUGUENOTS**
- 2b** Who became king after the 1830 revolution in France? **LOUIS-PHILIPPE**
- 3a** Who was the Russian leader in 1917 between the overthrow of the Tsar and the arrival of Lenin? Alexander **KERENSKY**
- 3b** Who succeeded Stalin in 1953 as General Secretary of the CPSU? Georgi **MALENKOV**
- 4a** The last emperor of China was Puyi, set up by the Japanese as puppet ruler of which country existing at the time? **MANCHURIA**
- 4b** Who was the last non-Communist ruler of China, defeated by Mao in 1949? **CHIANG KAI SHEK**
- Spare:** Who was the only US President before Trump to be elected for two non-consecutive terms? Grover **CLEVELAND**

ROUND 8 GENERAL

- 1a** What is the parent company of Google? **ALPHABET**
- 1b** Elon Musk made his first fortune when his financial services company X.com merged with which online company that he then later sold to eBay? **PAYPAL**
- 2a** Who is the only woman to have won 4 Best Actor Oscars? **KATHERINE HEPBURN**
- 2b** Who is the only male to have won 3 Best Actor Oscars? **DANIEL DAY-LEWIS**
- 3a** In what mountain range would you find the world's 2nd highest mountain? **KARAKORAM**
- 3b** In what mountain range would you find the highest mountain in Europe? **CAUCASUS**
- 4a** What do Americans call a drawing pin? A **THUMB TACK**
- 4b** What do Americans call a child's dummy? A **PACIFIER**
- Spare:** The textile linen is made from the fibres of which plant? **FLAX**