

Pairs 2025 Final

Lancaster City Quiz League

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1. Eastenders celebrated an anniversary on 19th Feb this year with a live one hour programme. How many years were they celebrating? **40.**
2. Yellowstone was the USA's first national park and also arguably the world's first. It is mainly located in Wyoming, but extends into which two other states? **MONTANA, IDAHO.** (2 points)
- 3.. Which actor and Oscar winning director plays John Dutton III in the Paramount tv series Yellowstone? Kevin **COSTNER**
4. Opened in September 2025 and standing 625 metres above the valley floor it crosses, in which country is the world's highest bridge? **CHINA** (Huajiang Grand Canyon Bridge)
5. The Olympic Heptathlon was first contested in Los Angeles in 1984. Which two events were added to the events of the Pentathlon? **JAVELIN & 800 M.** (2 points)
6. The battles of Balaclava, Hastings, Agincourt and Trafalgar all took place in which month? **OCTOBER**
7. About 17 miles from Mount Rushmore, is an unfinished rock sculpture which, when finished, will be 172 metres high. It is a memorial to which Native American war leader who died in 1877? **CRAZY HORSE.** (Tasunke Witco)
8. Which of Santa's reindeer
 - a) has the same name as one of ITV's Chasers? **VIXEN**
 - b) has the same name as a deity, often portrayed with a bow and arrow? **CUPID**
 - c) Is an astronomical object that appears on the Bayeux tapestry (and is named for the second Astronomer Royal) **COMET.** (3 points)
9. Which 1985 Woody Allen film features in the title a colour, a flower and an African capital? **THE PURPLE ROSE OF CAIRO.**
10. Who is the artist of the work "*Girl With a Pierced Eardrum*" which was completed in October 2014? **BANKSY.**
11.
 - a) In the song "*Whiskey in the Jar*", a UK hit for Thin Lizzy in 1972-3, there is reference to mountains in which two Irish counties? **CORK and KERRY.** (half point if only one)
 - b) In 1998 a version of the song by which US band won a Grammy for Best Hard Rock Performance.? **METALLICA.** (2 points)
12. Which actor and actress (which two actors would be very unhelpful) played a married couple in a Martin Scorsese film, and next door neighbours in a Quentin Tarantino film? Leonardo **DICAPRIO**, Margot **ROBBIE.**
13. Aachen in 14thC and Strasbourg in 16thC were among the places noted for an outbreak of what kind of public mania? **DANCING**

14. In the poem "A Visit from St Nicholas" by Clement Clark Moore, which creature is mentioned in the second line?

MOUSE

*'Twas was the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse*

15. The title of which Clint Eastwood film refers to a jazz standard tune, written and recorded by Erroll Garner in 1954?

PLAY MISTY FOR ME

16. What is the lowest perfect number? It is also the atomic number of the second most abundant element by mass in the human body.

6. (Carbon)

17. Which one word Name links (compound word)

- Little Mix first hit
- A jazz saxophonist
- Olympic gold medal athlete Maurice Green
- A 1981 film about a road race, starring Burt Reynolds? **CANNONBALL**

18.

- a) Who was the first Mexican born actress to be nominated for the Academy Award for Best Actress?
Salma **HAYEK**
- b) For playing which famous Mexican in a 2002 biopic did she gain this nomination?
Frida **KAHLO** (in Frida)
- c) In which 2011 animated film, a spin off in the Shrek franchise, did she first voice the character Kitty Softpaws?
PUSS IN BOOTS. (3 points)

19. Identify this person: -

- Historian A J P Taylor called him "*the only wholly admirable figure in modern history*".
- Born in Nice 1807 - died in 1882 in Italy.
- Offered a command in the Union Army during US Civil War
- Fought in Franco Prussian war for the French Republic, after fall of Napoleon III
- Known as the Hero of two worlds. fought for independence and national unity in Brazil, Uruguay and Italy.
- His most famous military expedition began in 1860. Giuseppe **GARIBALDI**

20. In which city is The Abba Museum?

STOCKHOLM

21. In the same city is which other museum dedicated to a ship which sank in 1628 on its maiden voyage? Like ABBA the name is four letters long and has two A's **VASA**

22. What would you be wearing if you had on 9Forty or a 59Fifty? Try to be precise with the answer for two points. Trademarked in 1954. Ubiquitous. You almost certainly saw some this week

BASEBALL CAP (1 points). **HAT** (1/2 point)

23. What was the profession of the third husband of Marilyn Monroe? **PLAYWRIGHT./WRITER.**

24. The Garabit Viaduct in France (1884) the Maria Pia Bridge (1877) in Portugal, and the Hacho Bridge (1898) in Spain were all built by the company of which civil engineer (or by former students/employees of his) He gives his name to a much more famous structure which is not a bridge.

Gustave **EIFFEL**

25. To end the first round, a question that links the USAs two greatest contributions to 20th century culture: The Simpsons and The Great Gatsby

Homer Simpson's middle name and the forename of the title character in *The Great Gatsby* are the same. What is it? (n.b. the name that Gatsby assumes, not his birth name) **JAY**

(32 pts)

Round 2

26. The first word of Dickens *A Christmas Carol* (Stave 1/ Chapter 1) is a surname name. Which name? **MARLEY**

27. What surname is shared by a character played by McCauley Culkin and a FIFA World Cup winner who plays for a Premier League team? (with slight variation in spelling) **McCALLISTER**. (MacAllister)

28. Which famous film star's name (forename and surname) is formed by combining the surnames of US Presidents? He was born in 1942 and his only Oscar nomination was in 1986. **HARRISON FORD**

29. With which famous musician and songwriter would you associate 20 Forthlin Road, 7 Cavendish Avenue, High Park Farm near Campbelltown, an estate in Peasmarsh, East Sussex, a house in East Hampton, New York and a ranch in Arizona near Tanque Verde River? (And several others) **PAUL MCCARTNEY**

30. In 2024, who became the youngest person to have won two Oscars (she is not primarily an actress, though made her acting debut in 2023) also the first person born in the 21st century to win an Academy Award. Neither Oscar is for acting. **BILLIE EILISH**

31. Tomas Straussler born in Czechoslovakia in 1937 won five Tony Awards and three Olivier Awards. He also won an Oscar for the screenplay of *"Shakespeare in Love"*. By what name is he better known? He died on 29th November 2025. Tom **STOPPARD**

32. Who wrote the autobiography *"Wonderful Today"* published in 2007? She has also produced a series of photographs titled *"Through the Eyes of a Muse"*. Patti **BOYD**

33. Dos Equis is a drinks company producing Mezcal, co-founded in 2019 by which two actors who starred together in a successful alliterative tv series from 2008 to 2013? Bryan **CRANSTON** and Aaron **PAUL**. (2 points)

34. What is the musical connection between a BBC tv comedy series starring Diane Morgan - the 4th series began earlier this year, a famous New York City night club that took its name from an area of Rio de Janeiro and a famous or notorious area region of the North Atlantic? Hits by **BARRY MANILOW** (Mandy, Copacabana, Bermuda Triangle)

35. Which is the most populous country with a Mediterranean coastline? **EGYPT**

36. The names of the F1 circuits for both the Singapore GP and the Abu Dhabi GP have which one word in common? **MARINA**

37. Which surname is shared by a character portrayed on screen by David Hasselhoff and the 15th President of the USA? (variation in spelling) **BUCHANAN**.

38. Four US Presidents lived to over 90 years old (i.e. at least 91) Jimmy Carter was one, name two of the others. Gerald **FORD** 93, Ronald **REAGAN** 93, **GWH BUSH** 94. (2 points)
(John Adams was 90)

39. Which English author wrote the novel *"Coming Up for Air"*, published in 1939? George **ORWELL**

40. "*Coming Up for Air*" is a 2021 memoir by which former sports star, winner of an Olympic gold medal and five Olympic medals in total? Tom **DALEY**
41. Who is the only person named Oscar to win an Oscar? **OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II**
- 42.
- a) Alicante is the second largest city in which Spanish autonomous community? (the name of the largest city will be a very big help in getting the answer) **VALENCIAN / VALENCIA**
- b) What is the capital of the Spanish Autonomous Community of Extremadura? It is the same as that of a Disney Princess. **MERIDA.** (2 points)
43. What are the three Largest cities in Africa - by population? **KINSHASA, LAGOS, CAIRO** (3 pts)
44. Which dual Oscar winning actor starred in films such as "*The Town*", "*The Accountant*" and "*The Flash*"? He has also played Batman. Ben **AFFLECK** (Clue - neither of the Oscars were for acting).
45. Adding the Spice Girls Christmas one word number one hit of 1998 - To Adele's one word number one hit of 2015 (not numeric) - Gives which two-word Beatles Christmas number one of 1967? **HELLO GOODBYE**
46. The Zaglossus is one of two extant genera of Echidna; there are three extant species found on New Guinea; one was discovered in 1961, and named in 1998 in honour of which naturalist and broadcaster? Sir David **ATTENBOROUGH** (Attenborough's long beaked echidna)
47. The Woody Allen film "*Manhattan*" begins with which famous piece of instrumental music? **RHAPSODY IN BLUE** (Gershwin)
48. Which one word name is shared by a dog in a famous film of 1939, and a US band who had a big hit in 1982 with a song named for a continent? **TOTO**
49. What is the most expensive STREET on a Monopoly board? **BOND STREET**
50. Which Italian footballer, who has played in Serie A for Udinese and Verona, made the first of seven international appearances in 2018? His first name is Kevin and his surname is that of a popular Italian baked pasta? Kevin **LASAGNA**
- 30 points
- Round 3**
51. Which British retailer, founded in 1994 and selling home decor, linens, furniture and clothing has the same name as a historical novel by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle published in 1891? **THE WHITE COMPANY**
52. What is notable about the VC won by Sgt Major Stanley Hollis of the Green Howards in 1944 (during WWII)? Only VC won on **D DAY**
53. Who was the last male winner of the BBC Sports Personality of the Year? Lewis **HAMILTON** (2020). (Raducanu, Mead, Earps, Hodgkinson)
54. Which London Street had former residents such as Paul McCartney and Jane Asher, Elizabeth Barrett, Sir Arthur Doyle and (fictionally) Henry Higgins? **WIMPOLE STREET.**
55. The Battle of Austerlitz 1805 was known as The Battle of the Three Emperors. Who were the three Emperors? **NAPOLEON, ALEXANDER 1, FRANCIS / FRANZ I or II** acceptable. (3 pts)

56. If the sun is the largest object in the solar system, and Ganymede and Titan are 9 and 10. What is 11? **MERCURY**

57. Peter Pomegranate was a 16th century warship. What was the name of its sister ship which sank in 1545? **MARY ROSE**

58. Which location connects. Roland Rat, Queen Boudicca, and Harry Potter? **KINGS CROSS STATION**

59. Which Pope with a unique Papal name, i.e. no number, elected in 913, has the same name as a current F1 driver. **LANDO** - also the last pope with a unique Papal name requiring no number, until Pope Francis

60. Two of the most capped players for the England Womens football team have the same surname. Two of only five to win over 140 caps. What is it? **SCOTT**

61. Traditionally Cheddar cheese had to be made within thirty miles of which building? **WELLS CATHEDRAL**

62. Which actress, born Cynthia Ann Smith in 1957, has won four Oscars? (three for acting)?
Frances **MCDORMAND**. (only 4 women have three acting Oscars).
Hepburn, Bergman - (Meryl Streep b 1949 is only other living)

63. In 1984 which former Eurovision Song Contest winner had a UK top 30 hit with a cover of a Smiths song and was backed by three members of The Smiths? **SANDIE SHAW**

64. Which US President was known as His Rotundity? John **ADAMS**

65. During the early period of World War II, the ARP played an important role in the defence of the country. A R stood for Air Raid. For what did the P stand? (not patrol), **PRECAUTIONS**

66. Thomas Hardy's poem "The Convergence of the Twain" (published in 1912) refers to which two objects which "*were bent, By paths coincident, On being anon twin halves of one august event*"
TITANIC and ICEBERG

67. What was Woody Guthrie's middle name? If you know the derivation of his first name, easier than it sounds. **WILSON**

68. Which Premier League football team have the same name as a structure which burned down in 1936? **CRYSTAL PALACE**

69. Biographies: - Identify the subjects from the titles of these biographies and clues

a) My Side of the Road (1980) - Actress who co-starred in a famous series of comedy films.
Dorothy **LAMOUR**

b) To Be or Not to Bop (1979) - Jazz musician associated particularly with the trumpet.
Dizzy **GILLESPIE**

c) Permission to Speak Sir (1986) - An actor particularly associated with his role in a long running BBC comedy series from 1968-77.
Clive **DUNN** (3 pts)

70. The ultra fans of which Premier League football team are known as Forza Garibaldi? **NOTTINGHAM FOREST**

71. The great Renaissance artist Raphael is buried in which building? **THE PANTHEON**

72. The poem "*Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening*" published in 1922 was by which US poet?
Robert **FROST**

73. British nurse Jean Purdy, who died in 1985, played an important role in the development of which medical technique? **IN VITRO FERTILISATION.** (accept similar definition)

74. The Lipizzan or Lippizaner breed of white horse seen at the Spanish Riding school in Vienna take their name from an early stud farm located in which modern day country? (clue - not Spain or Austria). though is much closer to Austria) **SLOVENIA**

75. Which South American capital city, known as The Mother of Cities, was founded by Juan de Salazar y Espinosa on 15th August 1537? **ASUNCION** (Our Lady of the Assumption). to heaven

Tiebreaker

How tall is Michelangelo's David (not counting the pedestal) **17 feet.** (5.17 m). With pedestal 24.5 ft or 7.46 metres

2nd tie break

How many Stars on Hollywood Walk of Fame November 2025? **2827** (not counting blank stars)