

LANCASTER CITY QUIZ LEAGUE
QUESTIONS SET BY SILVERDALE HOTEL

For Monday 28 September 2026

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

ROUND 1 UK CITIES

1a	Which is the most northerly UK city?	INVERNESS
1b	Which is the most southerly UK city?	TRURO
2a	Apart from Canterbury which is the only other English city to have an Anglican Archbishop?	YORK
2b	Which city in Northern Ireland is the ecclesiastic and religious capital of both the Church of Ireland and the Roman Catholic church?	ARMAGH
3a	Generally regarded as England's oldest town, it was known to the Romans as Camulodunum. It became a city in 2022; where is it?	COLCHESTER
3b	Which city in Northern England was known to the Romans as Lugovalium?	CARLISLE
4a	Which two English cities are linked by the M27 motorway?	PORTSMOUTH and SOUTHAMPTON
4b	Which two Scottish cities are at each end of the M90?	EDINBURGH and PERTH
	Spare: Which is the UK's smallest city by population?	ST DAVIDS

ROUND 2 ALEC GUINNESS ON SCREEN Given the year and the role he played name the film title.

1a	1946, Herbert Pocket	GREAT EXPECTATIONS
1b	1949, 8 members of the D'Ascoyne family	KIND HEARTS AND CORONETS
2a	1951, Henry Holland	THE LAVENDER HILL MOB
2b	1951, Sidney Stratton	THE MAN IN THE WHITE SUIT
3a	1955, Professor Marcus	THE LADYKILLERS
3b	1957, Colonel Nicholson	THE BRIDGE ON THE RIVER KWAI
4a	1962, Prince Faisal	LAWRENCE OF ARABIA
4b	1970, King Charles I	CROMWELL
	Spare: 1970, Jacob Marley's ghost	SCROOGE

ROUND 3 UK WILDLIFE

1a	Found during summer in UK waters what is the second largest sea fish in the world?	BASKING SHARK
1b	Which family of UK freshwater fish has species named Common, Crucian and Mirror?	CARP (accept Cyprinidae)
2a	What is Britain's smallest bird	GOLDCREST or FIRECREST
2b	What is the most common bird in Britain?	WREN
3a	What is Britain's smallest terrestrial mammal?	PYGMY SHREW
3b	What is Britain's largest terrestrial mammal?	RED DEER
4a	Harlequin, 2 spot and Orange are varieties in which family of creature in Britain?	LADYBIRD
4b	Willow Beauty, Common Footman and Garden Carpet are species in which order of creature?	MOTH (accept LEPIDOPTERA)
	Spare: Sand and Common are 2 of the 3 species of which British creature?	LIZARDS

ROUND 4 THINGS WITH A STAN OR STANLEY LINK (None of them are Central Asian counties such as Khazakstan)

1a	Which Stan, with the middle name Augustus, was famous for his comic monologues?	Stanley HOLLOWAY
1b	Arthur Stanley Jefferson used his middle name rather than his first name when he moved from music hall to cinema. Which surname did he adopt?	Stan LAUREL
2a	Stanley Falls, now known as Boyoma Falls, is a series of seven cataracts extending over 100km in which present day country?	DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO
2b	The market town of Stanhope is located in which English county?	COUNTY DURHAM
3a	Awarded to the best player in Europe, who won the inaugural Ballon D'Or in 1956?	Stanley MATTHEWS (note: since 1995, it is a worldwide award)
3b	The Stanley Cup is one of the oldest sporting trophies in North America. In which sport is it contested?	ICE HOCKEY
4a	Paul Stanley is the lead singer and songwriter for which rock band?	KISS
4b	Stanley Kowalski is a major character in which 20 th Century play?	A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE
	Spare: What is the name of Accrington Stanley's home ground?	CROWN GROUND or WHAM STADIUM

ROUND 5 UK PRIME MINISTERS

1a	Which PMs term of office was brought to a premature end in the lobby of the House of Commons in May 1812?	Spencer PERCEVAL
1b	Which 19 th century PMs term of office lasted only 119 days before he died?	George CANNING
2a	Who was first PM of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland when the Irish Free State was formed in 1922?	Andrew BONAR LAW
2b	Which PM held office for the longest uninterrupted term?	Robert WALPOLE
3a	Who was the last PM to lead a single-party majority Liberal government?	Herbert Henry ASQUITH
3b	Who was the first Labour PM?	James RAMSAY MACDONALD (accept James McDONALD RAMSAY as per his birth certificate)
4a	Which PM, who served two terms, was born in Dublin?	Arthur WELLESLEY (accept DUKE OF WELLINGTON)
4b	Which PM was born in New York City?	Boris JOHNSON
	Spare: Who was the last Liberal PM (he led a coalition government)	David LLOYD GEORGE

ROUND 6 LITERARY ORIGINS OF WORDS AND PHRASES

1a	The title of this 1961 novel is now used for a problematic or paradoxical situation from which there is no escape.	CATCH-22
1b	From events in an 1865 children's novel, this phrase is now used in internet culture to describe the act of following link after link into obscure territory	DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE
2a	Invented by John Milton in his epic poem Paradise Lost as the high capital and council hall built for Satan and his fellow demons in Hell.	PANDEMONIUM
2b	In an 1814 fable "The Inquisitive Man", the man tells a friend he visited the museum and saw everything, including flies, butterflies, cockroaches and beetles. But what large exhibit in the room did he miss seeing?	The ELEPHANT (hence we get the saying the Elephant in the room)
3a	Used in Romeo and Juliet to describe a hopeless pursuit, it originally meant a chaotic horse race. Three word phrase required.	WILD GOOSE CHASE
3b	Used in the Taming of the Shrew to mean starting a conversation to ease tension, this three word phrase has maritime roots.	BREAK THE ICE
4a	A pejorative term coined by American writer O Henry in 1904 to describe an unstable, undemocratic nation dependant on the export of a single product.	BANANA REPUBLIC
4b	Sir Walter Scott popularized the term in Ivanhoe, using it to describe paid mercenary troops. The term has shifted to mean someone working independently for themselves or multiple companies.	FREELANCER (accept FREELANCE)
	Spare: Used by Shakespeare in Othello, it means to show your feelings openly.	WEAR MY HEART [UP]ON MY SLEEVE

ROUND 7 A ROUND ON SHIPS and OTHER VESSELS

1a	In 1989, which ship hit a reef in Prince William Sound in Alaska, causing a major oil spill?	EXXON VALDEZ
1b	The public wanted Boaty McBoatface but what was the latest British Antarctic vessel actually named, despite receiving 10% of Boaty's vote?	SIR DAVID ATTENBOROUGH
2a	Captain Cook used several ships but which one was used on his first voyage of 1768-71 when he discovered Australia?	ENDEAVOUR
2b	What was the name of Captain Nemo's submarine?	NAUTILUS
3a	Sir Francis Drake set off to circumnavigate the globe in 1577 in the Pelican, but renamed the ship half way through his voyage. What new name did he give it?	The GOLDEN HIND
3b	Shackleton's failed 1914-16 Trans Antarctic Expedition used which ship, recently "found" 3000m deep in The Weddell Sea?	ENDURANCE
4a	What was taken out of service in 1998 and is now permanently moored in the Port of Leith, Edinburgh?	Royal Yacht BRITANNIA
4b	What was the name of the raft used by Thor Heyerdahl in his 1947 expedition across the Pacific Ocean?	KON-TIKI
	Spare: Name any one of the 3 ships used in the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus in 1492	SANTA MARIA, PINTA, LA NINA

ROUND 8 GENERAL

1a	Who in 2025 became the first rugby league player to receive a knighthood?	Sir Billy BOSTON
1b	Which former professional footballer was also knighted in 2025?	Sir David BECKHAM
2a	Who sang the vocals on the Bob the Builder UK number ones 'Can We Fix It?' and 'Mambo No. 5'?	Neil MORRISSEY
2b	Which British television puppet character had a top 40 UK chart single in both 1983 and 1984?	ROLAND RAT
3a	The presence of what is monitored by the International Ice Patrol?	ICEBERGS
3b	Founded in Dresden in 1908, the IVU is an international union of societies established to promote what?	VEGETARIANISM
4a	Decades after Mozart's death, rumours began to circulate that Mozart had been poisoned by which fellow composer?	Antonio SALIERI
4b	In Australia in 2023, Erin Patterson murdered 3 of her relatives by serving toxic death cap mushrooms served in what baked food dish?	BEEF WELLINGTON
	Spare: In Homer's <i>The Odyssey</i> , how many years does it take Odysseus to travel home to Ithaca from Troy?	10