

MERSEYSIDE QUIZ LEAGUES

Questions set by the Warrington Quiz League

For use in Merseyside Challenge Cup matches on Wednesday 3rd October 2012

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Round 1

1a What is the name of the police detective character played by Sidney Poitier in the film 'In The Heat Of The Night' and its sequels?

Virgil Tibbs

2b Box, crowsfoot, socket and ring are types of which tool?

Spanner

2a The Ridolfi Plot was a conspiracy to assassinate which monarch?

Elizabeth 1st

2b In which UK city was there a famous factory called Etruria?

Stoke on Trent

3a The Codman family of Llandudno is well known for performing which traditional children's entertainment?

Punch & Judy

3b What name is traditionally given to the puppeteer of a Punch & Judy show?

Professor (or Punchman)

4a Which chemical element is named after the Latin meaning 'of rainbows'?

Iridium

4b Who designed the Olympic Flame cauldron for London 2012?

Thomas Heatherwick

Round 2

1a Name the managing director of the IMF, forced to resign in 2011 after allegations of improper behaviour in a New York hotel?

Dominique Strauss-Kahn

1b Erika Leonard is a best selling author, under what name does she write?

EL James

2a In which UK city is the Titanic Museum?

Belfast

2b Which horse won the 2012 Derby and 2000 Guineas but failed to complete the 'Triple Crown' when beaten into second place in the St Leger?

Camelot

3a In March 2012 Leanne Wood became the first female leader of which British political party?

Plaid Cymru

3b What is the surname of TV director John and his two actor sons Robert and Philip?

Glenister

4a Which sauce, a key ingredient of Eggs Benedict, is an emulsion of egg yolk and butter, usually seasoned with lemon juice, salt, and a little white pepper?

Hollandaise

4b Which chemical element is named after the Latin meaning 'sky-blue'?

Caesium

Round 3

1a Which animals belong to the genus Loxodonta?

(African) Elephants

1b The 1988 film 'The Dead Pool' was the last film to feature which character?

Dirty Harry (Callahan)

2a The combination of the 1914 or 1914/15 stars plus the British War Medal and Victory Medal was known colloquially by the names of which three cartoon characters?

Pip, Squeak and Wilfred

2b Which King of France ruled for more than 72 years?

Louis 14th

3a 2012 has been the 200th anniversary of the birth of Charles Dickens, which other famous British writer, well known for limericks and other non serious works, was born in the same year?

Edward Lear

3b The Buttonwood Agreement of May 1792 founded which American institution?

New York Stock Exchange

4a The Frederic Chopin Airport serves which city?

Warsaw

4b In which UK town or city is the HQ of the Meteorological Office?

Exeter

Round 4

1a Ball-peen, claw and lump are types of which tool?

Hammer

1b Who is Mitt Romney's running mate in the 2012 US Presidential election?

Paul Ryan

2a Benidorm and Alicante are on which 'Costa'?

Blanca

2b The British War Medal and Victory Medal were together named after which cartoon duo?

Mutt and Jeff

3a Who, in 2012, became the first Briton to win a men's Wimbledon title since 1936?

Jonathon MARRAY

3b In June 2012, Julian Assange took shelter in which country's embassy?

Ecuador

4a Who, better known as a poet, wrote the 2012 novel 'Silver' a sequel to 'Treasure Island'?

4b In 2012 Andrew Motion succeeded Bill Bryson as President of which organisation?

Campaign to Protect Rural England

Round 5

1a Who succeeded Dominique Strauss-Kahn to become MD of the IMF in July 2011?

Christine Lagarde

1b What is the name of the plateau that forms up a large proportion of the southern part of India?

Deccan (Plateau)

2a Which playwright lived at the 'Firefly Estate', Jamaica?

Noel Coward

2b Which famous, much recorded, hymn was written by John Newton in 1779 and is sung to the tune 'New Britain'?

Amazing Grace

3a Which Russian Tsar was succeeded by his wife, Catherine the Great?

Peter the Great

3b Buttonwood is the name of the financial markets column in which publication?

The Economist

4a Michael Curtiz won an Oscar as Best Director, for which film?

Casablanca

4b Who composed the opera 'The Snow Maiden'?

Rimsky-Korsakov

Round 6

1a Malacology is the study of which creatures?

Molluscs

1b In 1961 John F Kennedy formed the 'Presidential Commission on the Status of Women' to report on equal rights, which woman was the first Chairperson of the organisation?

Eleanor Roosevelt

2a Name the Sunday Times journalist killed in Syria in February 2012?

Marie Colvin

2b How is June 16th known to readers of James Joyce?

Bloomsday

3a Which woman, in winning the 2012 French Open Ladies Singles, has now won all four major titles at some time?

Maria Sharapova

3b What is the surname of American crime writers Jonathan and Faye and their eldest child Jesse?

Kellerman

4a The Nikola Testa Airport serves which city?

Belgrade

4b The Royal Greenwich Observatory was for a time situated at Herstmonceux then moved to which UK town or city for the period 1990 to 1998 before returning to Greenwich?
Cambridge

Round 7

1a Which First Lady of the USA formed the basis of the couple's fortune by buying radio and TV stations in Austin, Texas?

Lady Bird Johnson

1b Who wrote 'Sex and the Single Girl' and became famous as editor of 'Cosmopolitan' magazine?

Helen Gurley Brown

2a Mount Erebus in Antarctica is on which island?

Ross Island

2b Name the Australian 'wonder horse' that won its 22nd race (of 22) in winning the Diamond Jubilee Cup at Royal Ascot 2012?

Black Caviar

3a June 9th 2012 was the 150th anniversary of which famous race, immortalised in song?

Blaydon Races

3b The world's oldest bank was founded in 1472, in which country?

Italy

4a Who composed the opera 'The Pearl Fishers'?

Bizet

4b Who designed the Orbit statue in the London 2012 Olympic Park?

Anish Kapoor

Round 8

1a The Deccan plateau in India is bounded to the east and west by two mountain ranges, name either?

(Eastern and Western) Ghats

1b Paul Ryan is a Congressman for which US state?

Wisconsin

2a Which famous popular hymn, with words by Sabine Baring-Gould, is sung to the tune 'St Gertrude' written by Sir Arthur Sullivan?

Onward Christian Soldiers

2b Charles Taylor was sentenced to 50 years in prison for war crimes, of which country had he been President?

Liberia

3a The world's oldest building is said to be the Hagar Qim Temple, on which island is it?

Malta

3b The Bamiyan region of Afghanistan is famous for statues of which figure?

Buddha

4a Which sauce is traditionally made by sweating finely diced onions in butter, adding flour in order to make a roux and adding warm/hot milk, it used extensively in French and Italian cuisine?

Béchamel

4b Brooklyn gangster Henry Hill died in June 2012; he was the subject of which Martin Scorsese film?

Goodfellas

Spare Questions

1 Which country elects a new king every five years?

Malaysia

2 Philip Hammond became Defence Minister on whose resignation?

Liam Fox

3 Spheksophobia is a fear of which creature?

Wasp