

## Round I: General Information with a Connection

- 1) What is the name of the Germanic order of crusading knights who wore white surcoats with a black cross? **ANSWER: Teutonic Order**
- 2) What is the site of perhaps the worst disaster in the history of Liverpool FC, resulting in the death of 94 fans and the injury of a further 766? **ANSWER: Hillsborough**
- 3) Born in Worcester in 1857, what is the name of England's most famous composer of classical music? **ANSWER: Edward Elgar**
- 4) What was the first effective treatment for malaria, appearing in therapeutics in the 17th century? **ANSWER: Quinine**
- 5) Name the book by one of the most famous chancellor's of England which describes the perfect society. **Answer: UTOPIA**
- 6) What is the capital of the province of Ontario, Canada? **ANSWER: Edmonton**
- 7) According to the online Cambridge Dictionary, what is a sad poem or song, especially remembering someone who has died or something in the past? **ANSWER: Elegy**
- 8) Which planet's largest moon is Triton? This planet has 13 known moons. **ANSWER: Neptune**
- 9) What is the home town of the Championship League football team known as the Saints? **ANSWER: Southampton**
- 10) Who was the Trojan hero who defeated Achilles in the siege of Troy? **ANSWER: Hector**
- 11) What London station serves as the main rail gateway to the West Midlands, the North West and southern Scotland? **ANSWER: Euston**
- 12) Name the Greek god of the sun? **ANSWER: Apollo**
- 13) What is the capital of East Timor? **ANSWER: Dili**
- 14) The most abundant of the chemical elements, constituting roughly 75% of the universe's elemental mass, which element was initially used in the flying of airships before it proved too deadly? **ANSWER: Hydrogen**
- 15) Following the evacuation of the BEF and the French Army from Dunkirk in 1940, what was the name of Hitler's plans to invade Britain itself? **ANSWER: Operation Sea Lion**
- 16) Although perhaps one of England's most famous kings, which monarch, known as the Lion Heart, spoke French as his primary language. **ANSWER: Richard I**
- 17) What tiny island country lies between Malaysia and Indonesia and was once a British trading colony. **ANSWER: Singapore**
- 18) What is the more dignified and Latin-root based term for a professional boxer? **ANSWER: Pugilist**
- 19) Where was the concert, for which the Rolling Stones hired the Hell's Angels to provide security, which resulted in the stabbing death of a fan? **ANSWER: Altamont Speedway**
- 20) Marc Bolan was the former front-man of which band? **ANSWER: T-Rex**
- 21) Igor Sikorsky is known as the father of what, not because he invented the first one, but because he invented the first functional one, upon which future designs were made? **ANSWER: Helicopters**

## Round II: Current Events

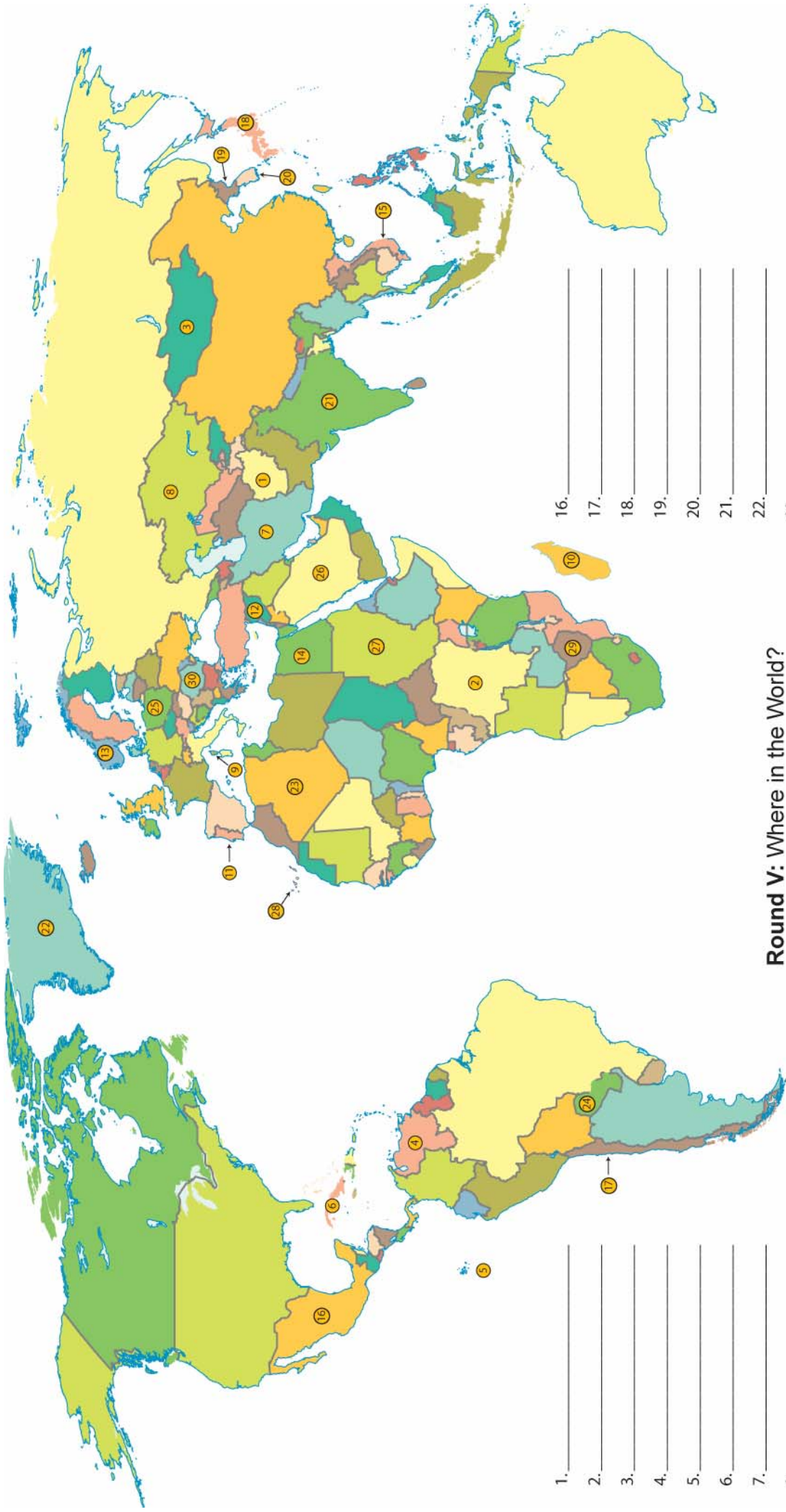
- 1) The current weapons row between the US, Russia and Europe involves the placement of anti-ballistic missile systems in which two countries? **ANSWER: Poland / Czech Republic**
- 2) England's International Rugby Union squad just lost two matches to which country?  
**ANSWER: South Africa**
- 3) What is the name of the head of the World Bank who was forced to resign over a scandal involving job and pay level arrangements for his girlfriend? **ANSWER: Paul Wolfowitz**
- 4) Lord Conrad Black is currently on trial in which North American city? **ANSWER: Chicago**
- 5) Which ship, formerly used in the tea trade, recently caught fire under suspicious circumstances? **ANSWER: The Cutty Sark**
- 6) Which British institution of higher learning is currently considering rescinding the honorary degree it had previously bestowed on Robert Mugabe? **ANSWER: University of Edinburgh**
- 7) Which American celebrity, famous for being wealthier than she is wise, is currently serving a custodial sentence for violating probation on a drink driving conviction? **ANSWER: Paris Hilton**
- 8) Which organisation recently made headlines by suggesting that Bob Woolmer might have actually died from natural causes? **ANSWER: Scotland Yard**
- 9) Courts in Italy recently cleared several Italian mobsters from the murder of which Italian banker, found hanged on the Hungerford Bridge over the Thames in 1982? **ANSWER: Roberto Calvi**
- 10) Who won the Nokia Newcomer of the Year Award for her portrayal of Martha Jones in the Dr Who series at the Glamour Women of the Year Award? **ANSWER: Freema Agyeman**
- 11) Which Formula One rookie – the most successful rookie ever – was recently criticised for driving like Michael Schumacher, that is, being too aggressive? **ANSWER: Lewis Hamilton**
- 12) The design of what logo has caused a public uproar, with most people slamming it?  
**ANSWER: The 2012 Olympics in London**
- 13) A Dutch TV show recently aired a hoax programme pretending to allow viewers to select a show contestant who would receive an organ from a dying patient. What organ was the contestants vying for? **ANSWER: Kidney**
- 14) Who scored his 23<sup>rd</sup> competitive goal for England this week in the match against Estonia?  
**ANSWER: Michael Owen**
- 15) What is the name of the Russian spy accused by Britain of murdering Alexander Litvinenko?  
**ANSWER: Andrei Lugovoi**
- 16) What elderly and sickly revolutionary leader conducted a television interview for the first time since his surgery ten months ago? **ANSWER: Fidel Castro**
- 17) This week marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of which war? According to some political pundits and historians, this war is the source of the current turmoil in the Middle East. **ANSWER: The Six Days War**
- 18) Who are the new First Minister and Deputy First Minister of Northern Ireland? **ANSWER: Ian Paisley and Martin McGuinness**
- 19) Umaru Yar'Adua was recently sworn in as which country's president? It was noteworthy in that it was the first time in that country's history that civilian leadership was peacefully handed over to another civilian leader. **ANSWER: Nigeria**
- 20) Who won a BAFTA for Comedy Performance at the recent BAFTAS ceremony? **ANSWER: Ricky Gervais**

### Round III: General knowledge II

- 1) Today is the anniversary of the crowning of which king whose trademark phrase 'L'etat c'est moi' was demonstrative of his absolute power? **ANSWER: Louis XIV of France**
- 2) Colombo is the capital of which island nation? **ANSWER: Sri Lanka**
- 3) Assam is a type of what drink? **ANSWER: Tea**
- 4) There are more than 7,500 types of what common fruit? **ANSWER: Apples**
- 5) The first organised meeting of which sport, involving one or two athletes lying feet-first on a small sled, took place in 1883 in Switzerland? **ANSWER: Luge**
- 6) Tony Blair is the MP for which area of England? **ANSWER: Sedgefield**
- 7) Who invented Velcro after seeing how burrs stuck to his dog's fur after a walk in the country? **ANSWER: George de Mestral**
- 8) Who is the Norse god of thunder? **ANSWER: Thor**
- 9) Who are the sisters Monica and Gabriela Irimia, from Transylvania, Romania, better known as? **ANSWER: The Cheeky Girls**
- 10) Who is credited with inventing the World Wide Web in 1989? **ANSWER: Tim Berners Lee**
- 11) Which former American basketball and baseball player wore the number 23 in his first stint in the National Basketball Association? **ANSWER: Michael Jordan**
- 12) Which British TV series was written and performed by Graham Chapman, John Cleese, Terry Gilliam, Eric Idle, Terry Jones, and Michael Palin? **ANSWER: Monty Python**
- 13) The BSA in BSA Motorcycles Ltd stands for what? **ANSWER: Birmingham Small Arms Company**
- 14) Who was the only British Prime Minister to be Jewish parentage? **ANSWER: Benjamin Disraeli**
- 15) Who played Spock in the original TV series of Star Trek? **ANSWER: Leonard Nemoy**
- 16) Which football team, now in the First Division, calls Elland Road home? **ANSWER: Leeds United**
- 17) What was Roger Moore's first James Bond film? **ANSWER: Live and Let Die**
- 18) Ian McCulloch and Noel Burke are (were) the front men of which British rock band from Liverpool? **ANSWER: Echo and the Bunnymen**
- 19) What is the third Commandment? **ANSWER: Thou shall not take the Lord's name in vain**
- 20) What is the musical term for 'gradually growing louder'? **ANSWER: Crescendo**

#### Round IV: Colours, Colours Everywhere!

- 1) Which band released a song entitled Breakfast at Tiffany's which reached number one in the UK charts? **ANSWER: Deep Blue Something**
- 2) The Artist formerly known as Prince, or now just Prince, has a song about which American sports car? **ANSWER: Little Red Corvette**
- 3) Peter Sellers is famous, for among other reasons, for starring as a bumbling detective in which film series? **ANSWER: The Pink Panther**
- 4) Which planet is known as the Red Planet? **ANSWER: Mars**
- 5) Prior to becoming King of England in 1689, what was the name of Stadtholder of the main provinces of the Dutch Republic? **ANSWER: William of Orange**
- 6) What is 29 October 1929 also referred to as? **ANSWER: Black Tuesday**
- 7) Who was Manfred von Richthofen better known as? **ANSWER: The Red Baron**
- 8) What are the three primary colours? **ANSWER: Red, blue and yellow**
- 9) When seeing only the pleasant side of things, one is said to be looking through what?  
**ANSWER: Rose-tinted glasses**
- 10) The Taijitu, the traditional symbol representing the forces of yin and yang, is typically shown in which colours? **ANSWER: Black and white**
- 11) What is the collective name for the group which opposed the Bolsheviks after the October Revolution and fought against the Red Army during the Russian Civil War from 1918 to 1921?  
**ANSWER: The White Russians**
- 12) By what nickname are the US Army Special Forces commonly known as? **ANSWER: The Green Berets**
- 13) What was the official racing colour for Britain in the early days of international auto racing?  
**ANSWER: British racing green**
- 14) What novel by Robert Louis Stevenson details the story of a young Englishman, seeking to avenge the death of his father during the War of the Roses? **ANSWER: The Black Arrow**
- 15) **What colour were the roses in the War of the Roses and to which houses were they associated?** **ANSWER: Red = Lancaster and White = York** (1 point for each element)
- 16) What was the name of Sir Francis Drake's flagship? **ANSWER: The Golden Hind**
- 17) What is the name of the song, released by the Jimi Hendrix Experience in which Hendrix sings of a violet-coloured mist? **ANSWER: Purple Haze**
- 18) What colour is a polar bear's skin? **ANSWER: Black**
- 19) The Great Plague in the 14<sup>th</sup> century is also referred to as what? **ANSWER: Black Death**
- 20) What dish is served at the Whistle Stop Café? **ANSWER: Fried Green Tomatoes**



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**Round V: Where in the World?**

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**Round VI: Who Am I?**

**ANSWER: Elvis Pressley**

In 1935, I was born in Tupelo, Mississippi. My father was an impoverished truck driver; my mother was a sewing machine operator. My middle name is Aaron. (Seven points)

On January 27, 1956, my first single on Sun Records, "Heartbreak Hotel", was released, By April it would reach number one in the U.S. and sell a million copies. "Heartbreak Hotel" was the first release off of my self-titled debut. (3 points)

On my third appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show, I was shown performing from the waist up only. (1 point)