

Round I: Current Events

- 1) Which England cricketer was recently pulled from the sea after a drunken night out, following the match against New Zealand? **A: Andrew 'Freddie' Flintoff**
- 2) Recently, two British soldiers lost their lives in a training incident aboard a Royal Navy nuclear submarine. What is the name of the submarine? **A: HMS Tireless**
- 3) In response to the refusal of 3 couples to be married by a black minister, some 600 couples took part in a mass wedding in which European town? **A: St-Niklaas, Belgium.** (One point for country only)
- 4) As the United Nations Security Council prepared for a vote on sanctions against Iran, who asked for permission to address the Security Council in person? **A: Mahmoud Ahmadinejad** (Reasonable phonetic spellings accepted. No points for title only.)
- 5) Who successfully completed a month long treatment course at the Promises Malibu Alcohol and Drug Rehab Treatment Facility following a very public entrance into rehab? **A: Britney Spears**
- 6) Which British media magnate is currently on trial in Chicago for plundering money from his newspaper company, Hollinger? **A: Lord Conrad Black**
- 7) The billionaire owner of a top English football club recently divorced. What is the name of the owner and what is the name of his club? **A: Roman Abramovich, Chelsea Football Club**
- 8) A mathematical problem that remained unsolved for more than a century has finally been cracked by an international team of 18 scientists. The solution maps the inner workings of an esoteric 248-dimensional structure that is an example of a Lie (pronounced "Lee") group. What is the name of this 248-dimensional shape? **A: E8**
- 9) The South African born coach of the Pakistan cricket team was found dead in his hotel room during the Cricket World Cup. What is his name? **A: Bob Woolmer**
- 10) What is the name of the Downing Street aide who has been twice arrested in the Cash for Honours scandal? **A: Ruth Turner**
- 11) A specialised unit from which country's military recently invaded Liechtenstein by mistake? **A: Switzerland**
- 12) The budget for the 2012 Olympics was recently re-evaluated at what amount? **A: £9.3 billion**
- 13) What is the name of the next Harry Potter book? **A: Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows**
- 14) Who won best director at the 2007 Oscars? **A: Martin Scorsese**
- 15) Off the coast of which country was a colossal squid recently caught by local fishermen? **A: New Zealand**

Round II: The British Invasion

- 1) Which British rock band featured, at varying times, legendary guitarists Eric Clapton, Jeff Beck and Jimmy Page? **A: The Yardbirds**
- 2) What rock/pop group from Manchester was initially fronted by Peter Noone? **A: Herman's Hermits**
- 3) Which band's 1983 song "Come Dancing" reached number 6 in the American charts and number 12 in the UK charts? **A: The Kinks**
- 4) Jack Bruce, Ginger Baker and Eric Clapton performed together under what stage name? **A: Cream**
- 5) Written by the bassist, which group released the song, Boris the Spider, in 1966? **A: The Who**
- 6) Which hard rock group, ranked No. 1 on VH1's list of the 100 greatest artists of hard rock, originally toured as 'The New Yardbirds' before changing their name and releasing their first album? **A: Led Zeppelin**
- 7) Whose lyrics include the following excerpt: "The police in New York City, They chased a boy right through the park. And in a case of mistaken identity, they put a bullet through his heart."? **A: The Rolling Stones**
- 8) Who was in a band called Rory Storm and the Hurricanes before leaving it to join perhaps the most successful rock and roll band of all time? **A: Ringo Starr**
- 9) Which progressive rock band from Birmingham released "Legend of a Mind," a song written in tribute to LSD guru Timothy Leary? **A: The Moody Blues**
- 10) Which blond haired, London born singer, whose song "I Only Want to Be with You" achieved chart success in the US and the UK, helping launch the British invasion? **A: Dusty Springfield**
- 11) Which Liverpool group achieved musical success with "Love Potion No. 9" in 1964? **A: The Searchers**
- 12) Whose 1968 song begins with: "Thrown like a star in my vast sleep, I open my eyes to take a peep, To find that I was by the sea, Gazing with tranquillity"? **A: Donovan**
- 13) Which British Invasion group, from St Albans, included Rod Argent on Piano? **A: The Zombies**
- 14) Which Manchester area band saw one of its founding members leave the group in 1967 to join Stephen Stills and David Crosby in another musical group? **A: The Hollies**
- 15) Who was feeling "Glad All Over" when their song went to 6 in the US charts in 1964? **A: The Dave Clark Five**
- 16) Which band, which hailed from Newcastle, first achieved success in June 1964 with their version of 'House of the Rising Sun'? **A: The Animals**
- 17) Which American television variety show, running from 1948 to 1971, helped many British Invasion bands reach the American public? **A: The Ed Sullivan Show**
- 18) Which British female artist, known as "Britain's Shirley Temple", recorded "Downtown" in 1964? **A: Petula Clark**
- 19) Whose late 60's song, "Gimme Some Lovin", was later re-released in 1971 as a live, nine minute long version by Traffic? **A: Spencer Davis Group**
- 20) Taking their name from an abbreviated version of the term for cave-dwellers, this Andover group achieved chart success in 1996 with their song "Wild Thing". What is the name of the band? **A: The Troggs**

Round III: The British Invasion II

- 1) The nuclear powered submarine HMS Conqueror, captained by Commander Christopher Wreford-Brown, sank the light cruiser ARA General Belgrano during which conflict? **A: The Falklands War**
- 2) The Anglo-Chinese Wars, fought in the mid-1800s between Britain and China over Britain's efforts to import narcotics into China are better known as what? **A: The Opium Wars**
- 3) Which protest by Americans, saw the illegal removal of cargo from HMS *Dartmouth*, HMS *Beaver* and the HMS *Eleanour*, caused the British to close one of America's most important ports? **A: The Boston Tea Party**
- 4) Which war was started after Transvaal formally declared independence from Great Britain? **A: The Boer War or the Transvaal War**
- 5) Made famous by their exploits in the North African theatre during World War II, which British Imperial division was founded by Major General Percy Hobart? **A: The Desert Rats**
- 6) What is the birth name of the Dublin-born military legend, the 1st Duke of Wellington? And what battle gained him lasting fame? **A: Arthur Wellesley, the Battle of Waterloo** (One point for each answer)
- 7) 1st January 1948 saw several regiments of which famous fighting unit, known for its curved kukri knife, officially join the British Army? **A: The Gurkhas**
- 8) The defence of Rorke's Drift in the Zulu War is famous in terms British military honours. Why? **A: The issuance of 11 Victoria Cross medals was the most for any single action in the British Empire**
- 9) Operation Overlord was the codename for the invasion of what country by Allied Forces during World War II? **A: France (Normandy)**
- 10) Whose autobiography, entitled "Seven Pillars of Wisdom: A Triumph", was written about the author's time serving as a liaison officer in the British Army, during the Arab Revolt against the Turks? **A: T.E. Lawrence**
- 11) Which famous German World War II warship was sunk by a host of British ships after the German boat had already sunk the HMS Hood in its efforts to reach the North Atlantic? **A: The Bismarck**
- 12) Which war, declared by the US in response to what it saw as aggression against its neutrality during the Napoleonic Wars, saw the British sack Washington, D.C., even burning the White House? **A: The War of 1812**
- 13) Nelson's famous victory at Trafalgar was achieved on board which warship? And the battle took place off the coast of what country? **A: HMS Victory and Spain**
- 14) Which mid-1700's war, described by Winston Churchill as the 'first world war', resulted in the emergence of Great Britain as the dominant colonial power in the world? **A: The Seven Years' War (or Pomeranian War and the French and Indian War)**
- 15) What term is a generic name for a British soldier which gained prominence during World War I? **A: Tommy or Tommy Atkins**
- 16) Which British general is famous for his defeat of Erwin Rommel's forces at the Battle of El Alamein? **A: Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery**
- 17) The BAE Harrier is a war plane often referred to by what nickname? **A: The Jump Jet**
- 18) Located in what is now Milton Keynes, this estate, also called Station X, was home to the British efforts to decipher and interpret Axis messages during World War II. **A: Bletchley Park**
- 19) What is the nickname of the famous British World War II fighter plane that was produced by Supermarine, a subsidiary of Vickers-Armstrongs? **A: The Spitfire**
- 20) What is the name of the British made (in Yeovil) military helicopter that can often be seen flying over Horspath? **A: The Westland Lynx**

Round IV: Picture Round (Cities)



City No. 1 (San Francisco)



City No. 2 (Venice)



City No. 3 (Newcastle)



City No. 4 (Sydney)



City No. 5 (Dubai)



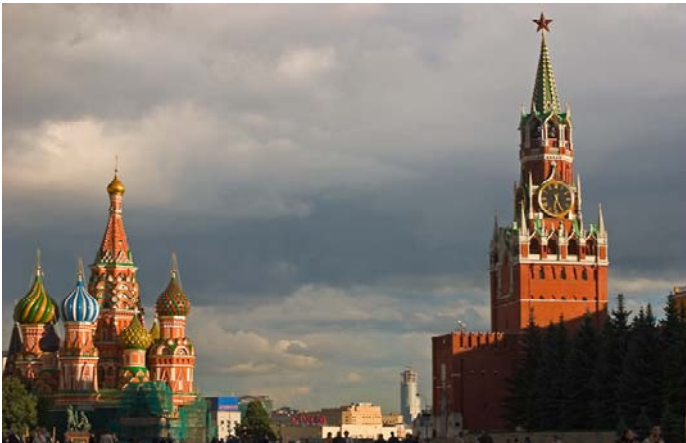
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City No. 7 (Beijing)



City No. 8 (Paris)



City No. 9 (Moscow)



City No. 10 (New York)

Round V: British Writers

- 1) Who was the English novelist, short story writer, and poet of the naturalist movement, from Dorset who wrote *Jude the Obscure*? **A: Thomas Hardy**
- 2) Which Romantic poet, whose memorial sits within the grounds at University College, Oxford, wrote *Ozymandias*, *Ode to the West Wind*, *To a Skylark*, and *The Masque of Anarchy*? **A: Percy Bysshe Shelley**
- 3) Which Belfast born author lived, wrote and worked in Oxford and was a member of a famous informal literary group called 'The Inklings'? **A: C S Lewis**
- 4) Which English novelist wrote her most famous story as part of a personal contest with fellow writers Lord Byron and Percy Bysshe Shelly? **A: Mary Shelley**
- 5) Who was the British Poet Laureate from 1984 until his death in 1998, whose work include *Crow* and *Birthday Letters*? **A: Ted Hughes**
- 6) Born in South Ayrshire, Scotland, this poet's writings and life are celebrated every 25th January. Who is the poet? **A: Robert Burns**
- 7) Which famous novelist lived on Doughty Street in Holborn from 1837 until 1839? His residence is now a museum for his work and writings. **A: Charles Dickens**
- 8) Which Emily Bronte novel follows the life of an orphaned foundling rescued from the streets of Liverpool? **A: Wuthering Heights**
- 9) Which former Lord Chancellor wrote of a perfect society in his book, *Utopia*? **A: St Thomas More**
- 10) At 3,183 lines, which poem was written between 700 – 1000 AD, and has risen to such prominence that it is sometimes called "England's national epic"? **A: Beowulf**
- 11) The biography of which famous poet, essayist, biographer, lexicographer and literary critic was written by James Boswell and published in 1791? **A: Dr Samuel Johnson**
- 12) What is the name of the utilitarian philosopher whose essay "On Liberty" endorsed what is commonly known (or perhaps commonly known) as the harm principle? **A: Jon Stuart Mill**
- 13) What is the name of the poet and the poem which covers the journeys of a variety of travellers to a shrine in southeast England? **A: Geoffrey Chaucer / The Canterbury Tales**
- 14) Which Polish-born British novelist's works include "Lord Jim" and "Heart of Darkness"? **A: Joseph Conrad**
- 15) Which Welsh writer's story was made into a movie that was marketed in America as "Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory"? **A: Roald Dahl**
- 16) In 2006, which British author did Forbes magazine name as the second richest female entertainer in the world, behind talk show host Oprah Winfrey? **A: J K Rowling**
- 17) Which professor of Anglo-Saxon language and fellow 'Inkling' member wrote what is considered by many to be the seminal epic fantasy saga? **A: J R R Tolkien**
- 18) Which British poet born in Birmingham, is a Rastafarian and turned down an OBE in 2003? **A: Benjamin Zephaniah**
- 19) Which author wrote the "Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time", which won the Whitbread Book of the Year award in 2003? **A: Mark Haddon**
- 20) Which Scottish author's works include "Treasure Island", "Kidnapped" and "The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde"? **A: Robert Louis Stephenson**

Round VI: Hodgepodge

- 1) The Punic Wars were fought between Rome and what now extinct North African city? **A: Carthage**
- 2) Which priest and scientist is often called the "father of modern genetics" for his study of the inheritance of traits in pea plants? **A: Gregor Mendel**
- 3) What 20th century Spanish artist's work spanned the Blue Period (1901–1904), the Rose Period (1905–1907), the African-influenced Period (1908–1909), Analytic Cubism (1909–1912), and Synthetic Cubism (1912–1919)? **A: Pablo Picasso**
- 4) What archipelago forms the southernmost tip of South America? **A: Tierra del Fuego**
- 5) Sir Paul McCartney recently signed to which record label? (Hint: the company is more famous for its coffee rather for music.)? **A: Starbuck's**
- 6) What is the capital of Zimbabwe? **A: Harare**
- 7) What is the approximate circumference of the world in miles? **A: 25,000**
- 8) What is the other name for the aurora borealis? **A: The Northern Lights**
- 9) Which British girl pop band features the wife of Chelsea and England footballer, Ashley Cole? **A: Girls Aloud**
- 10) Born the son of a British diplomat, Joe Strummer went on to be the co-founder, lyricist, rhythm guitarist and singer of which British music group? **A: The Clash**
- 11) Although technically inferior to its German adversary, what US tank helped the Allied victory due to its simplicity which allowed for its mass production? **A: The Sherman Tank**
- 12) Larry Page and Sergey Brin are the founders of which internet company? **A: Google**
- 13) What soft metal element in the periodic table has the symbol Pb and atomic number 82? **A: Lead**
- 14) Which British author and TV presenter is famous for his programmes on bushcraft and survival skills? **A: Ray Mears**
- 15) The companions on which US television series met at the Central Perk coffee shop? **A: Friends**
- 16) The legend of Dracula is based on which real-life historical ruler? **A: Vlad the Impaler**
- 17) The members of which 1970s disco band dress as a police officer, an American Indian chief, a construction worker, a member of the military, a biker, and a cowboy? **A: The Village People**
- 18) Sam is the name of the piano player in an upscale club and gambling house in which movie? **A: Casablanca**
- 19) Prior to being elected Pope, what was the current Pope Benedict XVI known as? **A: Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger**
- 20) What is the name of the Ukrainian city which was home to the most serious nuclear power disaster in history? **A: Chernobyl**