2017-18 Season: Week 15 - 6 March 2018

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Round 1: History

1	The Crimean War was fought on the shores of which sea?
	The Black Sea
2	Which king was the father of Henry III?
	King John
3	What is the only surname shared by a 20 th Century British Prime Minister and a 20 th Century US President?
	Wilson
4	Who did Harold Wilson succeed as leader of the Labour Party?
	Hugh Gaitskell
5	Squadron 617 carried out Operation Chastise in 1944. By what title is the operation better known?
	The Dam Busters
6	Who was on the throne at the time of the Great Fire of London?
	Charles II
7	Which Anglo-Saxon warrior led a revolt in 1070 against William the Conqueror from a base in Ely?
	Hereward the Wake
8	Who was the last king of Egypt?
	Farouk

1	Which Victorian politician observed "I have climbed to the top of the greasy pole" when he became Prime Minister?
	Benjamin Disraeli
2	Who, in 1778, was the first European to set foot on Hawaii?
	Captain Cook

Round 2: Science

1	Which common household medicine contains acetylsalicylic acid?
	Aspirin
2	The asteroid belt is located roughly between the orbits of two planets. Name either.
	Mars and Jupiter

Round 3: Geography

The island of Timor is divided between East Timor and which other country?
Indonesia
The Gulf of Sirte lies off the coast of which African country?
Libya
The Victoria Falls stand on which river?
The Zambesi
Which Cornish town has the most westerly harbour on the English Channel?
Penzance
What is the capital of Nepal?
Kathmandu
In which US state are the skiing resorts of Aspen and Vail?
Colorado
In the SW of the US a flat-topped hill is called a Mesa. What is the meaning of this?
A table (in Spanish)
Which US state is named after Elizabeth 1?
Virginia

1	Mdina and Mosta are towns in which European country?
	Malta
2	Which group of islands were at one time known as the Sandwich Islands?
	Hawaii

Round 4: Arts and Entertainment

Name one of the creators of such classic children's TV shows as Ivor the Engine, Noggin the Nog and Bagpuss
Peter Firmin or Oliver Postgate
Where did Larry the Lamb live?
Toytown
Who wrote the music for the film <i>Chariots of Fire</i> ?
Vangelis
Which musical with a book by Dale Wasserman, lyrics by Joe Darion and music by Mitch Leigh is based upon the novel <i>Don Quixote</i> ?
Man of La Mancha
What form of transport features in the J.M.W Turner painting Rain, Steam and Speed?
Train (accept steam engine, locomotive, etc.)
The <i>Toccata & Fugue in D minor, The Well–tempered Clavier</i> , and the <i>Goldberg Variations</i> are amongst the keyboard works of which composer?
(J. S.) Bach
Miles and the second Assess Cost 2
Who wrote the novel <i>Agnes Grey</i> ?
Anne Bronte (both names needed, obviously!)
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1	Cato, played by Bert Kwouk, was the manservant to which character in a number of films?
	Inspector Clouseau
2	Jack Point is a jester and Wilfred Shadbolt an "assistant tormentor" in which Gilbert & Sullivan comic opera?
	The Yeomen of the Guard (a.k.a. The Merryman and His Maid)

Round 5: Sport

1	Which sport uses the lightest ball at 2.7 grams?
	Table tennis
2	What was the first sport in which women were invited to compete at the Olympics?
	Tennis (at the 1900 games in Paris. Charlotte Cooper of Great Britain was the first gold medallist.)
3	Which English cricketer took 5 for 11 in a devastating spell which won the Women's World Cup for England?
	Anya Shrubsole
4	Sebastian Loeb is an 8 time world champion in which motor sport?
	Rallying
5	Which is the only country to have played in each and every football World Cup?
	Brazil
6	What is the surname of the two Australian brothers, Shaun and Mitchell, who both made centuries on the same day of the 5 th Test of the recent Ashes tour?
	Marsh
7	En garde is a position adopted by the competitors of which sport?
	Fencing
8	Who in Jan 2018 became the 4th football manager to win 200 games in the English leagues?
	David Moyes

1	Name an England scorer in the 1966 World Cup team that didn't play for West Ham.
	Bobby Charlton or Roger Hunt
2	Name either of the contestants in the longest tennis match ever, at Wimbledon in 2010.
	John Isner or Nicolas Mahud

Round 6: Jameses

All the answers are people with James (or a variant) as surname or first name. So both names are required!

For example:

F		James Bond
	1	Iconic movie character, first played by Sean Connery in the film <i>Dr No</i>

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1	South African born British actor and comedian (1913–1976): starred in <i>Hancock's Half Hour</i> , <i>Bless This House</i> and nineteen <i>Carry On</i> films
	Sid(ney) James
2	American actor [and WW II pilot] (1908–1997): notable works include Mr Smith Goes To Washington, Rear Window and It's A Wonderful Life
	Jimmy Stewart
3	Rugby player [and doctor] (born 1986): teams include Cardiff, Cambridge University, Harlequins, Wales, and the British Lions
	Jamie Roberts
4	Cricketer (born 1982): plays for Lancashire and England, for whom he is the highest ever wicket taker
	Jimmy Anderson
5	Irish novelist, short story writer and poet (1882–1941): notable works include <i>Ulysses</i> , <i>Dubliners</i> and <i>Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man</i>
	James Joyce
6	English crime writer [and later Baroness] (1920–2014): known by her initials (which are acceptable in the answer), she rose to fame for her series of detective novels featuring police commander and poet Adam Dalgleish
	P.D. (or Phyllis Dorothy) James
7	Politician, peanut farmer and 39th President of the USA (1924–present)
	Jimmy Carter
8	UK politician [and later Baron] (1912–2005): the only MP in history to serve in all four of the "Great Offices of State" – Chancellor, Home Secretary, Foreign Secretary and PM
	Jim Callaghan

1	US outlaw (1847–1882 when he was assassinated by Robert Ford): with his brother Frank, he was the most famous member of a notorious gang
	Jesse James.
2	US labour leader (born 1913, declared dead <i>in absentia</i> 1982): General President of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters 1958–1971. Jailed in 1967 because of his involvement in organised crime, he disappeared in 1975.
	Jimmy Hoffa

Round 7: Palindromes

All the answers are spelled the same forwards or backwards.

1	Which European Insurance giant sponsors the stadium that used to be referred to as Lansdowne Road in Dublin?
	Aviva
2	Which river, flowing mainly through Devon, has its source two miles to the north west of Simonsbath in Somerset?
	Exe
3	What is the musical term for a note that is held for twice as long as a crotchet?
	Minim
4	What is the surname of the nine-times Grand Slam tennis winner, of Hungarian origin but brought up in Yugoslavia
	Monica Seles
5	Which tower in Southwark in London started life as a cold store for a food manufacturer?
	The Oxo Tower (the name is cunningly spelled out by the arrangement of the windows, to get round a ban on advertising)
6	What name, of French origin, is given to the aftermost and highest deck of a ship, often the roof of a cabin?
	Роор
7	Which best-selling fashion magazine was founded in France in 1945?
	Elle
8	What character was played by Gary Bergoff in M*A*S*H?
	Radar

	Glenelg
2	What is the name of the mainland ferry terminal that serves Kylerhea on Skye?
	Kayak
1	What firm, founded in 2004, sponsored Formula 1 on TV in 2017? The name is also a type of boat.

Round 8: Classic Sitcoms

1	Name Fletcher's cell-mate in the (original) <i>Porridge</i> .
	Lennie Godber
2	Name the horse in Steptoe and Son.
	Hercules
3	Name the company Reggie Perrin worked for before his disappearance.
	Sunshine Desserts
4	In The Liver Birds, Nerys Hughes played Sandra; who played her mother?
	Mollie Sugden
5	The writers of Hi-di-hi (Croft and Perry) used many of the same cast (but playing different characters) in two further, less successful, series. Name either of these series.
	You Rang M'Lord or Oh Dr Beeching
6	In 'Allo, 'Allo, Rene's two waitresses had interesting surnames, Yvette Carte-Blanche and Mimi – what?
	Mimi le Bonq (pronounced Bonk, of course)
7	In To the Manor Born, what was the name of Audrey's future husband?
	Richard De Vere
8	In <i>The Good Life</i> , what was the surname of Tom and Barbara Good's neighbours, Margo and Jerry?
	Leadbetter

1	Name the dog of the Boswell family in <i>Bread</i> .
	Mongey
2	In Butterflies, who was Ria's dream date? (First name only needed)
	Leonard

General Knowledge

1	Who has been the longest reigning king in England since 1066?
	George III (not Victoria – she was not a king!)
2	The Dickensian characters Wackford Squeers in <i>Nicholas Nickleby</i> and Thomas Gradgrind in <i>Hard Times</i> had the same job. Which was?
	Headmaster
3	Which tree provides cobs and filberts?
	The hazel
4	Who was the cricketer who accompanied Ben Stokes on his ill-fated night out in Bristol?
	Alex Hales
5	What is the title of May, Hammond and Clarkson's debut TV series for Amazon Prime?
	The Grand Tour
6	Who, when stoned to death, became the first Christian martyr?
	St. Stephen
7	What unique career move did both Andrew Motion and Pope Benedict XIV make?
	They retired from positions which had formerly been held for life (Poet Laureate and Pope)
8	Letsie III is the current king of which African country?
	Lesotho

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9	The Haber process combines nitrogen and hydrogen to form which gas?
	Ammonia
10	In which country was the UN peace-keeping force first deployed?
	Israel (in 1947)
11	Who wrote Howard's End, a dramatised version of which was on TV at the end of 2017?
	E. M. Forster
12	Britannia is the personification of Britain. Who is her French equivalent?
	Marianne
13	Which Radio 2 DJ's show features the daily PopMaster quiz?
	Ken Bruce
14	Which Brazilian F1 driver retired at the end of the 2017 season?
	Felipe Massa
15	Which conglomerate makes Fairy Liquid, Ariel, Bold, Oral B and Max Factor amongst others?
	Proctor & Gamble
16	Which studio is responsible for Shaun the Sheep and his young relative Timmy?
	Aardman Animations



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25	Who did Phil Neville replace as manager of the England women's football team in January?
	Mark Sampson
26	What unit do barometers and weather maps usually display atmospheric pressure in?
	Isobars
27	Who wrote about such characters as Arthur Dent, Slartibartfast and Zaphod Beeblebrox?
	Douglas Adams (in <i>The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy</i>)
28	In which decade of the nineteenth century was the first London Underground Line opened?
	1860s (the Metropolitan Line)
29	Who succeeded George Osborne as MP for the local Tatton constituency?
	Esther McVay
30	Which company has been making cars by hand in Malvern since the first decade of the twentieth century?
	Morgan
31	Which Beatles song was the first to reach Number 1 in the UK singles chart?
	She Loves You
32	What is the title of the ballet about a person-sized doll who comes to life?
	Coppelia



33	Name the capital of the French region of Alsace
	Strasbourg
34	Who took over from Stephen Fry as presenter of this year's BAFTA film Award ceremony?
	Joanna Lumley
35	Where in Korea have the 2018 winter Olympics been held?
	PyeongChang
36	Which firm went bust in January of this year, causing major headaches for those involved in everything from School Meals to Hospital building programmes?
	Carillion
37	Name one of the two leaders of the USSR who came between Breshnev and Gorbachov.
	Andropov o rChernenko
38	In a church, what is a reredos?
	The screen, (usually carved), behind the altar
39	What is the origin of the distress signal May-Day?
	French for Help me ("M'aidez")
40	What appointment did Ryan Giggs take up in January?
	Manager of Wales
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	South Island, New Zealand
43	Henry, made by Numatic, is a brand name of which type of device?
	Vacuum cleaner
44	In which novel did Svengali appear?
	Trilby (by George du Maurier)
45	Who finally put paid to Kyle Edmund's hopes in the Australian Open (tennis) in January?
	Marin Cilic
46	Which 20th Century politician's wives were, in order, Aurelia, Eva, and Isabella?
	Juan Peron
47	Who discovered the law that the volume of a given mass of gas at a constant temperature is inversely proportional to its pressure?
	Robert Boyle
48	Singers Shirley Bassey, Charlotte Church and Shakin' Stevens were born in which city?
	Cardiff



49	After which saint is the quarter day that falls on March 25 named?
	St Mary the Virgin (Our Lady)
50	Why did Justin Forsythe hit the news on February 22 nd this year?
	He resigned from his post at Unicef , because of accusations of sexual harassment when he was with Save the Children
51	What is the ridge of deposit left at the furthest reach of a glacier, (once it has retreated) called?
	A terminal moraine
52	Which song lyric contains the line "I bet you think this song is about you"?
	You're So Vain
53	In which T. S. Eliot poem is April described as "the cruellest month?"
	The Waste Land
54	The cast of which film (released last autumn, and the latest of many versions of the story) starred such luminaries as Olivia Coleman, Kenneth Branagh, Johnny Depp and Judi Dench?
	Murder on the Orient Express
55	Which of Henry VIII's wives was the last to die?
	Anne of Cleves
56	Apart from his gospel, what other book of the New Testament is credited to St Luke?
	Acts (of the Apostles)
57	The supermarket chain Asda is owned by which US retail giant?
	Walmart
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59	What is an oenophile (pronounced <i>ee-no-file</i>)?
	A wine lover or connoisseur
60	In which country does the Amazon rise?
	Peru
61	By what name was the Hughes H4-Hercules, a plane completed in 1947, more popularly known?
	The Spruce Goose
62	What acid accumulates in the muscles once the anaerobic threshold is passed when doing exercise?
	Lactic acid
63	Who wrote The Lark Ascending?
	(Ralph) Vaughan Williams
64	For what is Bishop Odo, William the Conquerer's half brother, best remembered?
	The commissioning of the Bayeux Tapestry



Mercury

65	What is the name given in a church to the ledge fixed to the underneath of a tip up seat? It was there to give the choir members some relief from standing in long services.
	A misericord
66	What tree's leaves are the symbol of the National Trust?
	The oak
67	Which London Underground line (coloured light blue on the Tube Map) runs between Brixton in south London and Walthamstow Central in north–east London?
	The Victoria Line
68	Arabica is the most common variety of which plant grown commercially for its beans?
	Coffee plant
69	What is the world's northernmost capital city?
	Reykjavik
70	Which Arthur Miller play begins with the Reverend Samuel Paris watching over his sick 10–year–old daughter Betty?
	The Crucible
71	In the 2018 winter Olympics, five gold medals are awarded on the first day of competition: two in Speed Skating, one on Ski Jumping. Name one of the other two disciplines.
	Biathalon or Cross Country Skiing
72	Which name is shared between the Roman messenger god, an element and a planet?

73	What is the name of the recent film of political satire set in the Soviet Union in 1953?
	The Death of Stalin
74	What was the home of the Hallé orchestra before the Bridgewater Hall?
	The Free Trade Hall
75	Who was the pilot of Vostok 1?
	Yuri Gagarin
76	Orbiting 35,900 km above the equator, what term is given to satellites that remain above the same point on the Earth's surface in their orbit?
	Geostationary satellites
77	Maker of a legendary knot, which king founded the Phrygian capital and was the father of King Midas?
	Gordias (accept Gordian)
78	What is Asia's longest river (it is also 3rd largest in the world)?
	The Yangtze (6,380 km)
79	Which TV quiz has rounds called The Wall and Missing Vowels?
	Only Connect
80	Who wrote Moll Flanders?
	Daniel Defoe



81	Which officer rank in the RAF is the equivalent of an army major and a navy lieutenant commander?
	Squadron Leader
82	Name one of the two runners who supported Roger Bannister in breaking the four-minute barrier in 1954.
	Chris Brasher or Chris Chataway
83	Dolores O'Riordan, who died suddenly this January, was the singer with which group?
	The Cranberries
84	In Norse mythology, what is Bifrost?
	The rainbow bridge between heaven and earth
85	Who designed Blenhiem palace?
	(Sir John) Vanbrugh
86	What is the literal meaning of the German word Blitzkrieg?
	Lightning War (accept anything which includes war and fast / speedy etc)
87	Which is England's smallest city?
	Wells (in Somerset)
88	Which part of the Earth lies between the outer core and the crust?
	The Mantle

89	Which 1960s classic sci-fi novel centres round the fire-bombing of Dresden in World War II?
	Slaughterhouse 5 (by Kurt Vonnigut)
90	Which of the seven wonders of the ancient world is still standing?
	The Great Pyramid at Giza (accept "the Pyramids")
91	What is the name of the Dutch/English sculptor and, most famously, wood carver, who lived from1648 to 1721?
	Grinling Gibbons
92	Which CGI animal returned to cinemas last November?
	Paddington
93	What is Makaton?
	A simplified sign language , used particularly by Special Needs children
94	Which member of the royal family is being married in autumn 2018?
	Princess Eugenie
95	Which poem starts, "On either side the river lie / Long fields of barley and of rye"?
	The Lady of Shallot (Alfred Lord Tennyson)
96	In physical geography, what is the name given to a rock different in size and type from the rock on which it rests, having been carried there by glacial movement?
	An erratic



1	Who has been nominated for an Oscar for his portrayal of Winston Churchill in <i>The Darkest Hour</i> ?
	Gary Oldman
2	Who wrote Elegy in a Country Churchyard?
	Thomas Grey
3	Which is the highest point in the Peak District National Park?
	Kinder Scout
4	What is unusual about the Haohan Qiao (or "Brave Man's Bridge") in China's Shiniuzhai National Park?
	It's made of glass (it's a suspension bridge)
5	Which country has the longest railway platform in the world?
	India (Gorakhpur railway station, Uttar Pradesh at 1,366.33 m)
6	"This diagram is an evolution of the original design conceived in 1931 by Harry Beck". What is the diagram?
	The London Underground Map