

2018–19 Season: Week 6 – 12 November 2019

Specialist Rounds

All questions set by the **Queens**, vetted by the **Waters Green Lemmings** and the **Park Taverners**.

Specialist rounds:

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Round 1: Geography

1	After Scafell Pike and Scafell, what is England's third highest mountain?
	Helvellyn
2	What's the highest mountain in Canada and the second highest in North America?
	Mount Logan
3	Bastia is the main commercial and industrial town on which Mediterranean island?
	Corsica
4	Which country was known until 1971 as the Trucial States?
	United Arab Emirates
5	In which country is the desert valley of Wadi Rum, famous for its association with Lawrence of Arabia?
	Jordan
6	In New York, which island is shared by the boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens?
	Long Island
7	In which English city does the river Cherwell join the Thames?
	Oxford
8	Which river flows through the city of Hereford?
	The Wye

Supplementaries:

1	What's the second highest mountain in Africa?
	Mount Kenya
2	Which country is linked to Pakistan by the Khyber Pass?
	Afghanistan



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Round 2: History

1	What name has been shared by three Scottish kings and three Russian tsars or emperors?
	Alexander
2	Which war was effectively ended by the signing of an armistice on the 27th of July 1953?
	The Korean War
3	What was the name of the party led by General Franco during the Spanish Civil War?
	Falange (<i>Española de las Jons</i>)
4	Robert Devereux, a favourite of Queen Elizabeth the First, was the Second Earl of where?
	Essex
5	Which island in the Solomon Islands gave its name to the naval battle which began on this day in 1942?
	Guadalcanal
6	Born on this day in 1866, who became the first president of the Republic of China following the overthrow of the last emperor in 1912?
	Sun Yat-sen
7	Which Guardian of Scotland defeated the English in 1297, lost the return fixture the following year, and was hanged, drawn and quartered in 1305?
	William Wallace
8	Under whose reign were the kingdoms of England and Scotland united?
	Queen Anne (in 1707 – before then England and Scotland were separate states with the same monarch)

Supplementaries:

1	Who was President of the USA when Margaret Thatcher became UK Prime Minister?
	Jimmy Carter
2	In which year was the Berlin Wall erected?
	1961

Round 3: Arts & Entertainment: an anthology

Each answer is, or contains, the name of a flower.

1	Which author won the Booker prize in 1978 for her novel <i>The Sea, The Sea</i> ?
	Iris Murdoch
2	Which flowers are depicted in a series of paintings by Claude Monet, known in French as <i>Nymphéas</i> ?
	Water lilies
3	According to Rogers & Hammerstein, what is the 'blossom of snow'?
	Edelweiss
4	Which novel by Alexandre Dumas is about a gardening competition in the Netherlands?
	The Black Tulip
5	Cate Blanchett won her only Best Actress Oscar to date for her role in which 2013 Woody Allen film?
	Blue Jasmine
6	Which group's UK hits in the 1970s included <i>Car Wash</i> and <i>Wishing on a Star</i> ?
	Rose Royce
7	Which character created by Roald Dahl has won trophies for gum-chewing and ends up with skin the colour of a blueberry? (Full name required)
	Violet Beauregarde
8	Which 1988 film starring Winona Ryder gets its title from the fact that three of the principal characters have the same first name?
	Heathers

Supplementaries:

1	Which Oasis album was the best-selling album of the 1990s in the UK?
	What's the story (morning glory)
2	What is the name of the street at the centre of the TV series <i>Desperate Housewives</i> ?
	Wisteria Lane

Round 4: Science – Scientific Firsts

1	In the periodic table, which element comes first alphabetically?
	Actinium
2	In 1781, what was the first planet to be discovered with a telescope?
	Uranus
3	Who is generally credited with creating the first battery?
	Alessandro Volta
4	Which subatomic particle takes its name from the Greek for 'first'?
	Proton
5	Who was awarded the first Nobel prize in physics for his discovery of X rays?
	Wilhelm Röntgen
6	In First Aid, the mnemonic ABC is often used for basic life-saving assessment. Give any one of the three words represented by ABC.
	Airway, Breathing, Circulation
7	Earlier this year, the Event Horizon Telescope produced the first-ever image of what phenomenon?
	Black hole
8	What is the first and softest mineral on the Mohs scale of hardness?
	Talc

Supplementaries:

1	From which animal were the first vaccines obtained?
	A cow
10	What is the first three-digit prime number?
	101

Round 5: Sport – Sporting Knights and Dames

You will get some clues to a sporting personality who has received a knighthood or damehood.

1	Locally born, and one of the most successful sailors in Olympic history, with four gold medals between 2000 and 2012 plus a silver in 1996
	Ben Ainslie
2	One of the ten National Heroes of Barbados; the first man to take 100 wickets and 100 catches, and score 1000 runs, in Test cricket
	Garfield (Garry) Sobers
3	The first non-American to finish at the top of the Ladies' PGA money list; winner of the Ladies' European Tour Order of Merit a record seven times between 1985 and 2006
	Laura Davies
4	Six times British track cycling champion; and the most successful female British Paralympian of all time, with a total of 14 gold medals in cycling and swimming
	Sarah Storey
5	Knighted in 2018 for services to football, particularly in recognition of his support to the families and victims of the 1989 Hillsborough disaster
	Kenny Dalglish
6	Great Britain's most decorated female Olympian, with five rowing medals, and the current chair of UK Sport
	Katherine Grainger
7	Probably the greatest driver never to have won the Formula 1 World Championship; runner-up four times and third three times, between 1955 and 1961
	Stirling Moss
8	One of the first British pair to climb the North Face of the Eiger, and leader of five major Himalayan expeditions between 1970 and 1982
	Chris Bonington

Supplementaries:

1	Winner of the Heptathlon gold medal at the 2012 London Olympics
	Jessica Ennis (-Hill)
2	Any one of the three people that were knighted in 2019 for services to cricket
	Alastair Cook , Geoffrey Boycott or Andrew Strauss

Round 6: On Your Marques

Each answer contains the name of a classic British car marque.

1	Which road bridge crosses the Thames between Chelsea Bridge and Lambeth Bridge?
	Vauxhall
2	In <i>Coronation Street</i> , who was Gail's third husband – and not one of her better choices?
	Richard Hillman
3	In Rudyard Kipling's poem <i>If</i> , which is the first of the two impostors we are warned about?
	Triumph
4	Which American tennis player's career was effectively ended at the age of 26 by a near-fatal motor vehicle accident on the 3 rd of August 1989?
	Tracey Austin
5	Which tidal estuary is formed by the confluence of the rivers Ouse and Trent?
	The Humber
6	Which professional American Football franchise is based in Jacksonville, Florida?
	The (Jacksonville) Jaguars
7	Who was hanged in 1953 for the murder of PC Sidney Miles?
	Derek Bentley
8	In the 1860s, who lived at the Red House, in Bexleyheath, Kent, which he co-designed himself and which now belongs to the National Trust?
	William Morris

Supplementaries:

1	First published in 1923, what was the last novel completed by Joseph Conrad?
	The Rover
2	The Hayward Gallery in London is currently presenting a retrospective of which 88-year old British artist, one of the most influential exponents of Op Art?
	Bridget Riley

Round 7: Doctor Who?

A round about doctors, both real and fictional.

1	Which fictional character was created by A. J. Cronin and played on television by Bill Simpson?
	Doctor Finlay
2	What character has been played on film by Rex Harrison and Eddie Murphy?
	Doctor Dolittle
3	Having been presumed by many to be dead, who was located in Ujiji, Tanzania in October 1871?
	Dr. David Livingstone
4	Which writer and lexicographer was born in Lichfield in 1709?
	Dr. Samuel Johnson
5	What was the pen name of the author born Theodore Geisel in 1904?
	Dr. Seuss
6	Born in London in 1836, who was the first woman to qualify in Britain as a physician and surgeon?
	Elizabeth Garrett Anderson
7	Which doctor was arrested in 1910 aboard the SS <i>Montrose</i> ?
	Dr. Crippen
1	Who opened his first 'ragged school' in London's East End in 1867, and his Juvenile Mission the following year?
	Dr. Barnardo

Supplementaries:

1	Which Stanley Kubrick film satirises Cold War fears of a nuclear conflict between the Soviet Union and the United States?
	Dr. Strangelove
2	In which play by Christopher Marlowe does the title character strike a deal with Lucifer?
	Doctor Faustus

Round 8: All stations go

Each answer is, or contains, the name of a railway station in the UK.

1	Which is the UK's smallest city, in terms of both area and population?
	St Davids
2	Which former bank was founded in Birmingham in 1836 and advertised with the slogan 'The Listening Bank'?
	Midland Bank
3	Located on Vancouver Island, what is the capital of the Canadian province of British Columbia?
	Victoria
4	At which specific location could you see the Shaftesbury Memorial Fountain and statue?
	Piccadilly Circus
5	What 7 letter word is defined by Chambers Dictionary as 'a model of perfection or supreme elegance', and also refers to a perfect diamond?
	Paragon
6	Which 1814 novel by Sir Walter Scott is set at the time of the Jacobite uprising and is often regarded as one of the first historical novels?
	Waverley
7	Which 2014 film and its 2017 sequel star Ben Whishaw as the voice of the title character?
	Paddington
8	In the vaccine abbreviated to MMR, what does the second M stand for?
	Mumps

Supplementaries:

1	What did the Duke of Wellington describe as "the nearest run thing you ever saw in your life"?
	The Battle of Waterloo
2	Which Belgian town gives its name to any place whose waters are believed to have health-giving properties?
	Spa

Just in case anyone is wondering about the locations of the stations in the answers:

St Davids: Exeter	Waverley: Edinburgh	Midland: Nottingham/Derby	Paddington: London
Victoria: Manchester/London	Mumps: Oldham	Piccadilly: Manchester	Waterloo: London
Paragon: Hull	Spa: Bath		

General Knowledge

1	The ancient Greek philosopher Socrates died after drinking what poison?
	Hemlock
2	Who was the first divorcee to become President of the USA?
	Ronald Reagan
3	Which diocese was Justin Welby the bishop of, before being appointed as Archbishop of Canterbury?
	Durham
4	Which recent TV drama series was based on the real-life story of the industrialist Anne Lister?
	Gentleman Jack
5	In the acronym UCAS, what does the A stand for?
	Admissions (Universities & Colleges Admissions Service)
6	Which brothers opened a club called the Double R Club in Bow Street, London, in 1957?
	Ronnie & Reggie Kray
7	The word 'wiki', as in Wikipedia, means 'quick' – in which language?
	Hawaiian
8	From which plant is linseed oil obtained?
	Flax
9	Who made the news in 1995 when he kicked Matthew Simmons?
	Eric Cantona
10	Give either of the two words from the NATO phonetic alphabet used by US troops in Vietnam to refer to the Viet Cong?
	Victor or Charlie
11	Who was US President when Queen Elizabeth the Second acceded to the throne?
	Harry S Truman
12	Which Scottish-American businessman and philanthropist, born in 1835, endowed more than 2,500 public libraries around the world?
	Andrew Carnegie
13	<i>The Irishman</i> , starring Robert de Niro and Al Pacino, is the latest film by which director?
	Martin Scorsese
14	What's the capital of Azerbaijan?
	Baku
15	Who assassinated John Lennon?
	Mark Chapman
16	Name any of the three countries that use Farsi as an official language.
	Iran, Afghanistan, or Tajikistan



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17	Which group's first UK top 10 hit was <i>Girls on Film</i> in 1981?
	Duran Duran
18	In computing, what does the D stand for in the abbreviation PDF?
	Document (Portable Document Format)
19	In which country were Granny Smith apples first cultivated?
	Australia
20	Which parts of the body does a myologist specialise in?
	Muscles
21	Which Italian city gives its name to a yellowish-brown or reddish-brown pigment?
	Siena
22	In architecture, what sort of structure is a cupola (pronounced <i>cue</i> -puller)?
	A dome
23	What name links the characters played by Todd Carty in <i>Grange Hill</i> and Peter Capaldi in <i>The Thick of It</i> ?
	Tucker ('Tucker' Jenkins and Malcom Tucker)
24	Which brand of lager has a name derived from a Scandinavian word for "cheers" (as in an informal toast)?
	Skol
25	Who was the first person to walk in space—he died last month?
	Alexei Leonov
26	Alex Turner is the lead singer of which British indie rock group, formed in 2002?
	Arctic Monkeys
27	To which parts of the body does the adjective 'brachial' apply?
	The arms
28	Which nickname links guitarist Dave Evans and the former WWE wrestler Adam Copeland?
	Edge
29	Which building is home to the US Congress?
	The Capitol
30	The Australian city of Adelaide was named after the wife of which king?
	William IV
31	Which UK supermarket took over Safeway in 2004?
	Morrisons
32	Which event of the 20th century was known in the Republic of Ireland as 'the Emergency'?
	World War II



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33	The Australian Capital Territory is an enclave within which state?
	New South Wales
34	What is the subtitle of Episode IX of the Star Wars series, due for release in the US next month?
	The Rise of Skywalker
35	Which Spanish golfer is nicknamed El Niño?
	Sergio Garcia
36	What do Edith Piaf, Frederic Chopin, Oscar Wilde and Jim Morrison have in common?
	They're all buried in the same cemetery (Père Lachaise, Paris)
37	Name the German-born author of children's books including <i>The Tiger who Came to Tea</i> , who died earlier this year.
	Judith Kerr
38	What name is given to the warm, dry wind that blows across the Mediterranean from North Africa, sometimes causing 'blood rain' in Italy as it picks up moisture?
	Sirocco
39	After the invasion of France during World War II, who led the government in exile known as Free France?
	Charles de Gaulle
40	Who refused an Oscar in 1973 (having already won one in 1955)?
	Marlon Brando
41	What's the alternative, English name for the delphinium?
	Larkspur
42	According to the Bible, which insects formed the eighth plague of Egypt?
	Locusts
43	Which anti-Brexit political campaign group takes its three-word name from a phrase referring to soldiers in the First World War who were sent to their deaths by incompetent and indifferent leaders?
	Led by Donkeys
44	Which London theatre opened in 1881 as a showcase for Gilbert & Sullivan's operas?
	The Savoy Theatre
45	What is the last event in the Olympic decathlon?
	1500 metres
46	Which American newspaper publisher provided the inspiration for Orson Welles's <i>Citizen Kane</i> ?
	William Randolph Hearst
47	Who won the 1963 Best Actor Oscar for the role of Atticus Finch?
	Gregory Peck
48	Name the journalist and broadcaster who was the second presenter of <i>Question Time</i> and died last month.
	Peter Sissons



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49	What was the original use of the building that now houses the Tate Modern art gallery?
	Power station
50	Which writer was born in 1832 in the Cheshire village of Daresbury?
	Lewis Carroll (accept Charles Dodgson)
51	In which opera do the characters the Queen of the Night and the bird catcher Papageno appear?
	The Magic Flute
52	Which scientist has been chosen to appear on the next edition of the £50 note, due to be issued in 2021?
	Alan Turing
53	Frederick Delius, David Hockney and J. B. Priestley were all born in which city?
	Bradford
54	Which actress was married to Tony Curtis from 1951 to 1962?
	Janet Leigh
55	What two-word term refers to the hot summer weather which was historically the period when Sirius rises with the Sun?
	Dog days
56	In which country is the state of Tabasco?
	Mexico
57	Whose first wife, from 1987 to 1990, was Mimi Rogers?
	Tom Cruise
58	What word describes a member of the generation defined by Collins English Dictionary as "the young adults of the 2010s, viewed as being less resilient and more prone to taking offence than previous generations"?
	Snowflake
59	Who was the first Director General of the BBC?
	(Lord) John Reith
60	The French designer René Lalique is best known for his work in what medium?
	Glass
61	In 9th-century England, what name was given to the tax raised as protection money to pay off the Vikings, or to fund forces to oppose them?
	Danegeld
62	Thomas Hardy took the title of his novel <i>Far from the Madding Crowd</i> from which poem?
	Elegy written in a Country Churchyard (accept Gray's Elegy)
63	Apart from Psalms, what's the only book in the Old Testament whose name begins with P?
	Proverbs
64	Whose world record was recently beaten by the Kenyan Brigid Kosgei, having stood for 16 years?
	Paula Radcliffe



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65	A new usage of what word means to abruptly end a relationship by cutting off communication, especially online?
	Ghost (ing)
66	Who has held the men's triple jump world record since 1995?
	Jonathan Edwards
67	In which fairy tale does a witch cut out the tongue of the title character to get her voice?
	The Little Mermaid
68	Who is the king of the gods in Roman mythology, regarded as equivalent to the Greek Zeus?
	Jupiter (accept Jove)
69	What word for a rain cloud can also mean a halo that surrounds a person in a work of art?
	Nimbus
70	Who is the newly appointed Speaker of the House of Commons?
	Sir Lindsay Hoyle
71	The region known as Pomerania is partly in Germany, but mainly in which other country?
	Poland
72	On which radio programme could you get advice from Pippa Greenwood and James Wong?
	Gardeners' Question Time
73	Which fabric gets its name from a Middle Eastern capital city?
	Damask
74	The islands of Java and Sumatra form part of which country?
	Indonesia
75	In which play did Shakespeare refer to jealousy as "the green-eyed monster"?
	Othello
76	Who wrote the plays <i>Mother Courage and her Children</i> and <i>The Caucasian Chalk Circle</i> ?
	Bertolt Brecht
77	What is the senior regiment of the British Army, forming part of the Household Cavalry, along with the Blues and Royals?
	The Life Guards
78	According to legend, the seamstress Betsy Ross was responsible for designing what?
	The American flag (Stars & Stripes)
79	Who was recently dubbed Wagatha Christie by the tabloid press following leaks of stories about her to the press?
	Coleen Rooney
80	Why is the 31st of July 1970 known in certain quarters as Black Tot Day?
	It was the last day that the Royal Navy issued a rum ration.



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81	In which British city was the <i>Encyclopaedia Britannica</i> published, from its inception in 1768 until it moved to America in 1901?
	Edinburgh
82	In UK Imperial measurement, how many pounds make a hundredweight?
	112
83	In which US state is the town of Tombstone, famous for the gunfight at the OK Corral which took place there in 1881?
	Arizona
84	Which modern-day country was known to the ancient Romans as Helvetia?
	Switzerland
85	Who wrote the poem <i>Funeral Blues</i> , also known as <i>Stop All the Clocks</i> , which featured in the film <i>Four Weddings and a Funeral</i> ?
	W H Auden
86	Which UK daily newspaper began life in 1930 as the <i>Daily Worker</i> ?
	The Morning Star (do not accept The Star!)
87	What type of animal is a percheron?
	A horse
88	In the Christian calendar, what feast is celebrated 40 days after Easter?
	Ascension Day (accept Holy Thursday)
89	At what venue in Cheshire does the RHS hold an annual flower show?
	Tatton Park
90	Which martial art has a name that means 'way of the sword'?
	Kendo
91	Metaxa is a spirit originating in which country?
	Greece
92	What is the name of the cherry brandy traditionally used in a Black Forest gâteau?
	Kirsch (or Kirschwasser)
93	Who was the first child born to a reigning UK monarch in the 20 th century?
	Prince Andrew
94	Which current West End musical includes the songs <i>Popular</i> and <i>Defying Gravity</i> ?
	Wicked
95	In which game would you be most likely to 'peg out'?
	Cribbage
96	Pembroke and Cardigan are varieties of which breed of dog?
	Corgi

Supplementaries:

1	Which famous song dates from 1895, when 'Banjo' Paterson put words to the military tune <i>The Craigielee March</i> ?
	Waltzing Matilda
2	1600 Pennsylvania Avenue is the address of which famous building?
	The White House
3	With an area of 30 acres, which is Britain's second largest castle, after Windsor?
	Caerphilly
4	Which company released the original Donkey Kong game in 1981?
	Nintendo
5	Which country with a Mediterranean coastline lies between Algeria and Libya?
	Tunisia