

2021–2 Season: Week 3 – 22 November 2022

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Specialist Questions

Round 1: Geography

1	Forming part of the Society Islands, what's the largest and most populated island in French Polynesia?
	Tahiti
2	In which country is Cotopaxi, the world's highest active volcano?
	Ecuador
3	Which fishing village between Scarborough and Whitby is the eastern terminus of Wainwright's Coast to Coast walk?
	Robin Hood's Bay
4	From 1974 to 1997, Rutland was part of which English county?
	Leicestershire
5	What is the capital of the Italian state of Lombardy?
	Milan
6	Which canal connects lakes Erie and Ontario, bypassing Niagara Falls?
	The Welland Canal
7	By what name was Botswana known, prior to gaining independence in 1966?
	Bechuanaland
8	Which strait gives its name to the bridge that links Copenhagen to Malmo in Sweden?
	The Oresund

Supplementaries:

1	What word is used to denote the people of the central Nile valley (southern Egypt and northern Sudan)?
	Nubians
2	Which is the fourth largest and most southerly of the Balearic Islands?
	Formentera

Round 2: History

1	Who was President of the USA at the time of the Wall Street Crash in October 1929?
	Herbert Hoover
2	Who founded the Presbyterian Church of Scotland in 1560?
	John Knox
3	Give either of the years in which Roald Amundsen's team or Captain Scott's team reached the South Pole.
	1911 (Amundsen) or 1912 (Scott)
4	Which laws relating to trade and commerce were introduced by the British Parliament in 1815 and repealed in 1846?
	The Corn Laws
5	In which royal residence did Queen Victoria die?
	Osborne House
6	On which Mediterranean island was the Minoan civilisation chiefly based?
	Crete
7	Who was the French inventor of the punched card loom in 1801 – a link between the textile industry of the Industrial Revolution and the computer technology of today?
	Joseph Louis Jacquard
8	Which British admiral was executed in 1757 for neglect of duty, prompting Voltaire's remark about the British shooting an admiral every now and then, 'to encourage the others'?
	John Byng

Supplementaries:

1	What name was given to the Act of Parliament, passed in 1701, that disqualified Roman Catholics, or anyone married to one, from succeeding to the British throne?
	Act of Settlement
2	Name one of the two Labour cabinet ministers who resigned in 1951 after Hugh Gaitskell imposed charges on false teeth and spectacles to fund the Korean War.
	Harold Wilson or Aneurin (Nye) Bevan

Round 3: Arts & Entertainment by numbers

All of the questions relate to works of art or entertainment that contain a number.

1	Complete the title of the 2017 Golden Globe winning film: <i>Three Billboards Outside ...</i>
	Ebbing, Missouri
2	Which artist liked to give his paintings numbers rather than names, such as <i>Number 17A</i> which sold for 200 million dollars in 2016?
	Jackson Pollock
3	Its ubiquitous riff now popular as a sports anthem, <i>Seven Nation Army</i> was a 2003 hit for which band?
	The White Stripes
4	Which actress, who died in September, won an Oscar for her role as the evil Nurse Ratched in <i>One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest</i> ?
	Louise Fletcher
5	Aired on Channel 4's launch night in 1982, in the <i>Comic Strip presents...</i> film series, where did Five go mad?
	Dorset
6	Who has presented the TV show <i>Room 101</i> since 2012?
	Frank Skinner
7	Name either of Shakespeare's <i>Two Gentlemen of Verona</i> .
	Valentine or Proteus
8	Which Colombian Nobel laureate wrote the novel <i>One hundred years of solitude</i> ?
	Gabriel Garcia Marquez

Supplementaries:

1	Who wrote the 1915 novel <i>The thirty-nine steps</i> ?
	John Buchan
3	Which German singer had a 1983 hit with <i>99 Red Balloons</i> ?
	Nena

Round 4: Science

1	In mathematics, what name is given to the number below the line in a fraction?
	Denominator
2	Which English inventor is best remembered for the first commercially successful process for mass production of steel, which he developed in 1856?
	Henry Bessemer
3	Stibium is the Latin name for which chemical element?
	Antimony (hence its symbol Sb)
4	What is the SI unit of electrical charge or flux?
	The Coulomb
	Diazepam – a drug used for its calming effect – was originally marketed (and still is) under what trade name?
	Valium
	In the Fibonacci series, what number comes between 8 and 21?
	13
	Name either of the elements that make up the majority of the naturally occurring alloy electrum?
	Gold or silver
	Which unit, used to measure the optical power of a lens, is equal to the reciprocal of the focal length in metres?
	The diopetre

Supplementaries:

1	Which unit of measurement is equivalent to 746 watts?
	The horsepower
	In the electromagnetic spectrum, what comes between infra-red and radio waves?
	Microwaves

Round 5: World Cup fever

Each answer is a country taking part in the current FIFA World Cup finals.

1	Which country is allied to England by the Treaty of Windsor, ratified in 1386, and the oldest in the world that's still in force?
	Portugal
	Which country was home to Kofi Annan – Secretary General of the United Nations from 1997 to 2006?
	Ghana
3	In which country is D H Lawrence's novel <i>The Plumed Serpent</i> set?
	Mexico
	Which country shares its name with the title character played in a 1976 film by Clint Eastwood, who also directed?
	Wales (<i>The Outlaw Josey Wales</i>)
	Which country has the highest population density in the European Union?
	The Netherlands
	Which country did Shakespeare describe as 'a precious stone, set in the silver sea'?
	England
	Mato Grosso (pronounced <i>matu grossu</i> , meaning 'thick bushes') is the third largest of the 26 states of which country?
	Brazil
	Which country gave its name to a new-wave band, formed in 1974 and fronted by David Sylvian?
	Japan

Supplementaries:

1	In which country was Che Guevara born?
	Argentina
	Which country occupies a peninsula in the Persian Gulf, is half the size of Yorkshire, and has a border only with Saudi Arabia?
	Qatar

Round 6: Sport

1	Who defeated Muhammed Ali in his last fight, on December 11 th 1981?
	Trevor Berbick
	Who is the youngest member of England's squad for the 2022 FIFA World Cup?
	Jude Bellingham
	Wales last made the FIFA World Cup finals in 1958; in which country was the tournament held that year?
	Sweden
	Earlier this year, which 25-year-old American Olympian became the youngest person to receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom?
	Simone Biles
	Which basketball legend played for the Boston Celtics from 1972 to 1992, and gave his name to the Twitter logo?
	Larry Bird
	In the recent T20 World Cup Final, which English bowler took three wickets for twelve runs in his four overs?
	Sam Curran
3	Which British driver notched up his first Formula One Grand Prix victory in Brazil earlier this month?
	George Russell
	Name one of the two events that were added to the women's pentathlon to make the heptathlon (for the 1984 Olympics), and are the last to take place in each competition.
	Javelin or 800 metres

Supplementaries:

1	In which city did England lose to New Zealand in the semi-final of the women's rugby league World Cup last week?
	York
3	Which former hairdresser from Milton Keynes recently said that she no longer feels welcome on the women's tour in her chosen sport (but doesn't care)?
	(Darts player) Fallon Sherrock

Round 7: Because we can

Each answer (including first names where appropriate and unless otherwise stated) starts with the letters c-o-s.

1	Which company sponsors the former Whitbread Book Awards?
	Costa (Coffee)
2	Who was the Archbishop of Canterbury at the start of World War Two? (Full name required)
	Cosmo Lang
3	The title of which Mozart opera translates roughly as 'so do all women'?
	Cosi fan tutte
4	Which word of French origin, relating to an occupation in the theatre, is an anagram of Tom Cruise?
	Costumier
5	What was the name of the Italian cruise ship that struck a rock and sank off the island of Giglio in January 2012?
	Costa Concordia
6	In Victor Hugo's <i>Les Misérables</i> , what is the name of the child raised by Jean Valjean after the death of her mother, Fantine?
	Cosette
7	Which cocktail consists of vodka, Cointreau, cranberry juice and lime juice?
	Cosmopolitan
8	What word was coined in Japan in 1984 to refer to the art or practice of dressing up to portray characters from fiction – especially manga, animation or science fiction?
	Cosplay

Supplementaries:

1	Who collaborated with Paul McCartney in writing songs such as <i>Back on My Feet</i> , <i>Veronica</i> and <i>My Brave Face</i> ? (Surname only required)
	Elvis Costello
	What two-word Italian phrase is used to refer to the Mafia?
	Cosa nostra

Round 8: God Save the King

To celebrate the accession of King Charles, identify the person whose forename or surname is Charles. Full name required for each answer.

1	Architect born in Glasgow in 1868; one of the most important figures of the British Art Nouveau style.
	Charles (Rennie) Mackintosh
2	The busiest airport in the EU is named after this politician.
	Charles de Gaulle
3	Actress born 1927 who often portrayed the Queen due to her resemblance to the monarch.
	Jeannette Charles
4	Devon-born priest and writer whose novel <i>Westward Ho!</i> led to the founding of a village of the same name.
	Charles Kingsley
5	Co-founder of what was at one time the world's largest advertising agency, he was married to Nigella Lawson.
	Charles Saatchi
6	Former <i>Coronation Street</i> actor, presenter of his own <i>Funk and Soul Show</i> on BBC Radio 6 Music.
	Craig Charles
7	Singer who had a UK number 1 hit in 1976 with <i>I Love to Love (but my Baby Just Loves to Dance)</i> .
	Tina Charles
8	Leader of the Liberal Democrats from 1999 to 2006.
	Charles Kennedy

Supplementaries:

1	Aviator who made the first non-stop flight from New York to Paris in 1927.
	Charles Lindbergh
2	Winner of the Best Actor Oscar in 1933 for his role in <i>The Private Life of Henry VIII</i> .
	Charles Laughton

General Knowledge

1	Which cathedral in Montmartre, Paris, mixes the Romanesque and Byzantine styles of architecture?
	The Sacré Coeur
2	What letter is said to be repeated in Morse Code by the opening notes of Beethoven's fifth symphony?
	V
3	According to the Office of National Statistics, what name has replaced Oliver as the most popular for male babies born in 2021?
	Noah
4	What type of fair links the city of Nottingham and the town of Tavistock in Devon?
	Goose fair
5	Name one of the two streets in San Francisco that formed the epicentre of the Beat and Hippie cultures of the 1950s and 60s.
	Haight St or Ashbury St
6	Which vegetable is known in Indian cooking as palak?
	Spinach (saag is a dish made with green leafy vegetables such as spinach)
7	The title of this year's Best Picture Oscar <i>Coda</i> is an acronym used by the deaf community. What does the C stand for?
	Child (of Deaf Adults)
8	Which major European car manufacturer has a badge that represents a spinning propellor?
	BMW
9	Which Ivy League university is based in New York City?
	Columbia
10	Which ancient road runs from Rome to Brindisi?
	The Appian Way or Via Appia
11	Which comedian, who died aged 82 in 1982, was famous for the <i>Bee Song</i> and the catchphrase "Hello playmates"?
	Arthur Askey
12	The initials DOC or DOCG are quality assurance labels for wines from which country?
	Italy (Denominazione de Origine Controllata e Garantita)
13	Which song from Fleetwood Mac's <i>Rumours</i> album was used by Bill Clinton for his presidential campaign and by David Cameron at Conservative Party conferences?
	Don't stop (thinking about tomorrow)
14	Who was recently banned from New York restaurant Balthazar after being rude to staff?
	James Corden
15	Loop, whorl and arch are the three types of what?
	Fingerprint



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16	What links Uffington (Oxfordshire), Westbury (Wiltshire) and Kilburn (North Yorkshire)?
	They are sites of white horses (carved into the landscape)
17	Which Southampton-based company made the iconic Spitfire fighter aircraft?
	Supermarine
18	Which company has adopted the slogan 'For all life's moments', replacing the one that's been in use for nearly a hundred years?
	John Lewis (it replaced 'never knowingly undersold')
19	Which feminist magazine was founded in 1972 by Rosie Boycott and Marsha Rowe?
	Spare Rib
20	What word means a scent secreted by a human or other animal, which acts like a hormone on others?
	Pheromone
21	Previously part of Lancashire, which peninsula is now separated from Lancashire by Morecambe Bay?
	Furness
22	Which novel, first published in 1928, opens with the words "Ours is essentially a tragic age, so we refuse to take it tragically"?
	Lady Chatterley's Lover
23	Which Sussex town is famous for its annual bonfire celebrations, held on November 5 th to commemorate the seventeen Protestants who were burned there under Mary I?
	Lewes
24	Which 1934 Cole Porter musical includes the songs <i>I Get a Kick Out of You</i> and <i>You're the Top</i> , as well as the title song?
	Anything goes
25	According to its title, what type of animal is represented by the sculpture recently installed on Trafalgar Square's fourth plinth?
	Antelope
26	Derrick Evans was a familiar presence on the UK's screens in the early days of breakfast television, and celebrated his 70 th birthday last week. What is his famous nickname?
	Mr. Motivator
27	Which 110-mile long path, skirting the North Yorks Moors, takes its name from the historic area which also gave its name to a former non-metropolitan county?
	The Cleveland Way
28	Which product links Monty Python and the Hormel Company of Austin, Minnesota?
	Spam
29	In draughts, how many moves are available to the first player?
	Seven
30	In Paris, what is La Bourse?
	The Stock Exchange



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31	Featured in a famous advertisement, initially in 1966, what's the popular name for the tune from the second movement of J. S. Bach's <i>Suite No. 3 in D</i> ?
	Air on a G string
32	In brewing, what name is given to the process of steeping the malt in water and heating for one or two hours?
	Mashing
33	Who played the title role in the 2005 film <i>Nanny McPhee</i> ?
	Emma Thompson
34	In which English national park would you find an ancient clapper bridge known as Tarr Steps?
	Exmoor
35	Who did Winston Churchill describe as "a modest little man with much to be modest about"?
	Clement Attlee
36	What's the first name of the Duke and Duchess of Sussex's daughter, born in 2021?
	Lilibet
37	Which English-born political theorist wrote the books entitled <i>The Rights of Man</i> (1791) and <i>The Age of Reason</i> (1793)?
	Thomas Paine
38	In <i>Coronation Street</i> , what was Hilda Ogden's famous reply, when Stan asked her what her lipstick tasted of?
	'Woman, Stanley ... woman' (accept woman)
39	What's the length in metres of an Olympic swimming pool?
	50 metres
40	Which African country has the international vehicle registration EAK?
	Kenya (East Africa Kenya)
41	What was the birth surname of the tennis player Billie Jean King?
	Moffatt
42	"I see dead people" is an iconic line, spoken by 9-year-old Cole Sear in which 1999 film?
	The Sixth Sense
43	Which historical novel by Charles Dickens is subtitled <i>A Tale of the Riots of Eighty</i> ?
	Barnaby Rudge (about the Gordon Riots, which took place in 1780)
44	Part of the first same-sex couple to appear on <i>Strictly</i> , who was the first female boxer to win an Olympic gold medal?
	Nicola Adams
45	Developed in Argentina, the falabella is one of the world's smallest breeds of what animal?
	Horse
46	In which US state is Cape Canaveral?
	Florida
47	In Roman mythology, what was the name of the slave who removed a thorn from the paw of a lion?
	Androcles



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48	John F. Kennedy died on this day in 1963. Name either of the famous writers who died on the same day.
	C. S. Lewis or Aldous Huxley
49	What is the family name of the Dukes of Westminster?
	Grosvenor
50	Which band, formed in 1968, took their name from an island off the coast of Northumberland?
	Lindisfarne
51	What property of a body is defined as the tendency to return to its original shape after being subjected to stress?
	Elasticity
52	Which private school in Edinburgh was attended by both Tony Blair and James Bond?
	Fettes College
53	In <i>Peter Pan</i> , what breed is the Darling family's dog, Nana?
	Newfoundland
54	In which sport are games started, and restarted after a goal, with a centre pass?
	Netball
55	Who invented the spinning mule in 1779, as a hybrid of Arkwright's frame and Hargreaves's spinning jenny?
	Samuel Crompton
56	Who was assaulted by Will Smith while presenting this year's Oscars ceremony?
	Chris Rock
57	What political party was founded in 2015 by Catherine Mayer and Sandi Toksvig?
	The Women's Equality Party
58	Which union was formed in 1990 by the merger of the National Union of Railwaymen and the National Union of Seamen?
	The RMT (National Union of Rail, Maritime & Transport workers)
59	What does a deltiologist collect?
	Postcards
60	Which city, the capital of the Spanish region of Galicia, is the destination of a famous route of pilgrimage?
	Santiago de Compostela
61	Who comes next in this sequence? The Duke of Wellington, George Stephenson, Elizabeth Fry, ...
	Winston Churchill (people on the back of a £5 note)
62	Whose childhood sweetheart and first wife was Nancy Barbato?
	Frank Sinatra
63	Who has been the statistician on the BBC's cricket coverage since 2016, and chairman of Radio 4's <i>News Quiz</i> since 2019?
	Andy Zaltzman



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64	Who is the regular presenter of ITV's <i>Tipping Point</i> ?
	Ben Shephard
65	Which genus of flowering plant takes its name from the Latin word for a sword, and is sometimes known as the sword lily?
	Gladiolus (accept gladioli)
66	In what year did both Princess Margaret and the Queen Mother die?
	2002
67	In American football, what name is given to a period of play that ends with a player or the ball being on the ground or out of play?
	A down
68	Which mountaineer was born in Mobberley in 1886?
	George Mallory
69	The controversial media personality Katie Hopkins first came to notice in 2007 when she appeared in which reality TV programme?
	The Apprentice
70	In the card games bridge and whist, what is a chicane?
	(A hand with) no trumps
71	Which fashion designer was born in 1943 at Ebbw Vale, and was once married to the pop singer Sandie Shaw?
	Jeff Banks
72	Originally a brand, what name is given to the small motorised bicycle used to set the pace in cycling events such as the Keirin?
	The derny
73	Which part of Yorkshire gives its name to the largest breed of terrier?
	Airedale
74	Who reputedly commanded the first Viking ships to reach America, around AD 1000?
	Leif Erikson
75	Named after the place in Jordan where they were found in the 1940s, how are the Qumran Texts popularly known?
	The Dead Sea scrolls
76	Terry Deary is best known as the creator of which series of children's books?
	Horrible Histories
77	Who is currently the manager of the England women's national football team?
	Sarina Wiegman
78	Who stood down in 1974 as Conservative MP for Louth following a financial scandal, and turned to writing as a means of avoiding bankruptcy?
	Jeffrey Archer
79	Which French term, meaning 'bad step' is used in English for a social gaffe?
	Faux pas



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80	What system was created by persons unknown operating under the name Satoshi Nakamoto, and released as open-source software in 2009?
	Bitcoin
81	Which former member of The Damned had a No. 1 hit in 1982 with <i>Happy Talk</i> ?
	Captain Sensible (accept his real name Raymond Burns)
82	Named after an Antarctic territory, the Adelie is a species of what creature?
	Penguin
83	Which Danish philosopher was known as 'the father of existentialism'?
	Søren Kierkegaard
84	On board a ship, what word is used for a dividing wall below deck?
	Bulkhead
85	Who was the famous step-grandmother of Diana, Princess of Wales?
	Barbara Cartland
86	Which plant is the source of the poison used to kill Socrates and various other ancient Greeks?
	Hemlock
87	In the UK's Highway Code, what is described as 'the first rule of the road'?
	Keep to the left (accept drive on the left)
88	By what nickname was former US first lady Claudia Johnson better known?
	Lady Bird
89	Which famous architect was run over by a tram in 1926 while admiring his work?
	Antoni Gaudi
90	Name one of English racing's Autumn Double – two races, both run at Newmarket since 1839.
	The Cambridgeshire Handicap or the Cesarewitch Handicap
91	Which American 'new wave' pop group was named after a hairstyle that was named after an aeroplane?
	The B-52s
92	Who was assassinated in his bath by Charlotte Corday in 1792?
	Jean-Paul Marat
93	According to the Bible, who was thrown into the fiery furnace along with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego?
	Daniel
94	What term, literally meaning 'wind-water', describes the Chinese practice of using energy forces to harmonise individuals with their environment?
	Feng shui (<i>fung shwey</i>)
95	The atmosphere of Venus is composed mainly of which gas?
	Carbon dioxide
96	In Greek mythology, who was the father of Icarus?
	Daedalus

Supplementaries:

1	What colour has been allocated to the new Elizabeth line on the London Underground map?
	Purple
2	Which food product is said to account for one quarter of the world's hazelnuts?
	Nutella
3	What consists of a nucleus, a coma and a tail?
	A comet
4	Which English king died after falling from a horse named Sorrel?
	William III
5	The Wallace Monument, on the summit of Abbey Craig, is just outside which Scottish city?
	Stirling
6	Which publishing house publishes the Harry Potter books?
	Bloomsbury