

2022–3 Season: Week 09 – 31 January 2023

Set by the **Plough Horntails**.

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Specialist Questions

Round 1: Geography

1	Which river flows through Rochdale?
	The Roch
2	In which American state is Cape Cod?
	Massachusetts
3	Which gulf separates Sweden and Finland?
	The Gulf of Bothnia
4	In which country is Mount Ararat?
	Turkey
5	Who is the airport in Funchal, Madeira named after?
	Cristiano Ronaldo.
6	Wales has three national parks: Snowdonia, the Brecon Beacons, and which other?
	The Pembrokeshire Coast.
7	The Pindus mountains lie mainly in which country?
	Greece. (Bits are also in southern Albania and Macedonia)
8	What is the name of the desert surrounding Las Vegas?
	The Mojave Desert.

Supplementaries:

1	Which city was the capital of Portugal between 1808 and 1821?
	Rio de Janeiro
2	Which is the most southerly city in England?
	Truro

Round 2: Politically Correct

1	What was the nickname of the 1913 UK Parliamentary Act intended to deal with hunger-striking suffragettes?
	The Cat and Mouse Act
2	Which British Prime Minister was genealogically one sixteenth Iroquois?
	Winston Churchill
3	Dr. Kenneth Kaunda led which country to Independence in December 1964?
	Zambia
4	How many female MPs (nicknamed Blair's Babes) were elected in the Labour Party's landslide victory of 1997?
	101 (accept 100-102)
5	What was the first name of the wife of the former Prime Minister, James Callaghan?
	Audrey
6	Who did Liz Truss appoint as Foreign Secretary in September 2022?
	James Cleverly
7	Who did Tony Blair appoint as the first ever Minister for Women and Equality after the 1997 General Election win?
	Harriet Harman
8	Which UK constituency has Rishi Sunak represented since 2015?
	Richmond

Supplementaries:

1	Name the Governor of Florida who is regarded as a strong candidate for the US Republican Party at the next Presidential election (much to D. Trump's fury!!)
	Ron DeSantis
2	Who was appointed as the BBC's Political Editor in May 2022?
	Chris Mason
3	Who succeeded Harold Macmillan as UK Prime Minister in October 1963?
	Sir Alec Douglas-Home
4	Who became Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany in December 2021?
	Olaf Scholz

Round 3: Crisis – What Crisis?

1	In what month and year did <i>The Sun</i> use the headline "Crisis? What Crisis?", after James Callaghan returned from a conference and spoke to the press?
	January 1979 (during the so-called 'Winter of Discontent' – no leeway)
2	What economic bubble, documented in Charles Mackay's book <i>Extraordinary Popular Delusions and the Madness of Crowds</i> , bloomed in Europe in the 1630s and then burst in 1637?
	Tulip mania
3	Three hundred years before the UK had to bail out the Royal Bank of Scotland, what failed investment scheme led to a bail-out of Scotland and ultimately the Act of Union in 1707?
	The Darien Scheme or the Darien Enterprise (a plan in the 1690s to establish a colony of the Kingdom of Scotland on the Isthmus of Panama on the Gulf of Darién). It was a total failure. It is estimated that circa 20% of all Scottish capital was invested in the Darien Scheme.
4	What led to the oil price crisis of 1973?
	An oil embargo by OAPEC on countries that had supported Israel during the Yom Kippur War. N.B.1 Need some combination of the underlined words in answer. Do not accept just 'Yom Kippur War' or variants thereof. N.B.2 OAPEC = Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries. Not OPEC.
5	Who took charge of the Royal Mint in the 1690s and famously tried to address counterfeiting?
	Sir Isaac Newton
6	Besides taxation to finance the Hundred Years War, what was the major cause of the cycle of wage inflation that led to the Peasants' Revolt of 1381?
	The Black Death . Accept labour shortage (caused by the Black Death).
7	Gresham's Law relates to a major cause of inflation during the reign of Henry VIII. What is Gresham's Law?
	The principle of " bad money drives out good ". Accept the debasing the coinage with base metal .
8	Which accountancy firm was seen to be complicit in the fraudulent accounting of Enron that led to Enron's demise and bankruptcy in 2001?
	Arthur Andersen (do not accept Accenture).

Supplementaries:

1	Arthur Andersen was also complicit in an even larger bankruptcy and accounting scandal than Enron the following year (2002) involving which telecommunications company?
	WorldCom (accept MCI or MCI WorldCom)
10	The Black Monday stock market crash of 19th November 1987 was considered to have been made more severe in the UK by what event that preceded it?
	The Great Storm (accept Hurricane) of Friday, 16th November 1987. It caused the UK Stock Market to be closed and unable to react to market declines that were occurring in the US and elsewhere.

Round 4: Science

1	Cryptocurrencies like Ethereum are founded on what technology?
	Blockchain
2	A new Artificial Intelligence platform was introduced to much fanfare on 30 November 2022 by OpenAI. Besides being able to answer questions, the new platform can mimic human conversation, write and debug computer programs, and compose articles, music, stories, and student essays. What is the name of the platform?
	ChatGPT
3	What is the third most common element in the Milky Way galaxy?
	Oxygen
4	How is Nitrogen produced as an industrial gas?
	Fractional distillation of liquid air. Also accept as a by-product in the production of oxygen; or pressurised osmosis.
5	What is the name of the blood vessel exiting the left ventricle of the heart?
	The aorta
6	If you are suffering from <i>pes planus</i> , what medical condition do you have?
	Fallen arches or flat feet
7	In contrast to 3D-printing, which broad term describes the conventional machining of parts using lathes, milling machines, drills, grinders etc.?
	Subtractive manufacturing. N.B. 3D-Printing is Additive Manufacturing or Additive Layer Manufacturing (ALM).
8	We are currently considered to be going through the Fourth Industrial Revolution relating to the cyber-physical system (including the Internet of Things and cloud computing). What was a key feature of the 2nd Industrial Revolution?
	Accept any of: electrification (application of electricity), railways (railway connectivity), or the telegraph . N.B. The second Industrial Revolution is considered to be from circa 1870 to WW1.

Supplementaries:

1	Which 18 th -century botanist is considered the father of modern taxonomy?
	Carl Linnæus
2	Who won the Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine in 1962, jointly alongside Francis Crick and James Watson?
	Maurice Wilkins (N.B. Rosalind Franklin had died in 1958.)

Round 5: Music – Without the Notes

1	Which Country and Western legend was a surprising success at the Glastonbury Festival in 2014?
	Dolly Parton
2	In 2015, which British singer became the first artist to pass a million downloads in a week in the USA, when she released the first single from her third album?
	Adele (Hello)
3	Which Italian tenor became blind at the age of 12 following a football accident?
	Andrea Bocelli (he was born visually impaired, but suffered a brain haemorrhage while playing football)
4	What was Elvis Presley's first UK No.1 single in 1957?
	All Shook Up
5	What was the last album recorded by the Beatles?
	Abbey Road (1969)
6	Name the missing artist from the line-up of the "supergroup", the Travelling Wilburys: George Harrison, Roy Orbison, Jeff Lynne, Bob Dylan and ... ?
	Tom Petty
7	In 1987, who became the first woman to be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame?
	Aretha Franklin
8	Which 19th century Italian violinist and composer was often regarded as "the Devil's Violinist" because he often performed with a single-string violin?
	Niccolo Paganini

Supplementaries:

1	What type of vegetable was a hit for Booker T and the MGs in 1962?
	Green Onions
2	Who lived by the sea in a land called Honah Lee?
	Puff the Magic Dragon (Peter, Paul and Mary)
3	What was the first record ever broadcast on BBC Radio 1 in the UK?
	Flowers in the Rain (The Move, 1968)
4	In 1972, which British singer released an album entitled <i>Blondes Have More Fun</i> ?
	Rod Stewart

Round 6: Sport

1	In which sport would you use a Recurve, Compound or Traditional piece of equipment?
	Archery (they're all types of bow)
2	Who is the 2022 British Open Golf Champion?
	Cameron Smith
3	Who did Ben Stokes replace as England's test cricket captain?
	Joe Root
4	Who defeated Anthony Joshua for the World Heavyweight Boxing Championships (WBA, IBF, WBO and IBO) in 2019?
	Andy Ruiz Jr
5	In which year did John Curry win an Olympic Gold medal for ice skating?
	1976 (the XII Winter Olympics, in Innsbruck)
6	Which jockey won the English Derby nine times between 1954 and 1983?
	Lester Piggott
7	How many times do cars go around the track in the Indianapolis 500?
	200 (the track is 2.5 miles around)
8	How many ball boys and girls, (in total) work the courts at Wimbledon Tennis Championships?
	250 (accept 240 to 260)

Supplementaries:

1	George Foreman won an Olympic Gold medal in boxing at the age of 19. How old was he when he won his second heavyweight title?
	45 (in 1994, when he knocked out Michael Moorer)
2	How many major championships did golfer Jack Nicklaus win?
	18
3	In what year was the sport of Rugby invented, allowing players to carry the ball instead of just kicking it?
	1823 (accept 1820 to 1826)
4	Which footballer played for Huddersfield Town, Leicester City and Bolton Wanderers amongst many others, between 1966 and 1989, won eight caps for England, and wrote an autobiography entitled <i>One Hump or Two</i> ?
	Frank Worthington

Round 7: Arts & Entertainment – Not on My Telly!

1	In which large northern town in the UK is the Shipley Art Gallery?
	Gateshead
2	Which British artist created the four-metre-high steel Scallop on Aldeburgh beach?
	Maggie Hambling
3	Which jazz pianist is married to Elvis Costello?
	Diana Krall
4	Who directed the 1944 film of Shakespeare's <i>Henry V</i> ?
	Laurence Olivier
5	Who in 2017 wrote <i>La Belle Sauvage</i> – the first of a planned trilogy entitled <i>The Book of Dust</i> ?
	Phillip Pullman
6	In which year did the disappearance of Agatha Christie for 11 days spark the biggest manhunt for a missing person in British history?
	1926 (accept 1925 to 1927)
7	First performed in 1870, which ballet by Delibes features an animated doll?
	Coppélia
8	In which decade did the Irish poet Seamus Heaney (1939 to 2013) win the Nobel Prize for Literature?
	1990s (1995) – no leeway

Supplementaries:

1	Who wrote the feminist classic <i>The Second Sex</i> , first published in 1949?
	Simone de Beauvoir
2	Who directed the 1949 Christmas fantasy drama starring James Stewart and Donna Reed?
	Frank Capra

Round 8: British Trees and Shrubs

1	Which native tree is also known as the Mountain Ash?
	The rowan
2	Which tree / large shrub produces sloes?
	The blackthorn
3	Which was the only large conifer able to survive the Ice Age in Northern Britain?
	The Scots pine
4	What is the more common name for the native Linden tree?
	The lime
5	Which tree gets its name from its extremely hard wood?
	The hornbeam (Old English: horn = hard, beam = tree)
6	What was voted tree of the year for 2020?
	A plane tree – in Hackney!
7	The leaves and bark of which tree are often used to prevent skin inflammation and treat insect bites?
	Witch hazel
8	From the bark of which tree was aspirin first produced?
	A willow

Supplementaries:

1	Which wood was used to make old English longbows because of its flexibility and strength?
	Yew
2	In which English county is the tree known as the Royal Oak, in which the future king Charles II is said to have hidden after the battle of Worcester in 1651?
	Shropshire (in the grounds of Boscobel House)
3	The common sycamore is a member of which tree family or genus?
	Maple (Acer)
4	Which tree or shrub produces berries used in the manufacture of gin, which were used by the ancient Egyptians in the mummification process?
	Juniper

General Knowledge

1	Who is the current President of China (leader of 1.453 billion people)?
	Xi Jinping
2	Which sport is practised by a toxophilite?
	Archery (from the Greek <i>toxon</i> for bow and arrow and <i>philos</i> for loving)
3	Which European capital city was known as Christiania until 1925?
	Oslo , Norway
4	The word <i>paparazzi</i> is the plural of Paparazzo, a character in the 1960 film <i>La Dolce Vita</i> . Who directed the film?
	Federico Fellini
5	Which American entertainer, in the 1950s, famously said "I cried all the way to the bank" following a libel case in the UK?
	Liberace (Liberace v Daily Mirror is a 1959 English legal case in which the American entertainer Liberace sued the Daily Mirror columnist William Connor for libel after Connor, who while writing under the pen name Cassandra, published an article strongly hinting that he was a homosexual.)
6	Which politician, activist, actress and philanthropist died in the 1950s and was played on film by Madonna in the 1990s?
	María Eva Duarte de Perón. Accept (Eva Peron – the film was <i>Evita</i>)
7	What's the name of Andy Capp's wife in the <i>Daily Mirror</i> and <i>Sunday Mirror</i> cartoon strip?
	Flo (also accept Florrie)
8	Which drink is made by distilling the agave plant?
	Tequila
9	Which type of cake is traditionally eaten on Mothering Sunday?
	Simnel cake
10	Where in the UK was the DeLorean car manufactured?
	Belfast
11	Thebe and Metis are two moons of which planet?
	Jupiter
12	Which actor played the Scottish undertaker in the BBC comedy <i>Dads Army</i> between 1968 and 1977?
	John Laurie (the character was Private Fraser)
13	How many hoops are used in the game of croquet in the UK?
	6 (nine-wicket croquet, sometimes called 'backyard croquet', is played mainly in Canada and the United States)
14	Which island was settled by the mutineers from HMS <i>Bounty</i> in January 1790?
	Pitcairn
15	Who was the architect of the current Cathedral Church of St. Michael in Coventry?
	Basil Spence (following the destruction of the original during the Blitz of 1940)



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16	In the Disney cartoon film <i>Bambi</i> , what kind of animal was Flower?
	A skunk
17	Which unit of measurement is equal to one tenth of a nautical mile, or approximately 100 fathoms?
	The cable
18	What name is given to the 21 books of the New Testament that are written as letters from Apostles to Christians?
	Epistles
19	Which organisation was started in 1863 by the Swiss businessman Henri Dunant?
	The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (accept Red Cross)
20	Harvard University was founded as Harvard College in which decade of the 17th century?
	1630s (1636)
21	The world's first scheduled airline, between Tampa and St. Petersburg, Florida, was started in which year of the 20th century?
	1914 (accept 1909 to 1919)
22	When was the planet Neptune discovered?
	1846 (Accept 1840 to 1850)
23	From 1927 until her death in 1976, Lady Mallowan was better known by what name?
	Agatha Christie
24	Who was <i>Time</i> magazine's Person of the Year in 2022?
	Volodymyr Zelensky (President of Ukraine)
25	The Caribbean artist Veronica Ryan won the 2022 Turner Prize for the creation of the UK's first permanent artwork commemorating which generation?
	The Windrush generation
26	Where in the UK might you see a Poison Garden with more than 100 dangerous plants?
	Alnwick Castle
27	By what name is the plant whose Latin name is <i>Dipsacus</i> – a favourite food of goldfinches – better known?
	Teazel
28	In what year was the last manned Moon landing mission?
	1972 (Apollo 17. Accept 1971 to 1973)
29	The Gunfight at the OK Corral was fought in Tombstone, in 1881, between the Earp Brothers (Virgil, Morgan and Wyatt) along with Doc Holiday and which other family?
	The Clantons (also accept McLaury . Billy Clanton and both McLaury brothers were killed. Ike Clanton, Billy Claiborne, and Wes Fuller ran from the fight)
30	The Four Noble Truths are central to which religion?
	Buddhism (they are the truth of suffering, the truth of the cause of suffering, the truth of the end of suffering, and the truth of the path that leads to the end of suffering. More simply put, suffering exists; it has a cause; it has an end; and it has a cause to bring about its end.)
31	In what country is the westernmost point of the mainland of Latin America?
	Peru (Punta Parinas)



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32	To which animal does the adjective 'hircine' refer?
	The goat
33	Who, as at the 31st of January 2023, is the mayor of Macclesfield?
	Councillor Fiona Wilson
34	What does the B stand for in the name of the US president Lyndon B. Johnson?
	Baines
35	Who is the current UK Secretary of State for Education?
	Gillian Keegan
36	As of December the 14th 2022, Grant Shapps holds which cabinet position in the UK government?
	Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
37	What did the S stand for in the name of the painter L. S. Lowry?
	Stephen (Laurence Stephen Lowry)
38	What's the county town of East Sussex?
	Lewes
39	In which English county is the town of Swindon?
	Wiltshire
40	Which Oscar-winning actress played Pearl Slaghoople in the 1994 film <i>The Flintstones</i> ?
	Elizabeth Taylor
41	In group E at the 2022 football world cup in Qatar, which team beat Germany 2-1?
	Japan
42	Name one of the four batsmen who scored centuries in England's first innings in the recent cricket test match series against Pakistan.
	Zak Crawley (122), Ben Duckett (107), Ollie Pope (108) or Harry Brook (153)
43	Westminster Abbey is dedicated to which saint?
	Saint Peter .
44	How many yards are there in a furlong?
	220.
45	The television series <i>Death in Paradise</i> is set on the fictional island of St. Marie. Where is it actually filmed?
	Guadeloupe
46	Give a year in the life of the Scottish inventor James Watt.
	1736 to 1819
47	What title is currently held by Karolina Bielawska?
	Miss World
48	Who directed the film <i>Gladiator</i> ?
	Ridley Scott
49	What time does the train arrive in Hadleyville, in the film of the same name?
	High Noon



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50	In ancient Rome, what was the main duty of the Praetorian Guard?
	Protection of the emperor.
51	How many sides has a 20 pence piece?
	7
52	What is the unit of currency in Kenya?
	The shilling
53	In the Book of Genesis, on which day did God create man?
	The sixth
54	Which UK airport has the IATA code LBA?
	Leeds Bradford Airport
55	Who is the current Chancellor of Germany?
	Olaf Scholz
56	In which year was the racehorse Shergar kidnapped?
	1983 (allow 1982 to 1984)
57	One hundredth of the krone, the currency of Norway, Sweden and Denmark, is known as what?
	The ore
58	In <i>The Jungle Book</i> , what kind of animal is Hathi?
	An elephant
59	On which day of the week was the battle of Waterloo fought?
	Sunday
60	Which element is the Sun mainly composed of?
	Hydrogen
61	Which scientist originated the theory of Continental Drift?
	Alfred Wegener
62	Who was the first woman in space?
	Valentina Tereshkova
63	Which former Chelsea footballer and manager died of pancreatic cancer in January 2023?
	Gianluca Vialli
64	Which Fulham and England World Cup winning full back died in December 2022?
	George Cohen
65	Which city, now in Italy, has been part of the Hapsburg Empire, the Austro-Hungarian Empire and Yugoslavia, and has been variously referred to as " <i>Città della Barcolana</i> ", " <i>Città della Bora</i> ", " <i>Città del vento</i> ", "Vienna by the sea" and "City of coffee"?
	Trieste
66	The author James Joyce died, and was buried, in which city?
	Zurich (N.B. Not Dublin where there was an attempt to move to rebury him.)



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67	Which comic book company published the <i>Sandman</i> series, which was written by Neil Gaiman and has recently been brought to the screen by Netflix?
	DC comic books (also accept Vertigo)
68	For what comic book series are René Goscinny and Albert Uderzo best known?
	Asterix
69	On which river is Winchester situated?
	The Itchen
70	At the Battle of Trafalgar, Vice-Admiral Horatio Nelson famously ordered the posting the signal "England Expects that every man will do his duty". What was the second signal, which he ordered to be posted shortly after?
	"Engage the Enemy More Closely" N.B. Pedants may correctly say that he originally asked for "Confides", but it was more economic to post "Expects". "Engage the Enemy More Closely" stayed aloft until eventually shot away.
71	Eratosthenes is considered to have made the first accurate measurement of the circumference of the earth around which Century BC?
	The 3rd century BC
72	Which ruler of Macedonia was tutored by Aristotle?
	Alexander the Great
73	Which volcano on Hawaii began erupting on the 5 th of January 2023 (after a pause in an ongoing eruption that began in September 2021)?
	Kilauea
74	What is the highest point on the Island of Ireland?
	Carrauntoohil
75	The Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi is a member and leader of which political party?
	The Bharatiya Janata Party (accept BJP)
76	Which former President and party leader was removed from the podium towards the end of the most recent (20th) Chinese Party Congress in October 2022?
	Hu Jintao
77	In which decade of the 20th century was the first Magnetic Resonance Imaging (or MRI) scan performed on a human patient?
	1970s (3 July 1977)
78	Who was the last man to walk on the moon?
	Eugene Cernan – commander of Apollo 17 – in 1977
79	Which South American country has two capital cities?
	Bolivia (La Paz and Sucre)
80	Which British native tree is often called the May tree?
	The hawthorn
81	Which 1976 film, starring Peter Finch, features the line "I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take this any more!"?
	Network



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82	What does a psephologist do?	Political analysis – especially of elections
83	What do scientists call an ion or electron emitted by a substance at high temperature?	A thermion
84	Which English musician and songwriter, best known as the keyboard player and one of the vocalists in Fleetwood Mac, died aged 79 on the 30th of November 2022?	Christine McVie
85	In which US state was Joe Biden born?	Pennsylvania
86	Which British musician married the former model Sophie Dahl in 2010?	Jamie Cullum
87	How many British male tennis players have reached a Grand Slam final in the last 70 years?	3 – Andy Murray, Greg Rusedski and John Lloyd
88	Who scored the first goal in the first match in the 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar?	Enner Valencia (from the penalty spot, playing for Ecuador)
89	What is the name of the metal censer suspended from chains in which incense is burned during some church services?	Thurible
90	Who presented BBC TV's <i>Gardeners World</i> from 1969 to 1976?	Percy Thrower
91	Which colourless gas is formed by an electric discharge in water or air?	Ozone
92	Who composed the 1954 opera <i>The Turn of the Screw</i> ?	Benjamin Britten
93	Who wrote the book <i>The Road to Wigan Pier</i> ?	George Orwell
94	Jens Stoltenberg is the current Secretary General of which organisation?	NATO (the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation)
95	A photograph taken by Hugh Grey on the 12th November 1933 began a long-standing search for whom or what?	The Loch Ness Monster
96	In the Bible, how many tribes of Israel were there?	12 (descendants of the twelve sons of the biblical patriarch Jacob)

Supplementaries:

1	In what country is the southernmost point of Asia?
	Indonesia (Pamana Island)
2	Which Hollywood star said "I am free of all prejudices. I hate everyone equally" and "Twas a woman who drove me to drink, I never had the courtesy to thank her"?
	W. C. Fields (William Claude Dukinfield)
3	The song <i>You'll Never Walk Alone</i> comes from which musical?
	Carousel
4	The book <i>Forever the People</i> , by Paolo Hewitt, is about which pop group or band?
	Oasis
5	During what conflict were the most Victoria Crosses awarded in a single day?
	The Indian Mutiny on 16 November 1857 (22 at Lucknow, one at Dehli) N.B. Not Rorke's Drift which applies to a single unit.
6	According to the Old Testament, who was the wife of King Ahab? Her name has become a byword for an adulterous woman.
	Jezebel