

2022–3 Season: Week 12 – 28 February 2023

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Specialist Questions

Round 1: Geography

1	Two countries have shores on the Sea of Azov. Russia is one; what's the other?
	Ukraine
2	Manila is on which island of the Philippines?
	Luzon
3	Aotearoa is the native name for which island country?
	New Zealand
4	What is the capital city of Uzbekistan?
	Tashkent (now pronounced Toshkent)
5	Aqaba is which country's only port?
	Jordan
6	Two countries have shores on the Aral Sea. Uzbekistan is one; what's the other?
	Kazakhstan
7	Manhattan Island lies between two rivers. The East River being one; what's the other?
	The Hudson River
8	Which sea would you cross if you sailed from Corfu to Kefalonia?
	The Ionian Sea

Supplementaries:

1	In which country is the city of Maracaibo?
	Venezuela
2	Which seaside resort has an area called The Lanes and a nudist beach?
	Brighton

Round 2: Know Your Alphabet

In this round, each answer takes the form of just one letter.

1	Which letter denotes the Roman numeral 500?
	D
2	Which tile has a value of five points in Scrabble?
	K
3	In <i>The Simpsons</i> , what is Homer's middle initial?
	J (it stands for Jay!)
4	What's the chemical symbol for tungsten?
	W
5	In electronics, which symbol represents the SI unit of electrical capacitance?
	F (which symbolises the Farad)
6	How is Welsh singer Ian Watkins professionally known?
	H (he's a member of Steps)
7	Which 1980s American science fiction TV miniseries, was written and directed by Kenneth Johnson about an invading, reptilian alien race?
	V
8	What sort of 'tips' are often used to describe a cotton bud in the United States?
	Q (Q-tips)

Supplementaries:

1	Which letter comes before 'Bahn' in the name of the Berlin underground railway system?
	U (U-Bahn which is short for Untergrundbahn)
2	What's the only letter that doesn't appear in the name of any American state?
	Q

Round 3: History

1	Give the decade of the 17 th -century that saw the rule of the Lord Protector, Oliver Cromwell.
	1650s (1653 to his death in 1658)
2	For how long was Lady Jane Grey Queen of England?
	Nine days
3	Which of Henry VIII's wives was the mother of Elizabeth I?
	Anne Boleyn
4	Which 1912 "discovery" of human remains in a gravel pit in Sussex, that supposedly provided the missing link between apes and humans, proved to be fraudulent?
	Pittdown Man
5	On the 2nd Feb 1848, the USA signed the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo that saw them "buy" 8 States for 15 million dollars, off which country?
	Mexico
6	A statue of which 19 th -century merchant was toppled into Bristol harbour on 7th June 2020?

	Sir Edward Colston
7	Which strict simple living Mennonite sect, was founded in the 17 th -century by Swiss preacher Jakob Amman?
	The Amish
8	Which leader and enemy of the romans, was nicknamed 'the Scourge of god'?
	Atilla the Hun

Supplementaries:

1	Which former fort in New York State is the home of the US Military Academy?
	West Point
2	Who as Lieutenant Governor of the Dutch East Indies (1811 till 16) was responsible for founding Singapore?
	Sir Stamford Raffles

Round 4: Cryptic Places

Can you solve the literal or phonetic answers to the cryptic clues for UK place names?

For example: Group of witches have a go – Coven-try

1	Spielberg shows his years
	Stevenage
2	Ding dong quickly
	Belfast
3	Fully cooked by Chester's river
	Dundee
4	Mum has now recovered
	Motherwell
5	Dog's home of value
	Kenilworth
6	Tying meat
	Nottingham
7	Cook's pasture
	Sheffield
8	You need these to take dogs for walks
	Leeds

Supplementaries:

1	Secure firmly in place
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	Bolton
2	A wet vegetable
	Leek

Round 5: Science

1	Who first proposed and developed the laws of electrolysis?
	Michael Faraday
2	What number was the last Apollo mission?
	Apollo 17
3	In organic chemistry what name is given to chemical compounds which always have the same molecular formulae but different structural formulae?
	Isomers
4	Name the fault line running from eastern to south central Turkey, which was the cause of the recent devastating earthquake in the region?
	East Anatolian
5	What process involves heating an ore to obtain a metal?
	Smelting
6	What are the building blocks of proteins?
	Amino acids
7	What mineral enables the blood to carry oxygen?
	Iron
8	What effect is red shift an example of?
	The Doppler Effect

Supplementaries:

1	In relation to plants, the term anthesis describes what process?
	The opening of a flower
2	If you had a buccula, what would you have?
	A double chin

Round 6: Food and Drink

1	From which type of flower does a vanilla pod come?
	Orchid
2	Which type of pastry is used to make profiteroles and chocolate eclairs?
	Choux pastry
3	The Rapel Valley is a large wine-producing area in which country?
	Chile

4	Dolmades is a Greek dish generally wrapped in what?
	Vine leaves (usually stuffed with flavoured rice or minced meat)
5	In a Carpetbag steak, what is placed into a pocket in the meat?
	Oysters
6	Claret is a dry, red wine produced in which region of France?
	Bordeaux
7	Other than dark rum, what is the other main ingredient of a Dark and Stormy cocktail?
	Ginger beer
8	Which herb is most commonly used to make pesto?
	Basil

Supplementaries:

1	What is Cornish Yarg cheese wrapped in, before being left to mature?
	Nettle leaves
2	From which country does Massaman curry originate?
	Thailand

Round 7: Sport

1	Name the basketball player who recently became the highest point scorer in NBA history, surpassing a record that has stood since 1989.
	LeBron James
2	Harry Kane has recently become Tottenham Hotspur's record goal scorer. Who did he take over from?
	Jimmy Greaves
3	In what year did Rugby Union become professional? (There is leeway.)
	1995 (accept 1994 or 1996)
4	The last time someone other than Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal, Novak Djokovic or Andy Murray won the Wimbledon men's title was 2002. Who was it?
	Lleyton Hewitt
5	Name the former Leeds United manager who was sacked earlier this month.
	Jesse Marsch
6	Who came second to Max Verstappen in the 2022 Formula One World Drivers' championship?
	Charles Leclerc
7	In June 1954, the Australian athlete John Landy became the second man to do what?
	Run a sub-4-minute mile
8	Also called free running, what is the French name for the activity of running through urban areas while performing various gymnastic manoeuvres, over or on man-made obstacles such as walls and buildings?
	Parkour



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Supplementaries:

1	In cricket, which mathematical formula is designed to calculate the target score for the team batting second in a limited-overs match interrupted by weather?
	The Duckworth-Lewis (-Stern) method
2	In Aussie Rules football there are two ways to score points. A goal is worth six points; what else is worth 1 point?
	A behind

Round 8: Arts & Entertainment

1	What's the highest number on a roulette wheel?
	36
2	If you collected Bizarre pottery, whose work would you have?
	Clarice Cliff
3	Which book by Michael Ondaatje was made into a 1995 Oscar-winning film with Ralph Fiennes?
	The English Patient
4	Which 1991 Scorpions hit celebrated the fall of Communism in Russia?
	Wind of Change
5	In <i>Thunderbirds</i> , who were the Tracey brothers (Scott, Virgil, Alan, Gordon and John) named after?
	The first five US astronauts
6	Which French term describes a painting so realistic it may fool the viewer into thinking the objects are real?
	Trompe l'oeil
7	<i>Atom Heart Mother</i> was the first album to top the UK charts by which long-lasting group?
	Pink Floyd
8	Which ex-jockey and author wrote <i>Field of Thirteen</i> in 1998, containing thirteen short stories?
	Dick Francis

Supplementaries:

1	In the Bible, according to the Book of Revelation, where is the site of the final battle between nations that will end the world?
	Armageddon
2	Who had hit records with the songs <i>Kiss from a Rose</i> and <i>Crazy</i> ?
	Seal

General Knowledge



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1	In which city would you find La Sagrada Familia?
	Barcelona
2	Give a year in the Korean War.
	1950 to 1953
3	Who did Michael Smith beat to win the 2023 PDC World Darts Championship?
	Michael Van Gerwen
4	Who wrote the television series <i>Happy Valley</i> and <i>Last Tango in Halifax</i> ?
	Sally Wainwright
5	In 1785, Blanchard and Jeffries became the first to cross the English Channel by what means?
	Balloon
6	Ermine coats and trimmings are made from the coat of which animal?
	Stoats
7	Which Hindu god is known as Protector of the Universe?
	Vishnu
8	What was the Sony rival to Video Cassette Recorder when they came out in the 80s?
	Betamax
9	Which boxer became the youngest ever heavyweight world champion in 1986?
	Mike Tyson
10	Not including the two territories, how many states are there in Australia?
	Six
11	The 80 Years' War (1566 to 1648) won the Dutch Republic independence from which country?
	Spain
12	Which NFL team plays its home games at Arrowhead Stadium?
	The Kansas City Chiefs
13	Who wrote the television series <i>Line of Duty</i> and <i>Bodyguard</i> ?
	Jed Mercurio
14	Where is the Kuiper Belt?
	Outer space. In the outer reaches of our Solar system, beyond the orbit of Neptune. All are acceptable.
15	The General Sherman is the name given to which type of tree?
	A Giant Sequoia (accept Redwood.) It's the world's biggest – around 2500 years old
16	What's the highest rank in the British Peerage?
	Duke
17	What inscription is engraved on a Victoria Cross?
	For Valour
18	In the comic book and TV series, What's the name of He-Man's home planet?
	Eternia



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19	What's the capital of Estonia?
	Tallin
20	Who invented the spinning jenny?
	James Hargreaves
21	Which was Pele's club team from 1956 to 1974?
	Santos
22	Which poet was awarded an Order of Merit in 1953, 3 years before his death?
	Walter De La Mare
23	Which rockets shared their name with the giant children of Uranus and Gaia in Greek mythology?
	Titans
24	Which animals were famously sold at Bampton Fair?
	Exmoor ponies . Accept ponies or horses
25	Mumm-Ra is the villain in which cartoon TV series?
	Thunder Cats
26	What are "The Honours of Scotland"?
	The Scottish crown jewels
27	In which country would you find Machu Picchu?
	Peru
28	Who was the main designer of the iconic WW2 Spitfire?
	R. J. Mitchell
29	In darts what score is known as "bed and breakfast"?
	26
30	Who was on the British throne when WW2 ended?
	George VI
31	Where on the moon did Neil Armstrong first walk?
	The Sea of Tranquility
32	In which country are Lemurs found in their natural habitat?
	Madagascar
33	Which communications satellite was the first to relay live TV transmissions?
	Telstar
34	What colour is a Mandrill monkey's beard?
	Yellow or orange (both acceptable; red nose with blue phalanges alongside the nose)
35	Madison Square Garden is built over the top of what?
	Pennsylvania Station . Accept station
36	Which film series features the characters Riggs & Murtaugh?
	Lethal Weapon
37	Astana is the capital of which country?



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	Kazakhstan
38	In what year did Pakistan gain independence from the UK?
	1947
39	Which NFL team play their home games at Mile High Stadium?
	The Denver Broncos
40	"The Best is yet to Come "appears on which singers original gravestone?
	Frank Sinatra
41	In the New Testament of The Bible, which book comes after the Acts of the Apostles?
	Romans
42	Which constellation is known as The Hunter?
	Orion
43	Atropine is obtained from which plant?
	Belladonna or deadly nightshade
44	Graham Norton is due to host the live final of this year's Eurovision Song contest, can you name one of his three co-presenters?
	Alisha Dixon , Hannah Waddingham or Julia Sanina
45	Which actress played the lead role in the film Splash?
	Daryl Hannah
46	Which animal appears on the flag of Sri Lanka?
	A lion
47	In Ancient Rome, what was thermae?
	Public baths (accept baths)
48	Now clearly better known as a football show, the first <i>Match of the Day</i> highlights show covered which sport?
	Tennis
49	Who is the only Englishman to be presented with the football world cup?
	Bobby Moore
50	Which George Gershwin opera is set in the fictional South Carolina tenement of Catfish Row?
	Porgy and Bess
51	Hepatocytes are the chief functional cells of which organ of the human body?
	The liver
52	What are Chartreux, Munchkin, and a California Spangled, all types of?
	Cat
53	Which radio 2 DJ of over 30 years is moving to Greatest Hits Radio later this year?
	Ken Bruce
54	Who was the bearded presenter of TV's "The Joy of Painting"?
	Bob Ross
55	In which Island Group would you find The Ring of Brodgar?



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	The Orkneys (on Mainland)
56	Who is known as the Father of Medicine?
	Hippocrates
57	In which French city was Joan of Arc burnt at the stake
	Rouen
58	Who is the current manager of the England Women's national football team?
	Sarina Wiegman
59	Which great British blues guitarist was given the nickname Old Slowhand?
	Eric Clapton
60	What term describes the metabolic state that occurs when a body does not have enough carbohydrates or glucose for energy, so it burns body fat instead?
	Ketosis
61	Which reddish-brown colour gets its name from a pigment extracted from cuttlefish?
	Sepia
62	For how long did Liz Truss serve as Prime Minister before handing in her resignation?
	44 days (accept 43 to 45 days)
63	Inky, Blinky and Pinky are all characters from which classic arcade game?
	PacMan
64	In which US state is Mount Rushmore?
	South Dakota
65	Which country has coastlines on the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf?
	Saudi Arabia
66	In what year did the French Revolution start? (There is leeway.)
	1789 (accept 1788 or 1790)
67	What sport has been played by Eve Muirhead and David Murdoch?
	Curling
68	Which politician was "not for turning"?
	A. Margaret Thatcher
69	Used in soaps, drain cleaner and paper, which inorganic compound has NaOH as its chemical formulae?
	Caustic soda (a.k.a. sodium hydroxide or lye – all are acceptable)
70	The kakapo is the only flightless species of which type of bird?
	Parrot
71	In 2017 NASA announced the Artemis programme – a series of spaceflight missions to where?
	The Moon
72	Which song contains the lyrics "Once upon a time I was falling in love, but now I'm only falling apart"?
	Total Eclipse of the Heart (by Bonnie Tyler)



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73	With whom did Phil Oakey record the song Together in Electric Dreams in 1984?
	Giorgio Moroder
74	What was the capital city of the Incan Empire?
	Cusco
75	Where is Lady Isabella (also known as the Great Laxey Wheel), the world's largest working water wheel?
	On the Isle of Man
76	Frankie Dettori won seven races out of seven races at which UK horse racing course in 1995?
	Ascot
77	Which British dress designer was credited with inventing the mini skirt?
	Mary Quant
78	What is a renal calculus better known as?
	A kidney stone
79	Acer is the Latin name for which tree?
	Maple
80	Prior to a name change in 1990, what were Snickers bars called?
	Marathon
81	In the Harry Potter universe, what are the Shooting Star, the Nimbus 2000 and the Firebolt?
	Flying broomsticks
82	Which brand of sunglasses became popular in the 1980s due to the film <i>Top Gun</i> ?
	RayBan (Aviators) – accept either.
83	Which European country shares its border with the most neighbours (nine)?
	Germany
84	Pol Pot was the leader of which radical regime?
	The Khmer Rouge
85	At which course is the Masters golf tournament held?
	Augusta National Golf Club (accept Augusta)
86	Which British singer/songwriter released a 2006 album called <i>Back to Black</i> ?
	Amy Winehouse
87	What does a sphygmomanometer measure?
	Blood pressure
88	What is a female alligator called?
	A cow
89	Composite, Shield and Cinder Cone are all types of what?
	Volcano
90	Where would you find the Spanish Steps?
	Rome
91	In 1989, Nintendo released a handheld video game player called what?

	Gameboy
92	Which country is nicknamed 'the Cockpit of Europe' because of the number of battles throughout history fought on its soil?
	Belgium
93	Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo and Raphael all belong to which historical art period?
	The Renaissance
94	Jade Jones took home gold for Team GB in the 2012 and 2016 Olympics. Which sport does she compete in?
	Taekwondo
95	What's the well-known name for painting on a freshly plastered wall, which allows the paint to be absorbed into the plaster?
	Fresco
96	Which well-known architect was also a Professor of Astronomy at Gresham College London?
	Sir Christopher Wren

Supplementaries:

1	Who is the current Secretary General of the United Nations?
	Antonio Guterres
2	The ancient Mayan civilization existed in which modern-day country?
	Guatemala
3	Which US President was inducted in the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in 1992?
	Abraham Lincoln
4	Which author and playwright, when asked by a customs inspector "do you have anything to declare", replied "I have nothing to declare but my genius"?
	Oscar Wilde