

## LANCASTER CITY QUIZ LEAGUE

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(Note to QMs: information in **BOLD CAPITALS** is required for a correct answer. Information in brackets is optional.)

**This quiz is inspired by the novels of John Le Carré. All rounds are general, but all questions or answers have at least a tenuous connection with the novel used as the title of the round.**

### ROUND 1 THE RUSSIA HOUSE

- 1A What is the name of the stately house where Downton Abbey is filmed? **HIGHCLERE Castle**
- 1B Which late 60's/early 70's children's TV series was originally screened in France as 'La Maison de Toutou'? **HECTOR'S HOUSE**
- 2A Which musical work, by a Russian composer, includes movements called "The Hut on Fowl's Legs" and 'The Great Gate of Kiev'? **PICTURES AT AN EXHIBITION (by Mussorgsky)**
- 2B What is the name of the lower house of the government of Russia? State **DUMA**
- 3A Outside which house, once part of the palace of Whitehall and still in use today, was Charles I executed? The **BANQUETING House**
- 3B Which historic house in Yorkshire was used for the exterior shots of Brideshead House in the 1981 TV series of Brideshead Revisited? **CASTLE HOWARD**
- 4A What is the name of the house on the shore of Coniston Water which was the home of John Ruskin? **BRANTWOOD**
- 4B In Russia, what is the name given to a small second, or seasonal, home, usually located outside of the cities? **DACHA**
- Spare Which Russian scientist developed the periodic table, in 1869? Dmitri **MENDELEEV**

### ROUND 2 SINGLE AND SINGLE

- 1A Who won the women's singles title at Wimbledon in 2013? Marion **BARTOLI**
- 1B In photography, what do the initials SLR stand for? **SINGLE LENS REFLEX**
- 2A Name either one of the two halogens to have a single letter as its chemical symbol. **FLUORINE/IODINE**
- 2B On what island is Talisker single malt whiskey produced? **SKYE**
- 3A What is the name of the charity and pressure group which supports single parents? **GINGERBREAD**
- 3B Which Shakespearean character said 'O Gertrude, Gertrude, When sorrows come, they come not single spies but in battalions'? **CLAUDIUS**
- 4A In elections, what do the initials STV stand for? **SINGLE TRANSFERABLE VOTE**
- 4B Name the only actinide to have a single letter as its chemical symbol? Its atomic number is 92. **URANIUM**
- Spare Of what is the following a definition: a point in space-time at which matter has infinite density and infinitesimal volume? **SINGULARITY**

### ROUND 3 A SMALL TOWN IN GERMANY

- 1A Which German composer was born in Bonn, in 1770? **BEETHOVEN**
- 1B In which German town did Wagner open an opera house in 1876? **BAYREUTH**
- 2A In the well-known poem, to which town did Joris, Dirk and I bring the good news from Ghent? **AIX (accept AACHEN)**
- 2B In the well-known poem, which town was described by: "the river Weser deep and wide washes its walls on the southern side"? **HAMELIN or HAMELN**
- 3A Which historic town, famous for its university, founded in 1386, stands on the river Neckar? **HEIDELBERG**

- 3B** On which river does Hamburg stand? **ELBE**
- 4A** Which German town or city has a football team called Fortuna? **DUSSELDORF**
- 4B** Which German town or city has a football team called Werder? **BREMEN**
- Spare** Which town was the intellectual and cultural centre of Germany in the C18th and C19th, which gave its name to the German Republic founded in 1919? **WEIMAR**

**ROUND 4 THE CONSTANT GARDENER**

- 1A** In science, who's constant is defined as the number of atoms or molecules in a mole of a given substance? **AVOGADRO**
- 1B** In which film does Peter Sellers play a gardener, called Chance, who becomes President of the United States. **BEING THERE**
- 2A** Who, along with Alan Titchmarsh, was the main female presenter of 'Ground Force', the gardening make-over programme? Charlie **DIMMOCK**
- 2B** Who is the usual presenter of 'Gardeners Question Time' on BBC Radio 4? Eric **ROBSON**
- 3A** What letter denotes the mathematical constant whose value is, approximately, 2.71828?  
**E** (actually lower case e, but just E will do)
- 3B** The eleventh labour of Hercules was to steal the golden apples, from where?  
The Garden of the **HESPERIDES**
- 4A** As well as founding the Eden Project, which other gardens, near Mevagissey in Cornwall was Tim Smit famously involved in restoring? The Lost Gardens of **HELIGAN**
- 4B** Which US state is nicknamed the Garden State? **NEW JERSEY**
- Spare** Who is currently the main presenter of Gardener's World on BBC TV, presenting it from his own garden in Herefordshire? Monty **DON**

**ROUND 5 THE SECRET PILGRIM**

- 1A** Lourdes became a place of pilgrimage as a result of the visions of which Saint? **St. BERNADETTE**
- 1B** Billy Pilgrim is the name of the main character in which science fiction novel and film of the same name? **SLAUGHTERHOUSE 5**
- 2A** Which English explorer, writer, and translator of the 'Kama Sutra' and other books made a secret pilgrimage to Mecca in 1853, disguised as a Muslim? Sir Richard **BURTON**
- 2B** In Islam, the pilgrimage to Mecca is known by what name? **HAJJ**
- 3A** John Bunyan conceived and began writing 'The Pilgrim's Progress' while imprisoned in which gaol? **BEDFORD** County Gaol
- 3B** The 'Canterbury Tales' are told by a group of pilgrims on a journey to the shrine of which saint? Thomas (a) **BECKETT**
- 4A** This bird of prey is known in English by a name derived from the Latin word for pilgrim. Its dive has been measured at up to 240 mph, making it the fastest member of the animal kingdom. What is it called? **PEREGRINE** Falcon
- 4B** In the Middle Ages a Christian pilgrim to the Holy Land would have been known by what name, now a common surname? **PALMER**
- Spare** Which Football League club is nicknamed the Pilgrims? **PLYMOUTH ARGYLL**

**ROUND 6 A MURDER OF QUALITY**

- 1A** Who murdered John Lennon? Mark **CHAPMAN**
- 1B** Which Shakespearean character delivers the speech which begins "The quality of mercy is not strained"? **PORTIA**
- 2A** Who was the mistress of murderer Dr. Crippen, who was arrested with him? Ethel **LE NEVE**

- 2B** Who was the wife of Roman Polanski, who was murdered by Charles Manson's followers in 1969?  
Sharon **TATE**
- 3A** In the name of the public body known as the CQC, the 'Q' stands for 'Quality'. What do the two 'C's stand for?  
**CARE, COMMISSION**
- 3B** Which 1948 Hitchcock film concerns two socialites who hold a dinner party around a chest containing the body of their murder victim? The film is remarkable for being filmed in real-time, apparently as a single shot.  
The **ROPE**
- 4A** What was the name of the TV comedy series of the 60's/70's which featured the firm of tailors 'Cohen & Kelly'?  
**NEVER MIND THE QUALITY, FEEL THE WIDTH**
- 4B** Earlier this year Ricky Gervais did a rap for Comic Relief called 'Equality Street', in the role of the character he played in The Office. What was that character's name?  
David **BRENT**
- Spare** Who had a hit with "Murder on the Dance Floor" in 2001?  
Sophie **ELLIS-BEXTOR**

**ROUND 7 LITTLE DRUMMER GIRL**

- 1A** Give a year in the life of the painter of 'The Girl with the Pearl Earring' **1632 - 1675** (Vermeer)
- 1B** Give a year in the life of the Roman Emperor whose name means 'Little Boots' **12 - 41 AD** (Caligula)
- 2A** Who took a drum on his travels, and later bequeathed it to Buckland Abbey, with the instructions that if England was ever in trouble, it was to be beaten to summon him back to defend the country?  
Sir Francis **DRAKE**
- 2B** The Little Orme is a headland at the east end of which UK town? **LLANDUDNO**
- 3A** Who was the drummer for Led Zeppelin, until his death in 1980? **John BONHAM**
- 3B** In 2009, which celebrity chef appeared in a Channel 4 documentary attempting to revamp the menu for the Little Chef chain? **Heston BLUMENTHAL**
- 4A** Who wrote the novel "The Tin Drum"? **Gunter GRASS**
- 4B** Who was the drummer for the band The Police? **Stuart COPELAND**
- Spare** What 'Girl' was a nickname of actress Clara Bow, and the name of a more recent series of books by Cecily von Ziegesar?  
The **IT GIRL**

**ROUND 8 CALL FOR THE DEAD**

- 1A** Which character from a 1950s radio comedy series had the catchphrase, 'You've deaded me'?  
**BLUEBOTTLE** (The Goon Show)
- 1B** What is the term for prophesy involving communication with the dead? **NECROMANCY**
- 2A** Which punk band made the influential 1979 album and single 'London Calling'? **The CLASH**
- 2B** What is the name of the Morecambe-born co-founder of the 'Red or Dead' fashion line?  
Wayne **HEMINGWAY**
- 3A** What is the name of the drug derived from the Deadly Nightshade plant? **ATROPINE**
- 3B** Which band had an international hit in 1980 with the song 'Call Me'? **BLONDIE**
- 4A** Who was imprisoned for perjury after denying on oath his sexual relationship with the call girl Monica Coghlan?  
Jeffery **ARCHER**
- 4B** The Secret Diary of a Call Girl was a British TV series starring Billie Piper. What was the pseudonym of the writer on whose books this series was based?  
**BELLE DE JOUR**
- Spare** Whose first novel, published in 1962, was the thriller Dead Cert?  
Dick **FRANCIS**