

This week's quiz is set by the Merchants, we do hope that it's enjoyable, balanced and not too specific.

Required answers are in BOLD CAPITALS.

ROUND 1 NINETY-SOMETHINGS

In a year that has seen the premature death of several much-loved celebrities, this round asks you to identify famous people who are (at the time of writing) very much alive in their tenth decades.

- 1a English radio and TV presenter, born October 1923. His autobiography is subtitled 'With Just a Touch of Hesitation, Repetition, and Deviation'.

NICHOLAS PARSONS

- 1b. Theatre, film and TV actress, born October 1925, with roles as a self-taught witch in *Bedknobs and Broomsticks* and Elvis's mum in *Blue Hawaii*.

ANGELA LANSBURY

- 2a American singer, born August 1926. He founded the Frank Sinatra School of the Arts in New York in 2001, and has duetted with Bono, Lady Gaga and Amy Winehouse.

TONY BENNETT

- 2b British film and TV actress, born August 1925. An accomplished martial artist who released a 'Book of Self-Defence' in 1965 and played glamorous older woman in the sitcom *The Upper Hand* in the 1990s.

HONOR BLACKMAN

- 3a. American astronaut, born July 1921. In 1962 he became the first American to orbit the earth, and in 1998 he became the oldest person to fly in space.

JOHN GLENN

- 3b. American actor, singer and dancer, born December 1925. He played Dr Mark Sloan in the long-running TV show, *Diagnosis Murder*

DICK VAN DYCK

- 4a Politician, born February 1924. Has been president of his country since 1987 and is currently the world's oldest head of state.

ROBERT MUGABE

- 4b Born February 1923, US pilot who in 1947 became the first to break the sound barrier
Accept

CHARLES YEAGER or CHUCK YEAGER

Spare:

US political scientist and diplomat, born May 1923, who served as Secretary of State under Nixon and Ford, and controversially received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1973.

HENRY KISSINGER

Round 2 Dead Characters

Given the character who dies, and a brief description in some cases, name the novel

Classic children's books

- 1a. Beth March, a quiet sister

GOOD WIVES (accept **LITTLE WOMEN**)

- 1b. Injun Joe, a criminal who starves to death in a cave

TOM SAWYER

Modern children's books

- 2a. Sirius Black, a godfather

HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX

2b. Primrose Everdeen, a protective sister

MOCKINGJAY

21st century bestsellers

3a. Susie Salmon, a young murdered girl

THE LOVELY BONES

3b. Jacques Saunière, a French museum curator

THE DA VINCI CODE

19th century classics

4a. Catherine Linton

WUTHERING HEIGHTS

4b. Mr Kurtz

HEART OF DARKNESS

Spare

John the Savage, the only character in the book born naturally of a mother

BRAVE NEW WORLD

Round 3 Connections

A word connects each part of these questions

1a. Nickname shared by Giles from Buffy the Vampire Slayer and Peter Sutcliffe

RIPPER

1b. The title of a left leaning magazine, founded by Aneurin Bevan and an official in ancient Rome chosen by the plebeians to protect their interests

TRIBUNE

2a. A member of Anatidae family of waterfowl and a second world war six wheeled amphibious vehicle

DUCK

2b. A fictional DC Comics character created by Jerry Siegel and Nietzsche's Übermensch

SUPERMAN

3a. The super bright product of the destruction of a massive star and a song by Oasis from the album (What's the Story) Morning Glory

SUPERNOVA

3b. Surname of the actress who played Melanie Hamilton in Gone with the Wind and the manufacturer of the Tiger Moth and Comet

DE HAVILLAND

4a. The 633 Squadron comprised of these planes that share their name with the animal responsible for spreading the Zika Virus

MOSQUITO

4b. A night club chain with clubs in Manchester, London and Newcastle (amongst others) and the repeated word at the start of a poem by William Blake

TIGER Tiger

Spare

A board game invented by Elizabeth Philips in 1903 and the control of a market by single supplier

MONOPOLY

Round 4 **THE WRITING ON THE WALL**

A round of questions about graffiti and graffiti-related topics.

1a Which biblical King witnesses the 'writing on the wall' at a feast in the book of Daniel?

BELSHAZZAR

1b Who sang "Writing's on the Wall", the theme tune for the James Bond film *Spectre*?

SAM SMITH

2a Which British city is widely assumed to be the hometown of the graffiti artist Banksy?

BRISTOL

2b 'Dismaland', the sinister 'bemusement park' curated by Banksy for 5 weeks in summer 2015, was based in which English seaside town?

WESTON-SUPER-MARE

3a. *American Graffiti* (1973) is an early film by which director, who later that decade went on to direct what would become one of the highest-grossing films in cinema history?

GEORGE LUCAS

3b. A doodle of a bald, large-nosed character peering over a wall figured prominently in graffiti in the UK and the USA in the 1940s and 1950s. Give *either* the British *or* American name by which this figure was known.

CHAD or KILROY

4a What is the name of the famous complex of caves in south west France that was discovered in 1940 to contain stone age cave paintings?

LASCAUX

4b. 'L.H.O.O.Q', a postcard reproduction of the Mona Lisa with a moustache and beard penciled on her face, is a notable work by which French artist?

MARCEL DUCHAMP

Spare:

What is the term for the personalized signature of a graffiti artist?

TAG

Round 5 **GENERAL**

1a. What is the most densely populated state in the USA?

NEW JERSEY

1b. What is the least densely populated county in the EU?

FINLAND

2a. *Good Will Hunting*, *Fermat's Room* and *A Beautiful Mind* are all films about which academic subject?

MATHS

2b. *Cinderella Man*, *Million Dollar Baby*, and *When We Were Kings* are all films about which sport?

BOXING

3a. Who was the first reigning British monarch to fly as a passenger in a plane?

EDWARD VIII

3b. Who was the first reigning British monarch to visit the USA?

GEORGE VI

4a. What was the collective age of The Beatles when they had their first UK number one single in May 1963? (3 years either way)

84 (accept anything from **81-87**)

4b. What was the collective age of The Spice Girls when they had their first UK number one single in July 1996? (3 years either way)

108 (accept anything from **105-111**)

SPARE

Which city was the nominal capital of France from 1940-1944?

VICHY

ROUND 6 Economics

It's the economy, stupid

1a. What is the name for a situation in which both unemployment and inflation increase?

STAGFLATION

1b. What term describes a very rapid increase in prices, such as that experienced in Weimar Germany?

HYPERINFLATION

2a. Who is the Governor of the Bank of England?

MARK CARNEY

2b. What is the full official name of the British currency?

POUND STERLING

3a. Which early 20th century economist lent his name to the concept that state intervention should be used to moderate 'boom and bust' cycles of economic activity?

JOHN MAYNARD KEYNES

3b. Which mid-20th century economist spearheaded the monetarist movement and was an advisor to Margaret Thatcher?

MILTON FRIEDMAN

4a. Which African country recently abandoned its currency in favour of a basket of currencies including US dollars and sterling?

ZIMBABWE

- 4b. What term, originating from poker, is used to describe a company that has been secure and profitable for many years?

BLUE CHIP

Spare

After WWII, the Bretton Woods conference decided that world currencies should be pegged, via the dollar, to what?

GOLD

Round 7 Soap Operas

- 1a. Most recently starring in Happy Valley, which actor originally played Raquel in Coronation Street

SARAH LANCASHIRE

- 1b. Lacey Turner from Eastenders and Michelle Keegan from Coronation Street both played the lead role in a recent army based BBC1 series

OUR GIRL

- 2a. Lacey Turner also played a ghost in Being Human with an Actor who is now more famous for playing Poldark and a dwarf

AIDAN TURNER

- 2b. Which actor appeared in Neighbours and played the absinthe fairy in Moulin Rouge

KYLIE MINOGUE

- 3a. Ken Barlow is the longest fictional character in British soap opera, who plays him

BILL or WILLIAM ROACHE

- 3b. What did Den Watts do to Angie on the 1986 Christmas Day episode of Eastenders
Served **DIVORCE** papers

- 4a. The soap opera Waggoners walk was on which radio station from 1969 to 1980

RADIO 2

- 4b. Tamsin Greig, from TV comedies Black Books and Episodes, appeared as Debbie Aldridge in which long running soap opera

THE ARCHERS

Spare

Which soap opera was made by Mersey Television from 1982 to 2003

BROOKSIDE

ROUND 8 In honour of our newly doctored member

- 1a. In the 1920 German Expressionist movie, who had a cabinet?

Dr **CALIGARI**

- 1b. Which famous woman did Dr Hasnat Khan have an affair with?

DIANA, Princess of Wales

- 2a. Which of the four main (male) characters on the Big Bang theory does not have a doctorate?

HOWARD Wolowitz

- 2b. How are Dr. Egon Spengler, Dr. Raymond Stantz and Dr. Peter Venkman collectively known?

GHOSTBUSTERS

3a. Which ex-GP, now Tory MP for Totnes, chairs the House of Commons health select committee?

Dr Sarah **WOLLASTON**

3b. Who developed the first successful polio vaccine?

Dr Jonas **SALK**

4a. Who played Dr Who in the 1960s movies *Dr Who and the Daleks* and *Daleks - Invasion Earth: 2150 AD*?

PETER CUSHING

4b. Who had a UK number one with Spirit in the Sky in 1986?

DOCTOR AND THE MEDICS

Spare

Who discovered pulsars while working for a doctorate in physics?

Dame **JOCELYN BELL BURNELL**