

LANCASTER CITY QUIZ LEAGUE

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

Tonight's quiz is based on the songs of Leonard Cohen

ROUND 1 BIRD ON A WIRE

- 1A** What mythical giant birds appear in Arabic folklore, one of which is said to have carried Sinbad the sailor to a valley full of diamonds? **ROC**
- 1B** What giant flightless bird of New Zealand became extinct in around the 14th century? **MOA**
- 2A** Which country's national flag shows an eagle eating a snake? **MEXICO**
- 2B** Which country's national flag consists of a black eagle on a red background? **ALBANIA**
- 3A** Which UK football club is nicknamed the Bluebirds? **CARDIFF CITY**
- 3B** Which city's baseball team is known as the Blue Jays? **TORONTO**
- 4A** When the group The Housemartins split up in 1988, two members, Paul Heaton and Dave Hemingway, went on to form which chart-topping band? **THE BEAUTIFUL SOUTH**
- 4B** One of the founder members of US band The Byrds, he went on to become one member of a three and sometimes four-piece supergroup. Who is he? **David CROSBY**
- Spare** The American Football team the Eagles are from which city? **PHILADELPHIA**

ROUND 2 WINTER LADY

- 1A** What vegetable is also known as lady's fingers? **OKRA** (accept **GUMBO**)
- 1B** Lady Constance de Coverlet, played by Tim Brooke-Taylor, was a recurring character in which BBC radio programme of the 1960s and 1970s? **I'M SORRY I'LL READ THAT AGAIN**
- 2A** Which date in the year is Lady Day? **MARCH 25**
- 2B** The feathers of which member of the grouse family moult to white in winter? **PTARMIGAN**
- 3A** Who played Maxim de Winter's second wife in the 1940 Hitchcock film *Rebecca*? **Joan FONTAINE**
- 3B** Born in 1815 to Lady Wentworth, who was this early mathematician and writer, herself the bearer of the title Lady? **Lady Ada LOVELACE**
- 4A** Animals which sleep during the winter are said to hibernate. What is the equivalent term for sleeping during the summer? **AESTIVATE** or **AESTIVATION**
- 4B** In the film *The Lion In Winter*, which monarch was the eponymous lion? **HENRY II**
- Spare** Which 19th century novel features the character Milady de Winter? **THE THREE MUSKETEERS**

ROUND 3 IN MY SECRET LIFE (The words **secret** or **life** may be found in either the question or the answer).

- 1A** Which British group had a 1963 hit with 'Do You Want to Know a Secret?'" **BILLY J KRAMER AND THE DAKOTAS**
- 1B** This controversial film, directed by and starring Roberto Benigni, won three Oscars in 1999, including Best Actor, for Benigni himself, and Best Foreign Language film. It is a comedy-drama, set partly in a Nazi concentration camp. What is its English title? **LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL**
- 2A** Which British film-maker directed the critically acclaimed 1996 film *Secrets and Lies*? **Mike LEIGH**
- 2B** Yggdrasil (pronounced 'ig-drazil'), the tree of life in Norse mythology, is what species of tree? There are two possible answers. **ASH** or **YEW**
- 3A** Which noun, literally meaning 'secret things', is associated with the two types of playing card found in the tarot pack? **ARCANA** (accept **ARCANE**)
- 3B** Which fashion brand, founded by husband and wife Roy and Gaye Raymond in San Francisco in 1977, has been advertised by many models, including Gigi Hadid, Cara Delavigne and Kendall Jenner, and also, bizarrely, by Bob Dylan in a 2004 TV advert? **VICTORIA'S SECRET**

- 4A** What was the title of David Attenborough's 1993 series which was the first to survey the natural history of Antarctica? **LIFE IN THE FREEZER**
- 4B** What programme on Radio 4 is presented by the physicist Jim Al-Khalili? **THE LIFE SCIENTIFIC**
- Spare** What was the title of Donna Tartt's first novel, which tells of a murder committed by a group of students at a New England college? **THE SECRET HISTORY**

ROUND 4 SUZANNE & SO LONG, MARIANNE (All questions or answers refer to a Suzanne or Marianne or a variation of these names).

- 1A** The actor whose real name was Marion Morrison won a Best Actor Oscar for what film? **TRUE GRIT**
- 1B** This novel was written in 1860, by a writer whose real name was Mary Anne Evans, and tells the story of Tom and Maggie Tulliver. What is its name? **THE MILL ON THE FLOSS**
- 2A** Marianne, a mythical figure with flowing hair, is a national symbol of which country? **FRANCE**
- 2B** Susannah York and Beryl Reid starred in this controversial 1968 film about an aging lesbian actress. Name the film. **THE KILLING OF SISTER GEORGE**
- 3A** Name the best-selling novel written by Jacqueline Susann, published in 1966, which deals with 3 young women trying to make their careers on Broadway and in Hollywood, and the destructive effects of the drugs they use to help them. **VALLEY OF THE DOLLS**
- 3B** What is the title of Suzanne Vega's song, a hit in 1987, allegedly about a child abuse victim? **LUKA**
- 4A** Which French tennis player won 31 championship titles between 1914 and 1926, and is regarded by some to be the greatest female tennis player in history? (Full name required). **SUZANNE LENGLEN**
- 4B** Who won Wimbledon in 2013 and almost immediately retired from tennis? (Full name required) **MARION BARTOLI**
- Spare** In the Leonard Cohen song 'Suzanne', what country do the oranges come from? **CHINA**

ROUND 5 DEMOCRACY

- 1A** In which year was the legislation enacted which allowed all women in the UK to vote? Two years either way allowed. **1928** (allow **1926** to **1930**)
- 1B** What adjective, deriving from the name of a 7th century BC Athenian lawgiver and proto-democrat, means severe or harsh? **DRACONIAN** (from Draco)
- 2A** Which country was the first to allow women to vote, in 1893? **NEW ZEALAND**
- 2B** In which year did the Limehouse Declaration herald the birth of the British Social Democratic Party? One year either way allowed **1981** (allow **1980** to **1982**)
- 3A** Deriving from the Latin word for 'the common people', and very similar in meaning to 'referendum', what word describes a vote offered to the entire electorate on a single issue of overwhelming importance? **PLEBISCITE**
- 3B** Which country, by means of the practically bloodless Carnation Revolution of 1974, overthrew a dictator and established a democracy? **PORTUGAL**
- 4A** In which country did the Velvet Revolution of 1989 establish a democracy? **CZECHOSLOVAKIA**
- 4B** Which Prime Minister declared that 'democracy is the worst form of Government, apart from all the others'? Sir Winston **CHURCHILL**
- Spare** In which post-war year were there two UK general elections? **1974**

ROUND 6 HEY, THAT'S NO WAY TO SAY GOODBYE (Last words, works and epitaphs).

- 1A** Mozart's last work was incomplete at his death, and was finished by his pupil Franz Süssmayr.
What was it? **The REQUIEM**
- 1B** The last words of General John Sedgwick were 'They couldn't hit an elephant at this distance'.
He was then shot dead by a sniper. In which war did this occur? **AMERICAN CIVIL WAR**
- 2A** Who is reported to have said, shortly before his death, 'I've had 18 straight whiskies. I think that's
the record!?' **Dylan THOMAS**
- 2B** What was the name of the last episode of the Inspector Morse TV and book series, in which Morse dies?
THE REMORSEFUL DAY
- 3A** Which writer and film director has on his headstone the epitaph 'I'm a writer, but then nobody's perfect'?
This refers to the last line of one of his most famous films. **Billy WILDER**
- 3B** Which actor's last words are reputed to have been 'I should never have switched from scotch to martinis'?
Humphrey BOGART
- 4A** On whose grave is the epitaph, in Latin, 'If you seek his monument, look around you.'?
Sir Christopher WREN
- 4B** Whose headstone bears the epitaph 'That's all, folks'?
Mel BLANC
- Spare** Whose gravestone says, in Gaelic, 'I told you I was ill'.
Spike MILLIGAN

ROUND 7 THE FUTURE

- 1A** Which animal will symbolise the Chinese New Year in 2018? **DOG**
- 1B** In 1943 a company chairman called Thomas J Watson predicted that, in the future, there would be
'a world market for maybe five...' what? **COMPUTERS** (he was head of IBM!)
- 2A** Which English politician declared, self-deprecatingly, 'I was the future once'? **David CAMERON**
- 2B** In which city will the 2028 Olympic Games be held? **LOS ANGELES**
- 3A** How is the future told in oneiromancy (pronounced 'on-iro-mancy')? **DREAMS**
- 3B** Which figure from ancient Greek legend always predicted the future accurately, but was never believed?
CASSANDRA
- 4A** In ancient Greece, where was the most important oracle of Apollo, where the future was foretold? **DELPHI**
- 4B** Which will be the next year divisible by 4 but not be a leap year? **2100**
- Spare** What is the name of Michael J Fox's character in the *Back to the Future* series? **Marty McFLY**

ROUND 8 DANCE ME TO THE END OF LOVE

- 1A** The ground of which English football club has a section called the Holt End? **ASTON VILLA**
- 1B** The ground of which English county cricket club has a section called the Radcliffe Road End?
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
- 2A** Who, along with her professional partner Giovanni Pernice, is, as of November 4, a favourite to win
Strictly Come Dancing in 2017? She is the oldest competitor in the current series. **Debbie McGEE**
- 2B** Which classical composer penned the *Danse Macabre*? **Camille SAINT-SAENS**
- 3A** In Norse mythology, what name is given to the end of the world? **RAGNAROK**
- 3B** Whose presents the TV programme *Love Island*? **Caroline FLACK**
- 4A** Which classical composer wrote the *Love for Three Oranges*? **Sergei PROKOFIEV**
- 4B** In which town does the Furry (or Floral) Dance take place in early May? **HELSTON**
- Spare** *Sir Henry at Rawlinson End* is a cult British comedy album and film of 1980 written by and starring Viv
Stanshall. With which cult avant-garde band was he associated?
BONZO DOG BAND or BONZO DOG DOO-DAH BAND