

PAIRS – DECEMBER 2017.

| ROUND ONE. |  |                               |
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| 1          | What is the title of Taylor Swift's latest album?  | <b>Reputation</b>             |
| 2          | The battle of Brandywine took place in which war?  | <b>US War of Independence</b> |
| 3          | Who wrote The Ballad of Reading Gaol?  | <b>Oscar Wilde</b>            |
| 4          | The V&A Museum of Design opens in 2018 in which city?  | <b>Dundee</b>                 |
| 5          | What was the first name of the 16 <sup>th</sup> C artist van Dyke?                                     | <b>Anthony</b>                |
| 6          | Ailsa Craig, Radar, Red Baron are types of which veg.?   | <b>Onion</b>                  |
| 7          | In which city was the engineer I. K. Brunel born?  | <b>Portsmouth</b>             |
| 8          | How is the flower, botanical name SaintPaulia, more commonly known?                                    | <b>African Violet</b>         |
| 9          | Which team has appeared in 9 FA Cup finals & won 8?  | <b>Spurs</b>                  |
| 10         | Which bird is widely known as the Goatsucker?  | <b>Nightjar</b>               |
| 11         | Kathryn Bigelow won Best Director Oscar in 2009 for which film?  | <b>The Hurt Locker</b>        |
| 12         | Who handed the PM a P45 at the 2017 Tory Conference?   | <b>Simon Brodtkin</b>         |
| 13         | What was Cold Plays debut studio album, released 2000?   | <b>Parachutes</b>             |
| 14         | The Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King is in which UK city?                                     | <b>Liverpool</b>              |
| 15         | This day 1865 the 13 <sup>th</sup> Amendment to the US Constitution was ratified. What was its effect? | <b>Slavery abolished</b>      |
| 16         | Which dynasty ruled China throughout the 16 <sup>th</sup> century?                                     | <b>Ming</b>                   |
| 17         | RU. The Ospreys were formed from Swansea and which other club?   | <b>Neath</b>                  |
| 18         | Edward Enninfu is the editor of which British magazine?  | <b>Vogue</b>                  |
| 19         | Mt Toubkai is the highest point in which African country?  | <b>Morocco</b>                |
| 20         | Who wrote the musical A Little Night Music?  | <b>S Sondheim</b>             |
| 21         | In 1500 what was the world's tallest man-made structure?   | <b>Lincoln Cathedral</b>      |
| 22         | In Tchaikovskys Sleeping Beauty what was Beauty's name?  | <b>Aurora</b>                 |
| 23         | Baseball. Which team won the 2017 World Series?  | <b>HoustonAstros</b>          |
| 24         | Who played Anne Boleyn in BBC's Wolf Hall?   | <b>Claire FOY</b>             |

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| 25 | Ribble Head viaduct has how many arches?   | 24               |
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|    | <u>ROUND TWO</u>   |                  |
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| 26 | Who married The Owl and the Pussycat?  | The Turkey       |
| 27 | What is the apt title of University Challenge theme tune?                        | College Boy      |
| 28 | Which was the only team unbeaten in 2017 county cricket championship?            | Essex            |
| 29 | Which composer died on the same day as Stalin?                                   | Sergei Prokofiev |
| 30 | Good Feeling was which group's first studio album?                               | Travis.          |
| 31 | St Andrews University was founded in which decade?                               | 1410s            |
| 32 | Which Swedish warship sank on its maiden voyage in 1628, and was raised in 1961? | Vasa             |
| 33 | How is the pacific island of Rapa Nui more commonly known?                       | Easter Island    |
| 34 | Which is the largest extant species of fish?                                     | Whale shark      |
| 35 | The 1989 film Shirley Valentine was based on a one character play by whom?       | Willy Russell    |
| 36 | Which was the first UK City of Culture?  | LondonDerry      |
| 37 | Which seabird is known among Scottish islanders as the Bonxie?                   | Great Skua       |
| 38 | Coventry Cathedral is dedicated to which saint?                                  | Michael          |
| 39 | What is the main currency unit of Nigeria?                                       | Naira - kobo     |
| 40 | Which car manufacturer produces the Up!  | VW               |
| 41 | Which was the 1 <sup>st</sup> BBC local radio station on the air?                | Leicester        |
| 42 | The Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves is from which opera?                             | Nabucco          |
| 43 | Complete the R5 programme title Flintoff, Savage & ?                             | The pingpong guy |
| 44 | Pulteney Bridge is in which English city?  | Bath             |

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| 45 | Rick Parfitt and Francis Rossi were founding members of which rock band?                                 | <b>Status Quo</b>  |
| 46 | The Lancaster Guardian was founded in which year?  | <b>1837</b>  |
| 47 | 12 noon GMT is what time locally in Tokyo?   | <b>9pm/2100</b>  |
| 48 | Kisumu and Eldoret are cities in which country?  | <b>Kenya</b>   |
| 49 | Who directed the 1969 film Kes?  | <b>Ken Loach</b>   |
| 50 | Which horse won the 2017 St Leger?   | <b>Capri</b>   |
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|    | <u>ROUND THREE</u>   |  |
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| 51 | The first aerial crossing of the English Channel was made in which decade?                               | <b>1780s</b>   |
| 52 | Who wrote the 70s TV play "Me!, I'm afraid of Virginia Wolfe"?   | <b>Alan Bennett</b>                                      |
| 53 | Which river rises at Plynlimon and flows 138 miles into the Severn estuary?                              | <b>Wye</b>   |
| 54 | What was the first manmade object to land on the moon?   | <b>Luna 2</b>  |
| 55 | Who, according to Wikipedia, was the first to reach 200 wickets and 2,000 runs in test cricket, in 1963? | <b>Richie Benaud</b>                                     |
| 56 | Who is the children's laureate?  | <b>Lauren Child</b>                                      |
| 57 | Which book of the Old Testament has fewest chapters?   | <b>Obadiah</b>   |
| 58 | 2018 is the Chinese year of - which animal?  | <b>Dog</b>   |
| 59 | Which is the smallest town to have a team in football's top flight?                                      | <b>Glossop</b>   |
| 60 | ABBA had two UK no 1 hits in 1977 – name either.   | <b>Knowing me, knowing you;<br/>The name of the game</b> |
| 61 | How is the illness varicella commonly known?   | <b>Chickenpox</b>  |
| 62 | The tourist spot of Bourton on the Water is in which county?   | <b>Gloucestershire</b>                                   |
| 63 | What is the birthstone for May?  | <b>Emerald</b>   |

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| 64 | Walter Tyrell is widely believed to be responsible for the death of which English monarch?  | <b>William II</b>         |
| 65 | The glass known as a schooner was originally used for which drink?                          | <b>Sherry</b>             |
| 66 | Captain Cuttle and Susan Nipper are characters in which Dickens novel?                      | <b>Dombey &amp; Son</b>   |
| 67 | The king of Barataria is the subtitle of which Gilbert and Sullivan operetta?               | <b>The Gondoliers</b>     |
| 68 | Who designed the locomotive Flying Scotsman?  | <b>Nigel Gresley</b>      |
| 69 | Which is the BBC's longest running radio quiz programme, starting in 1948?                  | <b>Round Britain Quiz</b> |
| 70 | Which port city lies at the southern end of the Appian Way?                                 | <b>Brindisi</b>           |
| 71 | Which French artist painted The Raft of the Medusa?   | <b>Gericault</b>          |
| 72 | Which playwright was jailed for stealing and defacing library books?                        | <b>Joe Orton</b>          |
| 73 | What is the real name of singer/songwriter Badly drawn boy?                                 | <b>Damon Gough</b>        |
| 74 | Name the Taoiseach of Ireland.  | <b>Leo Varadkar</b>       |
| 75 | The OKTA is a unit of measurement of what?  | <b>Cloud Cover.</b>       |
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|    | Tie break One – Essex won the county championship undefeated; how many points did they get? | <b>248</b>                |
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|    | Tie break Two- What was the population of Canada in the 2016 census?                        | <b>35,151,728</b>         |
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