

### ROUND ONE QUESTIONS

1. Which US state is named after the wife of Charles I?
2. In cooking, what term means sprinkled with breadcrumbs and browned?
3. In 2019 Fallon Sherrock beat a number of male opponents in the world championships of which sport?
4. What geographical feature is defined as a “U-shaped lake formed when a meander is cut off from a river to form a free-standing body of water”?
5. Thomas Bruce (1766-1841) is a controversial figure in cultural history. How is he better known?
6. Who is the 3<sup>rd</sup>-year undergraduate currently studying at a UK university who is also a Nobel Peace Prize winner?
7. In geometry, what is an “equilateral quadrilateral” more commonly known as?
8. Of what is coulrophobia the fear?

### ROUND TWO QUESTIONS

9. Groups of what kind of animal have been seen roaming free through the deserted streets of Llandudno during the lockdown?
10. Carole Hersee appeared on British television for approximately 70,000 hours across a period of 21 years. How did she clock up these hours?
11. By what name is the current Earl of Dumbarton better known?
12. What is the term for the flat hand-held board on which plasterers carry plaster, mortar etc as they work?
13. How many dances on *Strictly Come Dancing* are also words in the NATO phonetic alphabet?
14. In terms of student numbers, what is the largest secondary school in the Lancaster and Morecambe area?
15. Christianity and Islam are the world’s two largest religions. What is number three?
16. Which BBC TV series is filmed at the Weald and Downland Living Museum in West Sussex?

### ROUND THREE QUESTIONS

17. Which is the only sport whose rules dictate that it cannot be played left-handed?
18. In the satirical puppet show *Spitting Image*, which historical figure lived under an assumed name at 9 Downing Street and offered neighbourly advice to Margaret Thatcher?
19. “A shadowy flight into the dangerous world of a man who does not exist”. These words featured on the opening voiceover for which 1980s TV show?
20. What shape is a carpenter’s pencil? (Two possible answers)
21. In July 2014, who became the first person to cycle through the Channel Tunnel?
22. In which year was the earliest reported case of in-flight child-birth on a plane? (2 either way)
23. What is the only day of the week that derives its name from Roman mythology?
24. In what country were the ballpoint pen, the Rubik’s cube and the modern helicopter all invented?

#### ROUND FOUR QUESTIONS

25. The Antilia tower has been described as the world's most expensive private residence. In which country is it?
26. Which bird is sometimes referred to as an "honorary mammal" because of its distinctive physical characteristics?
27. The current president of which country was stabbed by a member of the public at a campaign rally in September 2018?
28. What two-word term refers to the phenomenon of hostages developing positive feelings towards their captors?
29. "Save the World", "Creative" and "Battle Royale" are the three versions of which popular online video game?
30. In music, what term is used to describe a note that is neither sharp nor flat?
31. Including the ground floor and the bell chamber at the top, how many storeys does the Leaning Tower of Pisa have?
32. If you were to place every word in the lyrics for the Queen song "Bohemian Rhapsody" in alphabetical order, which word would come last?

#### ROUND FIVE QUESTIONS

33. Who is the author of the 2019 book, *No One Is Too Small To Make A Difference*?
34. In which year was electronic tagging of offenders first used by the authorities in the UK? (two years either way).
35. The Tarbela Dam has been described as the world's largest dam by structural volume. In which country is it?
36. In the nursery rhyme, how many magpies = "gold"?
37. What is the Japanese term for a door or room divider that consists of translucent sheets on a lattice frame?
38. In 2002 the pop group One True Voice were joint winners of the reality series *Popstars the Rivals*, but they disbanded within months. The other winning group became hugely successful. What were they called?
39. On which document would you see a piece of text beginning "Her Britannic Majesty's Secretary of State Requests and requires in the Name of Her Majesty..."
40. What is the name of that little dangly bit at the back of your throat?

#### ROUND SIX QUESTIONS

41. What type of stone are the large standing stones of Stonehenge?
42. What is the official time-limit for a TED Talk? It's a time-span that has been described as "long enough to be serious but short enough to hold people's attention". (Two minutes either way).
43. What is the highest recorded number of births from the same human pregnancy?
44. The shape of which traditional man-made habitable structure is a catenary curve?
45. By what name is the Mercury Prize-winning performer Dylan Mills better known?
46. "The School for Lovers" is the alternative title for which Mozart opera?
47. "Bandersnatch" (2018) was a unique, choose-your-own-storyline episode of which Netflix show?
48. What is the name of the ninth month of the Islamic calendar?

### ROUND SEVEN QUESTIONS

49. If a group of people includes a *squire*, a *bagman*, a *ragman* and a *beast*, what cultural activity are they engaging in?
50. In which year was the last ever night-time close-down/sign-off on BBC1 before it switched to continuous 24-hour broadcasting? (2 years either way)
51. The name of which kind of architectural structure is derived from the Latin word for butterfly?
52. In the European colour-coding system for ski runs, black is used to designate “advanced or expert” level. What colour is used in some countries for the next level up -- an “extreme” level of difficulty?
53. Brass is an alloy of copper and which other metal?
- 54 “Beautiful, beautiful. Magnificent desolation”. Who uttered these words nearly 51 years ago and subsequently used them as the title of his autobiography?
55. ASOS is a British online fashion and cosmetics retailer. What do the letters ASOS stand for?
56. In religion, what is the “decalogue” better known as?

### ROUND EIGHT QUESTIONS

57. What is the cube root of the square root of 64?
58. The King’s School, Grantham and Woolsthorpe Manor in Lincolnshire both claim to possess which famous tree in their gardens?
59. What colour is used for the starboard side-light on a boat?
60. A piece of music entitled “Chicken Man” was used as the theme tune for the ITV quiz show *Give us a Clue*. A different arrangement of the same piece was also used as the theme tune for which long-running BBC TV show, which first broadcast in 1978?
61. In which 1994 movie does Morgan Freeman play a convicted smuggler named Ellis Redding?
62. Any US air force plane carrying the US president has the call-sign Air Force One. But what is the call-sign for a helicopter that is carrying the president?
63. In chemistry, the pH scale measures levels of acidity and alkalinity. What do the letters pH stand for?
64. What was the answer to the million-pound question when Major Charles Ingram appeared on *Who Wants to be a Millionaire*?

Tiebreak: In a study published in 2015, a team of US historians nominated a particular year as the worst year to be alive in human history. What was the year?