

LANCASTER CITY QUIZ LEAGUE: 2 MARCH 2020, set by White Cross

Round 1: I used to shop at

This round features retailers on the UK high street or in retail parks, which have gone into administration or were taken over since 2000. Most had outlets in the Lancaster and Morecambe area. Answers, given in bold and underlined, are all the known names of such retailers.

1a. A nationwide DIY store and garden centre, launched by Mike Williams in 1987. At its peak in 2002, it was the second largest DIY retailer in the UK. It went into administration in 2011.

ANSWER: **Focus Do It All** (accept **FOCUS** or **FOCUS DIY**)

1b. A nationwide electrical and white goods retail chain, originally launched by George Hollingsbery in 1933. It went into administration in 2012. ANSWER: **Comet**

2a. Department store chain primarily selling clothing and household items. Founded in 1928 by a group of US entrepreneurs and taken into private ownership in 2009 as part of Philip Green's Arcadia Group. It went into administration in 2016.

ANSWER: **British Home Stores** (accept **BHS**)

2b. A fast fashion retail clothing store founded in 1841 by Dutch brothers Clemens and August Brenninkmeijer. It opened stores on the UK high street in 1922, but withdrew from the British market in 2001 to focus on other European and Asian countries.

ANSWER: **C & A**

3a. A retail outlet, founded by John James Broughton at the beginning of the 1900s, selling sports clothing and equipment. Former executives were investigated by HMRC and the Serious Crime Agency in 2009. Administrators were called in in 2012 when it was taken over by its main rival.

ANSWER: **JJB Sports**

3b. British bargain variety store, founded in 1974 by Chris Edwards and his son. It sold general merchandise and groceries, mostly at the same basic price. Went into administration in 2018 ANSWER: **Poundland**

4a. British furniture retailer mainly selling kitchen and bedroom furniture. Founded in 1964 by Noel Lister and Donald Searle, and named after Searle's wife's maiden name, Mullard. Found it difficult to compete with IKEA and went into administration in 2008.

ANSWER: **MFI** (accept **Mullard Furniture Industries**)

4b. A North American retail outlet, founded in 1948 by Charles Lazarus to sell children's furniture, clothes and toys. Latterly specialised on the toy market. After filing for bankruptcy in 2017, the British operation went into administration in 2018 closing all its UK stores.

ANSWER: **Toys "R" Us**

SPARE

Founded in Liverpool in 1909 as the British branch of an American company, to sell general merchandise at affordable prices. Became independent of its US parent company in 1982 and specialised in entertainment, homewares, kid's toys and confectionery. Went into administration in 2008.

ANSWER: The **Woolworths Group** (accept **Woolies** or **Woolworths**)

ROUND 2: CATS

- 1a. What is the total number of claws that most house cats have? ANSWER: 18 (5 front paw, 4 back paw)
- 1b. What deformity do blue-eyed, white-furred cats often suffer from? ANSWER: Deafness
- 2a. What was the name of Hermione Granger's pet cat in the Harry Potter series? ANSWER: Crookshanks
- 2b. What happened to a French cat called Felicette in 1963? ANSWER: Sent into space (first cat in space)
- 3a. In ancient Egypt, what part of their body did people shave to indicate mourning when their cat died? ANSWER: Eyebrows
- 3b. Who often appears with a Turkish white cat in the James Bond films? ANSWER: Blofeld
- 4a. Abraham Lincoln had a pet cat in the White House – the first First Cat. What was its name? ANSWER: Tabby
- 4b. Who invented cats eyes (road indicators)? ANSWER: Percy Shaw

SPARES

- A. What was Tardar Sauce better known as? ANSWER: Grumpy cat
- B. What was the name of the cat which survived the shipwreck of the Bismarck in 1941, and 2 other shipwrecks? ANSWER: Unsinkable Sam

ROUND 3: ELITE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

- 1a. Which Oxford college has particular responsibility for outreach to Lancaster? ANSWER: Queens
- 1b. Which Oxford college appeared to win University Challenge under captain Gail Trimble but was stripped of the title for cheating? ANSWER: Corpus Christi
- 2a. Which school did the hero of Tom Brown's Schooldays supposedly attend? ANSWER: Rugby
- 2b. Which school did Nigel Molesworth supposedly attend? ANSWER: St Custards
- 3a. Which Scottish school did James Bond supposedly attend? ANSWER: Fettes
- 3b. Which Scottish school did Lara Croft supposedly attend? ANSWER: Gordonstoun
- 4a. What is the official name of the body of water known to Lancaster students as the Duck Pond? ANSWER: Lake Carter
- 4b. Which military institution used to occupy the site now known as University of Cumbria St Martins Campus? ANSWER: BOWERHAM BARRACKS

- SPARES:** a. Who wrote Porterhouse Blue, a novel set in a Cambridge college? ANSWER: Tom Sharpe
- b. The St Trinian films are based on the work of which cartoonist? ANSWER: Ronald Searle

ROUND 4: British birds.

In each case you're given the first names of 3 birds belonging to the same family. Give the second (family) name. *E.g.: Coal, blue, long-tailed: Answer: Tit*

1a. Night; Grey; Purple ANSWER: Heron

1b. Egyptian; Pink-footed; Greylag ANSWER: Goose

2a. Corn; Reed; Snow ANSWER: Bunting

2b. Tree, Rock, Meadow ANSWER: Pipit

3a. Golden; Kentish; Ringed ANSWER: Plover

3b. Grasshopper; Willow; Dartford ANSWER: Warbler

4a. Sandwich; Arctic; Little ANSWER: Tern

4b. Red-necked; Slavonian; Great Crested ANSWER: Grebe

SPARES:

A. Grey; Pied; Yellow ANSWER: Wagtail

B. Mediterranean; Black-headed; Lesser Black-backed ANSWER: Gull

ROUND 5- DIVIDED BY A COMMON LANGUAGE

1a to 2b: Given an American word, what is the British word?

1a. Suspenders ANSWER: Braces

1b. Cotton Candy ANSWER: Candy floss

2a. Overpass ANSWER: Flyover

2b. Purse ANSWER: Handbag

3a to 4b: Given a British word, what is the American equivalent?

3a. Nappy ANSWER: Diaper

3b. Crisps ANSWER: Chips

4a. Anti-clockwise ANSWER: Counter-clockwise

4b. Queue ANSWER: Line

Spares: What is the American equivalent of this British word?

a. tap ANSWER: faucet

b. trainers ANSWER: sneakers

ROUND 6- 2020 OSCAR NOMINATIONS

1a. Who wrote the score for Starwars the Rise of Skywalker? ANSWER: John Williams

1b. Who was nominated as Best Leading Actor for Joker? ANSWER: Joaquin Phoenix

2a. Who was nominated as Best Leading Actor for The Two Popes? ANSWER: Jonathan Pryce

2b. Who directed Once Upon a Time in Hollywood? ANSWER: Tarantino

3a. Who directed The Irishman? ANSWER: Martin Scorsese

3b. Who directed Jojo Rabbit? ANSWER: Waititi

4a. Who directed Parasite? ANSWER: Bong Joon-ho

4b. Who was nominated for Best Leading Actress in Judy? ANSWER: Rene Zellweger

Spares: a. Who directed Little Women? ANSWER: Greta Gerwig

b. An Icelandic woman, Hildur Guonadotir, became the first icelander to win an Oscar, for the musical score for which film? ANSWER: Joker

ROUND 7- BRIT FACTS

1a. What is the national bird of the United Kingdom? ANSWER: Robin

1b. Who was the first British astronaut in space? ANSWER: Helen Sharman

2a. Which was the first railway station built in the UK? ANSWER: Liverpool Road (accept Manchester)

2b. Which decade was the first London Olympics? 1900s (1908)

3a. Who was the third and final Brexit Secretary? ANSWER: Stephen Hale

3b. How many constituencies elect MPs to the House of Commons? 650

4a. In which year did Tim Berners-Lee invent the World Wide Web? 1989 (allow 1 either way)

4b. How many British Overseas Territories are there? ANSWER: 14 (allow 1 either way)

Spares: a. First newspaper published in the United Kingdom? ANSWER: Oxford Gazette

b. How many years between censuses in the United Kingdom? ANSWER: 10

ROUND 8 – GENERAL

1a. Three women are represented on the Victoria monument in Dalton Square. Victoria is one, who are the other 2? (1 point for 1, 3 for both. Both needed for a pass)

ANSWER: Florence Nightingale. George Eliot (accept Mary Anne Evans)

1b. Five elements make DNA: Hydrogen, oxygen, carbon – name the other two. (1 point for 1, 3 for both. Both needed for a pass) ANSWER: Phosphorus, nitrogen

2a. In which country is the River Hoogly? Answer: Japan

2b. In which country is the River Weaver? Answer: England (accept UK)

3a. Who said "I have been wondering what that special place in hell looks like for those who promoted Brexit without even a sketch of a plan how to carry it out safely." 6 Feb 2019 ANSWER: Donald Tusk

3b. Who said "In a 52-48 referendum, this would be unfinished business by a long way." 16 May 2016. ANSWER: Nigel Farage

4a. Which geological period followed the Triassic and Jurassic, and saw the extinction of huge numbers of dinosaurs? ANSWER: Cretaceous

4b. Which is the only number in the English language which is equal to the number of letters in its name? ANSWER: Four

SPARES: a. What does the 40 refer to, in the name of the 1960's Ford car GT40?

ANSWER: height of the car in inches

b. Give the distance of the Derby course at Epsom. ANSWER: 1.5 miles (Accept 1 and a half miles)