

LANCASTER CITY QUIZ LEAGUE: April 11th, 2022

Quiz set by The Three Mariners B.

Surnames are acceptable unless stated, and all answers required are in bold type

Round 1 - Fictional Detectives

1a	John Rebus works in which city?	Edinburgh
1b	Miss Marple lives in which village?	St Mary Mead
2a	What is the name of Sherlock Holmes brother?	Mycroft Holmes
2b	Who was Hercule Poirot's best friend and assistant?	Captain Arthur Hastings
3a	Who created Detective Harry Hole? (Pronounced hoo-leh)	Jo Nesbo
3b	Who created Inspector Kurt Wallander?	Henning Mankell
4a	Who played Private Detective Phillip Marlowe in the 1946 Film "The Big Sleep"?	Humphrey Bogart
4b	Who played DI Jack Frost in the ITV series "A Touch of Frost"?	David Jason
Spare	What is Dirty Harry's surname?	Callaghan

Round 2 - Computers etc.

1a	Name the woman (1815-1852) who worked with Charles Babbage on his "Analytical Engine" and who is regarded as the first computer programmer.	Ada Lovelace
1b	Who invented the Spectrum personal computer?	Clive Sinclair
2a	Which was the first business to use computers in its operations?	Lyons Tea Shops
2b	How many computers, anecdotally, did the President of IBM, in 1943, think the world would need (+/- 20%)	5
3a	Data on a hard drive are indexed by the acronym FAT. What does FAT stand for?	File Allocation Table
3b	What does the acronym RAM stand for?	Random Access Memory
4a	How many bits are there in a byte?	8
4b	What is 1,000 terabytes?	A Petabyte
Spare	What is the British chip-maker taken over by Softbank in 1998?	ARM (Acorn RISC Machine)

Round 3 - Spooks: a round on spies and espionage

1a	What was the name of the machines used by Germany to encode messages during World War II?	Enigma
1b	In which town is the UK's communications monitoring service, GCHQ, located?	Cheltenham
2a	Who were the married couple executed by the USA in 1953 for passing nuclear secrets to the USSR? (Full names required)	Julius and Ethel Rosenberg
2b	Name any two members of the 'Cambridge Five' spy ring which passed secrets to the USSR from the 1930s to the 1950s.	Kim Philby , Guy Burgess , Donald Maclean , Anthony Blunt , John Cairncross

3a	What was the name of East Germany's secret police service?	Stasi
3b	What is the UK's Secret Intelligence Service better known as?	MI6
4a	The alliance between the UK, US, Canadian, Australian and New Zealand intelligence agencies is commonly known as what?	The Five Eyes
4b	Sir Francis Walsingham was spymaster for which English monarch?	Elizabeth I
Spare	Mossad is the intelligence agency of which country?	Israel

Round 4- Dead romantic: a round about British poets of the Romantic period c. 1790-1830.

1a	Which poet, also famous for his womanising, had a full-time job as an Exciseman from 1789 until his death in 1796?	Robert Burns
1b	Which poet drowned in a boating accident in the Gulf of La Spezia in 1822?	Percy Bysshe Shelley
2a	Which poet romantically died of TB, aged 25, in a house overlooking the Spanish Steps in Rome in 1821?	John Keats
2b	Which poet romantically died of fever fighting for Greek independence at the siege of Missolonghi in 1824?	Lord Byron
3a	Which poet wrote the collection 'Songs of Innocence and Experience', published in 1794?	William Blake
3b	Only famous now for his novels, which author's poetry collections included 'Minstrelsy of the Scottish Border'?	Walter Scott
4a	Who was the author of the 'Rime of the Ancient Mariner' (1798)?	Samuel Taylor Coleridge
4b	Which Romantic poet wrote the autobiographical poem 'The Prelude', first published in 1799?	William Wordsworth
Spare	Which drug-addled associate of the Romantic poets wrote the memoir 'Confessions of an English Opium eater' in 1821?	Thomas de Quincy

Round 5 - A Day at the Races

1a	Established in 1539, what is the oldest Racecourse in the UK?	Chester
1b	What is the newest Racecourse in the UK, opened in 2009?	Ffos Las in Wales
2a	Where is Britain's most westerly Racecourse?	Newton Abbot in Devon
2b	Where is Britain's most northerly Racecourse?	Perth
3a	In what year did the horse Esha Ness win "The Grand National that never was" due to 2 false starts?	1993
3b	Won by Red Marauder, in what year did only 4 horses finish in the Grand National?	2001
4a	Which English Racecourse holds the most Evening Meetings?	Wolverhampton
4b	The Scottish Grand National is held at which Racecourse?	Ayr
Spare	How many first-class Racecourses are there in England?	52

Round 6 - Historical Epithets. Name the historical figure from the facts given. Full name required

1a	This King resisted numerous attacks on his kingdom. He had the Bible translated into Anglo -Saxon. Did he really burn the cakes? Born 849 Died 899	Alfred the Great
1b	English King who took part in the Third Crusade. On his way back he was kidnapped, imprisoned & ransomed. Born 1157 Died 1199.	Richard the Lionheart
2a	Sultan of the Ottoman Empire, who extended this Empire and made many legal reforms. Born 1494 Died 1566	Suleyman The Magnificent
2b	Styled "The first Czar of the Russia's" this leader was given to paranoia and bouts of great cruelty. In a fit of rage, he killed his eldest son. Born 1530 Died 1584	Ivan The Terrible
3a	First a Duke, then a King. Had a great Survey of his kingdom commissioned. Born 1028 Died 1087.	William the Conqueror
3b	Spanish Nobleman. Subject of an epic Spanish Poem. Fought both the Christians & the Moors. Born 1043 Died 1099.	El Cid (Roderigo Diaz De Vivar)
4a	Roman Emperor, supposedly proclaimed Emperor in the city of York. Converted to Christianity but continued to practise pagan rituals. Born c280 Died 337	Constantine the Great
4b	King of England who suffered renewed Danish attacks, so much so that he was forced to pay Danegeld. Born 966 Died 1016.	Ethelred the Unready
Spare	Duke of Burgundy and a great rival to the French. Died in Battle at the age of 44. Born 1433 Died 1477	Charles the Bold

Round 7 - It's all about me! Who is the subject of the following autobiographies?

1a	Behind the Mask. A Boxer	Tyson Fury .
1b	No Spin. A Cricketer	Shane Warne
2a	Not dumb, not blonde. A Singer	Dolly Parton
2b	A Natural Woman. A Singer	Carol King
3a	Peggy and Me. Comedian	Miranda Hart
3b	Windswept and Interesting. Comedian	Billy Connelly
4a	Excellent Adventures. An Actor	Keanu Reeves
4b	The Moon's a Balloon. An Actor	David Niven
Spare	Too Many Reasons to Live. A Rugby Player	Rob Burrows

Round 8 - General

1a	Who was the last man to walk on the Moon?	Eugene (Gene) Cernan
1b	What was the name of the first Space Shuttle, launched in April 1981?	Columbia

2a	Who wrote the novella "Heart of Darkness" published in 1899?	Joseph Conrad
2b	Which English novelist & poet is buried in Westminster Abbey, but his heart is interred in Stinsford Churchyard, Dorset?	Thomas Hardy
3a	In the 1992 film "Patriot Games, who plays CIA analyst Jack Ryan?	Harrison Ford
3b	In the 1980 film "Flash Gordon" who plays the scientist Hans Zarkov?	Chaim Topol
4a	The song "Could it be Magic" reached number 40 in the UK singles chart in 1976 for which Artist?	Donna Summer
4b	Who had a number 11 hit in the UK charts in 1974 with the song "Magic"?	Pilot
Spare	How many squares are there on a standard Scrabble Board	225