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Pairs Quiz - 2024

ROUND 1

Surnames only needed except where stated

- 1 Which TV quizmaster said 'The skilful quiz player wins not necessarily by knowing the answer but by having sufficient knowledge to make informed guesses'? First name and surname required so that he is not confused with a famous footballer
- 2 Which British actor, who died in November aged 90, had the middle name Lancaster?
- 3 Introduced in 1911, what was the standard monetary unit of Portugal before the euro?
- 4 As a result of the Beeching Report, in which year did both Hest Bank and Bolton-le-Sands railway stations close? Both closed 3 February
- 5 About which song, played a lot at this time of year, did Morrissey say 'One can have great concern for the people of Ethiopia, but it's another thing to inflict daily torture on the people of England'?
- 6 Named after the artist, who painted several landscapes there, which two counties are known as 'Constable Country'? A point for each
- 7 Which popular character left TV's Coronation Street on Christmas Day in 1987 to become a housekeeper for Dr Lowther in Derbyshire?
- 8 In 2018 Sarah Clarke became the first woman to hold which post that is responsible for controlling access to, and maintaining order within, the House of Lords?
- 9 In Greek mythology, which creature had a woman's head, the body of a lion and the wings of a bird, and would kill and eat anyone who could not answer her riddle?
- 10 Because it was traditionally believed to have medicinal properties, which tree's bark is known as 'nature's aspirin'?
- 11 Which famous sculpture depicts Italian noblewoman Francesca da Rimini and her lover Paolo Malatesta?
- 12 Named after places in Wales, what are the two breeds of corgi? A point for each
- 13 Had he not died in 1973, which flamboyant English playwright, composer, director, actor and singer would have been 125 years old today?
- 14 Which two companies, one Japanese and one Dutch, co-developed the compact disc?

- 15
Cartoon character, Marge Simpson, has the same maiden name as which First Lady of the USA?
- 16 Which singer-songwriter and photographer, who has sold an estimated 100 million records, is known as 'The Groover from Vancouver'?
- 17 Which of these cities is furthest west - Cardiff, Carlisle, Edinburgh or Bristol?
- 18 Who is the heroine of Beethoven's only opera?
- 19 Which three countries have hosted both the Summer and Winter Olympics in the same year? A point for each
- 20 Which American, at the age of 35 in 1964, is the youngest man to win the Nobel Peace Prize?
- 21 One of the major English Romantic poets, his first, middle and last names all contain the letter Y? Who is he? A point for each name
- 22 By tradition, the toss up for which annual sporting contest is made using an 1829 gold sovereign, the year in which the contest began?
- 23 Which famous crooner is mentioned in the song, *Fairytale of New York*, which was voted the best Christmas song ever by Radio Times readers in 2023?
- 24 The trophy awarded to the winner of the Test series between England and the West Indies is named after which two cricketers, one from each country, who were team mates for several years? A point for each
- 25 Until it was re-named by the Royal Geographical Society in 1865 after a Welshman, what was known as Peak XV?

ROUND 2

- 26
Which seven times National Hunt champion jockey has written over twenty books including the horse racing themed novels, *False Start*, *Safe Bet* and *Winner Takes All*?
- 27 Playing the same character that he created, who was nominated for an Oscar for Best Actor in 1977 and for an Oscar for Best Supporting Actor in 2016?
- 28
Which actresses play the title roles in the TV police series, *Scott & Bailey*? A point for each
- 29 Who was President of Argentina when they invaded The Falklands in 1982?
- 30 The Cherry and Whites is the nickname of both a famous Rugby League club and a famous Rugby Union club. Which are they? A point for each

- 31 The title of which 1957 Nevil Shute book, depicting the aftermath of a nuclear war, is also a term used by The Royal Navy to mean 'retired from service'?
- 32 .is is the high level internet code for which country?
- 33 Which US battleship was sunk at Pearl Harbor in 1941 and is now a museum?
- 34 Which three countries, that have four letters in their name, have a capital city that also has four letters in its name?
- 35 Who is the only golfer to have held all four major championships - The Open, US Open, US PGA and US Masters - at the same time?
- 36 Which city is 73 miles from Liverpool by road and 127 miles by canal?
- 37 A Triumph Thunderbird motorbike, registration N88 TFL, appeared in which TV programme where two cooks travelled to various destinations and prepared large meals, often with unusual ingredients?
- 38 Who were the co-founders, one a guitarist and the other a violinist, of the jazz group The Quintet of the Hot Club of France? A point for each
- 39 In which year in the 20th Century were there three popes in office?
- 40 The Northwest Transept in which English cathedral is called 'The Martyrdom'?
- 41 Prime Minister William Gladstone was known as GOM and later, after an event in 1885, as MOG. What did these two acronyms stand for? A point for each
- 42 Which musical is based on the play, *The Matchmaker*, by Thornton Wilder?
- 43 Including both the Amateur and Open eras, the men's singles at Wimbledon has been won a record 37 times by tennis players of which nationality?
- 44 As specified by British Standard 5140, English pewter is an alloy of which three elements? A point for each
- 45 Which of The Seven Ancient Wonders of The World has never been found and may, in fact, never have existed?
- 46 Named after an explorer, which sea separates Australia from New Zealand?
- 47 In 2014, who was identified, using DNA analysis, 529 years after he died?
- 48 Who was an intelligence officer in Nazi Germany's Wehrmacht during World War II, and subsequently president of Austria and UN Secretary General?

- 49 Which royal person is missing from this list - Edward Burgh, John Neville and Thomas Seymour?
- 50 Which two astronauts were due to walk on the moon during the failed Apollo 13 mission? A point for each

ROUND 3

- 51 Which town, that has been in Dorset since 1974, is twinned with its namesake in New Zealand?
- 52 On film, which Lancashire born actor was killed by James Bond in 1963, died at The Battle of The Little Bighorn in 1967 and was eaten by a shark in 1975? And what were the three films? Four points in all
- 53 How are Marco and Giuseppe Palmieri known in the title of a Gilbert and Sullivan opera?
- 54 Which two countries share the longest international border? A point for each
- 55 What is the capital of the largest island, by area, in The Mediterranean?
- 56 In 1971, two American singer-songwriters both released an album called *Tapestry*. One was a debut album and the other is a Grammy winner and one of the best selling albums of all time. Who are these two singer-songwriters? A point for each
- 57 Which town in Wales is known by the locals as 'the hole with the mint'?
- 58 During what is called 'The Golden Age of Detective Fiction' in the 1920s and 1930s, which four writers were known as 'The Queens of Crime'? A point for each
- 59 In a non Leap Year, what date is the middle day of the year?
- 60 He was born in 1570 and died in 1606, and has been described as being 'the only man to ever enter Parliament with honourable intentions'. Who is he?
- 61 The name of which disease originates from the Medieval Italian for 'bad air'?
- 62 Discovered in 1974, what was created in the third century BC to protect the Emperor of China in his afterlife?
- 63 Which British politician, who became his party's leader in 1988, has been described as 'the first trained killer to lead a political party'?
- 64 How long are polling stations open for on the day of a British General Election?
- 65 Which famous Hollywood actor said 'If you need a ceiling painted, a chariot race run, a city besieged or the Red Sea parted, you think of me'?

- 66 Which fictional character, who has a famous younger brother, has been played on film or TV by Christopher Lee, Hugh Laurie, Stephen Fry and Mark Gatiss ? Forename and surname required
- 67 Antonio Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons* are four concertos for which instrument?
- 68 The quizzer's credo 'There is much pleasure to be gained from useless knowledge' is a quote by which British mathematician and philosopher, who won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1950?
- 69 Which 'Carry On' film, with Sid James playing the title role, used the promotional tag-line 'A Great Guy with His Chopper'?
- 70 Which country won the Eurovision Song Contest for the only time in 2017 with the highest ever score of 758 points but finished last in the final the following year?
- 71 How old were both Elizabeth I and Elizabeth II when they became queen?
- 72 What two word name connects - a volcanic plug in the middle of Edinburgh, the setting for a number of Stephen King novels and a Nottingham brewery?
- 73 Which current Cabinet member is a fourth generation MP, his father, grandfather and two great-grandfathers all having been MPs as well?
- 74 Following his selfless death in March 1912, whose impromptu memorial read 'Hereabouts died a very gallant gentleman'?
- 75 Spoken by Buzz, 'Kevin, what did you do to my room?' are the last words of which 1990 Christmas comedy film?