

Lancaster City Quiz League

12th May 2025 – This quiz is set by The Merchant (possibly a little harder than our normal fare – but we do hope that it's enjoyable, balanced and not too annoying).

Required answers are in **BOLD CAPITALS**.

Round 1 - Things a teenager would know

Congratulations on getting to the Cup Semi-Finals! You and your teams have demonstrated a vast range of knowledge to reach this point. But do you know the things that your children or grandchildren would find ridiculously easy? This quiz has been extensively tested on teenagers, who scored highly... let's see how you do!

- 1a. Which rapper and ex-husband of Kim Kardashian has recently claimed to be a Nazi and said that he loves Hitler? **KANYE WEST or YE**
- 1b. What do the brand Jellycat sell? **SOFT TOYS**
- 2a. In what video game is the default playable character called Steve? **MINECRAFT**
- 2b. Pedro Pascal plays the protagonist, Joel, in an HBO dramatisation of which video game? **THE LAST OF US**
- 3a. Which drinks, from a brand owned by influencer Logan Paul, became a huge craze briefly in 2022? **PRIME**
- 3b. The most subscribed YouTuber, as of 16th April 2025, is Mr... Who? **BEAST**
- 4a. Who is Blue Ivy Carter's mum? **BEYONCE**
- 4b. Who was Taylor Swift's boyfriend as of 10th April 2025? **TRAVIS KELCE**

Spares

- Which TV show made JoJo Siwa famous? **DANCE MOMS**
- Which actress played Eleven in Stranger Things, and has recently complained about press intrusion? **MILLIE BOBBY BROWN**
- Which pop star starts every tour show wrapped in a towel, before opening it to reveal the night's outfit? **SABRINA CARPENTER**
- Irish rappers Kneecap led an anti-Margaret Thatcher chant at this year's edition of which desert-based music festival? **COACHELLA**
- What brand of hoodie, named in part after a mammal native to the UK, is ubiquitous amongst teenage girls at the moment? **WHITE FOX**
- What is the content of the website AO3? **FANFICTION**
- Which singer made 'Brat' the word of summer 2024? **CHARLI XCX**

Round 2 - Put the kettle on: A round about tea

- 1a. What fruit gives Earl Grey tea its distinctive flavour? **BERGAMOT**
- 1b. What is the frothy green tea used in Japanese tea ceremonies? **MATCHA**
- 2a. Polly puts the kettle on the nursery rhyme – but who takes it off? **SUKEY**
- 2b. Broadcast in June 2022, a two-minute film about two individuals having a cup of tea together went on to win the BAFTA Memorable Moment award for that year. Who were the individuals in question? **PADDINGTON and THE QUEEN.**

- 3a. Which country is the largest tea producer in Africa? **KENYA**
- 3b. What is the name for a tea urn in Russia? **SAMOVAR**
- 4a. Which veteran MP, who died in 2014, once joked that he had drunk “enough tea to float the QE2”? **TONY BENN**
- 4b. Who plays Nanette Carter, a young woman who is challenged to answer “no” to every question she’s asked, in the 1950 musical comedy *Tea for Two*? **DORIS DAY**

Spares:

In which year was the Boston Tea Party? **1773**

A “kettle surge” is a sharp rise in demand on the national grid that typically happens when very large numbers of people have just finished watching the same TV programme. The biggest kettle surge in UK history was associated with a sporting event in which year? **1990**

How long is the tea break in test match cricket? **20 MINUTES**

Round 3 - What is the fourth? *Given three of a group of four, give the fourth member.*

Literature

- 1a. Jo, Beth, Amy **MEG**
- 1b. Peter, Edmund, Lucy **SUSAN**

Television

- 2a. Hannibal, Face, Murdock **BA BARACUS** - Do not accept Mr T
- 2b. Carrie, Samantha, Miranda **CHARLOTTE**

Music

- 3a. Bono, Adam Clayton, Larry Mullen **THE EDGE**
- 3b. Anthony Kiedis, John Frusciante, Chad Smith **FLEA**

America

- 4a. Lincoln, Garfield, Kennedy **MCKINLEY**
- 4b. Washington, Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt **LINCOLN**

Spares:

Literature: Moony, Padfoot, Prongs **WORMTAIL/PETTIGREW**

Television: Kyle, Kenny, Cartman **STAN**

Music: Paul Stanley, Ace Frehley, Peter Criss **GENE SIMMONS**

America: Colorado, Utah, Arizona **NEW MEXICO**

Round 4 - Cats - *or rather the names of cats who have lived in my house (some of them don’t sound very much like cat names).*

- 1a. What is the principle flavouring of gin? **JUNIPER**
- 1b. In mythology what is the name of the partner to Charybdis? **SCYLLA**
- 2a. What is the name of the little girl in the children’s programme who was called Margote in the original French TV series? **FLORENCE**
- 2b. Who sang the novelty record “They’re coming to take me away”?

NAPOLEON XIV (don’t require the right number)

- 3a. What is the name of the Siberian city which is also the name of a character who lives on Wimbledon Common? **TOMSK**
- 3b. What is the name of the South American river which has the 4th largest discharge, but is only the 60th longest river in the world? **ORINOCO**
- 4a. Which TV character has been played by Michell Gomez, Sacha Dhawan, Roger Delgado?
THE MASTER and/or MISSY
- 4b. What is special about Sunday 23rd April 2000, Sunday 15 April 1900 and Sunday 28th 2100
EASTER

Spares

- What element has the chemical symbol AG? **SILVER**
- What is the semi-precious gemstone which is a form of coal? **JET**

Round 5 - On the Money *Every question or answer contains a reference to a specific sum of money*

- 1a. What is the surname of the MP nicknamed "30p Lee" because of his opinions about the daily cost of cooking meals? **ANDERSON**
- 1b. Who played the 6 Million Dollar Man in the US tv series of that name from 1973-78?
LEE MAJORS
- 2a. Which primetime US quiz show, which ran from 1953-1958, was cancelled after revelations that producers were rigging the show? **THE \$64000 QUESTION**
- 2b. What sum of money is referred to in the title of the 1932 song, recorded by Bing Crosby and many others, which has been described as the "anthem of the Great Depression". A **DIME**
- 3a. Who directed the 2004 Oscar-winning film *Million Dollar Baby*? **CLINT EASTWOOD**
- 3b. What is the title of the BBC historical drama about Brits emigrating to Australia and New Zealand in the 1950s? **TEN POUND POMS**
- 4a. In the 1960s, Michael Caine starred in three films based on the Harry Palmer spy novels by Len Deighton. What kind of brain is referred to in the title of the third of these films?
BILLION DOLLAR
- 4b. Who became the world's most expensive footballer when he joined Paris Saint-Germain from Barcelona for €222million in 2017? **NEYMAR**

Spares:

By what name is the rapper Curtis James Jackson III better known? **50 CENT**

What was the maximum financial value of the discount a customer could claim on an individual restaurant order under the government's Eat Out to Help Out scheme of summer 2020? **10 POUNDS**

Round 6 - O level geography

- 1a. IR8 is a high-yielding semi-dwarf of which plant which was part of the Green Revolution and helped to avert famine in parts of Asia during the 60s and 70s **RICE**
- 1b. In town planning what is a CBD **CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT**
- 2a. What is the name given to a line on a map connecting points of the same temperature?
ISOTHERM
- 2b. What is the name given to a U-shaped lake or pool that forms when a wide meander of a river is cut off, creating a free-standing body of water? **OXBOW LAKE**

- 3a. The accumulation of debris carried and deposited by a glacier or ice sheet. **MORaine**
- 3b. A mountain lake, pond or pool, formed in a cirque (or "corrie") excavated by a glacier.
TARN or CORRIE
- 4a. Name the driest non-polar desert. **ATACAMA**
- 4b. Name the planned city designed by Oscar Niemeyer in 1956. **BRASILIA**

Spares

A measure of wind speed of the observed conditions at sea or on land. **BEAUFORT SCALE**

The name given to rocky outcrops formed by the natural weathering and erosion of granite rocks over millions of years in Cornwall & Devon. **TOR**

Round 7 - 20th century British Art *This round is about artists who were either born in, or lived in, Britain, or whose work has been shown extensively in this country. Full names required.*

- 1a. Which male artist accepted his Turner Prize wearing a dress? **GRAYSON PERRY**
- 1b. Which artist famously used her teenage years in Margate as inspiration for her work?
TRACEY EMIN
- 2a. This YBA became famous for her inside out sculptures, including a house.
RACHEL WHITEREAD
- 2b. Although born in Cheshire in 1956, this artist received his art education in Preston and Lancaster and later moved to Scotland. He specialises in creating and photographing ephemeral scenes using natural objects.
ANDY GOLDSWORTHY
- 3a. Which artist made his name as a Turner Prize winner and then went on to become the award-winning director of 12 Years A Slave, among other films? **STEVE MCQUEEN**
- 3b. Which artist made her name as a Turner Prize nominee and then went on to become the director of films including Fifty Shades of Grey?
Accept SAM TAYLOR-WOOD or SAM TAYLOR-JOHNSON (latter is married name)
- 4a. This painter, who died recently, came to Britain on the Kindertransport in the 1930s. He is famous for producing portraits, often of the same sitter, made up from multiple layers of thick paint, often so dense that they take months to dry.
FRANK AUERBACH
- 4b. This painter, who died in 1959, used local people from the village of Cookham in Berkshire, where he lived, as models for many of his paintings (with or without their permission), most notably his Resurrection series.
STANLEY SPENCER

Spares:

This surrealist artist was born in Chorley in 1917, but fled her traditional roots to live with fellow artist Max Ernst in France, later moving to Mexico where she led a successful career for the rest of her life.
LEONORA CARRINGTON

Which artist, born 1956, blew up a shed, and re-assembled it as sculpture?

CORNELIA PARKER

Round 8 - Jo's & Joe's

- 1a. No1. Podcast in the world **ROGAN**
- 1b. Ex husband of Marilyn Monroe **DIMAGGIO**
- 2a. Lead singer of the Clash **STRUMMER**
- 2b. Former Shrewsbury, Man City and England goalkeeper **HART**

- 3a.** Creator of detective Cormoran Strike **ROWLING**
- 3b.** Former trainee priest, allied leader and Generalissimo **STALIN**
- 4a.** Former leader of the UK Liberal Party **GRIMOND**
- 4b.** Former Minister of State for Universities, Science, Research and Innovation from 2015 -2018
JOHNSON

Spares

Comedian who was a former psychiatric nurse and began her career being known as the Sea Monster.

BRAND

MP murdered by far right terrorist in 2016. **COX**

Tie Break 1

Geographical extremes

- 1a.** What is the world's most southerly capital city? **WELLINGTON**
- 1b.** What is the world's most northerly capital city? **REYKJAVIK**
- 2a.** What is the world's highest capital city? **LA PAZ**
- 2b.** What is the world's lowest capital city? **BAKU**
- 3a.** On what island group is the worlds' most northerly permanent settlement?
LONGYEARBYEN or SPITSBERGEN or SVALBARD
- 3b.** On what island group is the worlds' most southerly permanent settlement?
PUERTO WILLIAMS or TIERRA DEL FUEGO
- 4a.** What is the world's lowest freshwater lake? Sea of **GALILEE**
- 4b.** What is the world's highest navigable lake? **LAKE TITICACA**

Spare

Which Pacific island nation is the first to celebrate New Year? **KIRIBATI**

Tie Break 2

Musical places and nations

- 1a.** London Calling was a hit for which band? **THE CLASH**
- 1b.** Alternative Ulster was a hit for which band? **STIFF LITTLE FINGERS**
- 2a.** In 1985 Murray head sang about One night in which city? **BANGKOK**
- 2b.** The vapours had a hit with which song? **TURNING JAPANESE**
- 3a.** China in your hand was a hit for which 1980s band (who are still going)? **T'PAU**
- 3b.** The Doors personified which city as a woman on their 6th album? **LA WOMAN**
- 4a.** Which national capital was kept off the number one spot by Joe Dolce? **VIENNA**
- 4b.** Streets of London was a hit in 1974 for which singer who originally wrote it in 1969?
RALPH MCTELL

Spares

Which American punk band had hits with California Uber Alles / Holiday in Cambodia?

The **DEAD KENNEDYS**

Gloria Estefan was the lead singer for which group that had a hit with "Rhythm is gonna get you"?
MIAMI SOUND MACHINE