

Lancaster Quiz League questions for 8th December 2025

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Round 1 – Say it with Flowers

- 1a Which flower is paired in song titles with the words 'Laguna' and 'Marlene'? **Lily (Lilli)**
- 1b Which flower is also the name of Popeye (the Sailor Man)'s child? **Sweet Pea**
- 2a Which flower is the first name of one of Golden Girls (US sitcom) and is included in the first line of the biggest selling single (to date) in the history of the UK? **Rose**
- 2b Which flower is also the first name of the character played by Patricia Routledge in 'Keeping Up Appearances'? **Hyacinth**
- 3a Which flower is also the brand name of a type of household glove? **Marigold**
- 3b Which flower shares its name with a part of the eye? **Iris**
- 4a Which flower, usually known by a name relating to autumn, has the botanical name 'Aster Amellus'? **Michaelmas Daisy**
- 4b Which flower, usually known by a name relating to winter, has the botanical name 'Schlumbergera'? **Christmas Cactus**
- SPARES 1. What is the English name of the flower whose name is used in Russia to describe dead bodies found after the winter snows melt? **Snowdrop**
2. What floral term is used to describe someone who has not been asked for a dance? **Wallflower**

Round 2 – Alphabet Soup

All answers include one or more single letters used as words.

Example; his original surname was 'Little', this American Black rights activist was assassinated in 1965 **Malcolm X**

- 1a Almost as famous for their stunts as for their music, this group active in the 1980s had a No1 as The Timelords as well as a No1 '3am Eternal' under their own name. (The) **KLF**
- 1b They came second in the X Factor in 2008 but this group then went on to have five No1 singles in 2009-2011 and reformed in 2020. **JLS**
- 2a What is the short phrase used to describe the people most wanted at a social occasion **A-list**
- 2b What is the only blood group that can be given to any other blood group? **O negative**
- 3a Name the UK TV show that originally ran from 2006 to 2010 featuring misfits working in a basement office for an indifferent company? (The) **IT Crowd**
- 3b Name the US TV show - initially shot in Canada - that featured FBI investigations by a sincere believer in the paranormal paired with an initially unwilling sceptic? **X-Files**
- 4a What term is used in the USA to describe a film which can only be viewed by someone under 17 if accompanied by an adult? **R-rated**
- 4b What letters would be found on the side of the type of pencil most commonly used by reporters in old film and TV shows? **HB (hard black)**

SPARES 1. What single letter was the name of a UK group who had a No2 hit in 1979 with 'Pop Muzik'? **M**

2. Which single letter is the name of a character in 'Star Trek – the Next Generation' whose sole purpose seems to be to annoy Captain Picard? **Q**

Round 3 – cut from the same cloth. Identify the type of cloth from the clue or description given.

1a A reversible patterned fine fabric, the name is a shortened form of a city in West Asia.

Damask (from Damascus)

1b A sturdy cotton serge, originally dyed with indigo; the name is derived from a town in France where it was produced.

Denim (de Nimes)

2a A type of polyester developed in the UK in the 1940s, popular for clothing and furniture covers.

Terylene

2a A type of rayon patented in the UK in 1894, marketed as artificial silk.

Viscose

3a A loosely bound fabric made from waste cloth and clippings; the name is also used to describe anything not quite up to standard.

Shoddy

3b A rough close-woven woollen fabric popular for outdoor wear, the name derives from the river across which it was imported to southern Britain.

Tweed

4a A lightweight sheer fabric, also forms most of the name of the US group who had hits with 'Sweet Talking Guy' and 'He's So Fine'

Chiffon

4b A fine woven cotton largely used in medical treatment, the name is derived from an ancient city renowned for its weaving.

Gauze (from Gaza)

SPARES 1. An intricate patterned fabric associated with Nottingham which forms part of the names of two bands from that city.

Lace (Paper Lace and Black Lace)

2. A trademarked name for a metallic gauze, used as a surname by Freddie Mercury on his early solo records.

Lurex (Larry Lurex)

Round 4...Christmas-related questions

1a. 'Mary's Boy Child' has been No1 at Christmas twice, by different artists; who were they? One point for one, three points for both, both needed for a pass.

Harry Belafonte and Boney M

1b. In which novelty Christmas No1 was the hero killed in a duel by a stale pork pie? (Note to QM; accept either or both parts of the title).

Ernie (the fastest milkman in the west)

2a. Which Christmas carol contains the line; 'Following yonder star'?

We Three Kings

2b. Which Christmas carol contains the line; 'Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by'?

O Little Town of Bethlehem

3a. Which 3 reindeer in Rudolph's team have names beginning with D? (1 point for each, all 3 for a pass)

Donner, Dasher, Dancer

3b. What did my true love give to me on the 12th day of Christmas? 12 Drummers

4a. What is Santa Claus called in France? Pere Noel

4b. From which Christmas carol does this line come? 'The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes'?

Away in a Manger

Spares 1. What gifts did the 3 wise men give Jesus? Gold frankincense and myrrh

2. 3 Scottish nationalist students took the Stone of Scone from Westminster Abbey on Christmas Day of which year? 1950

Round 5 - Famous Partners

1A Oliver Hardy, partner to Stan Laurel was born in which USA state? GEORGIA

1B The King of Cowboys, Roy Roger, had a horse called trigger with a golden coat. What breed was Trigger?

PALAMINO

2A Who were the creators of the American cartoon series Tom and Jerry? HANNAH AND BARBERA

2B What were the first names of American comedy duo Abbott and Costello? (1 point for 1, both for a pass)

BUD AND

LOU

3A What were the surnames of 1930 American robbers Bonnie and Clyde? 1 point for 1, both for a pass)

PARKER AND

BARROW

3B The 80s band the Thompson Twins was based on characters from which cartoon series? TIN TIN

4A From 1940 to 1962, Bob Hope and Bing Crosby made 7 Road TO films with which American actress?

DOROTHY

LAMOUR

4B How are McPartlin and Donnelley better known? ANT AND DEC

SPARE Who was the side-kick of Don Quixote? SANCHO PANZA

Round 6 - Captains

1A From which country did Catain Nemo originate according to Jules Verne? INDIA

1B In the RAF which rank is directly above Group Catain? COMMODORE or AIR COMMODORE

2A In which European country do people elect 2 heads of state, known as Captain's Regent? SAN MARINO

2B Which English privateer captain died of dysentery off the Panama coast in 1596? DRAKE

3A El Capitan is a vertical rock formation in which American National Park?

YOSEMITE

3B what does the T stand for in Captain James T Kirk? TIBERIUS

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4A Which footballer earned 62 caps for England at football, and was made Captain in 1974? Emlyn HUGHES

4B Who did Princess Anne Marry in 1973? CAPTAIN MARK PHILIPS

SPARE What was the middle name of explorer Robert Scott who led 2 expeditions to Antarctica? FALCON

ROUND 7 - LOOKING BACK TO 2024 AND 2025

1A What was the name of Boris Johnson's autobiography released in October 2024? UNLEASHED

1B In which month did Keir Starmer become Prime Minister? July 2024

2A Who was Foreign Secretary until 5 September 2025? DAVID LAMMY

2B Who jumped off the roof of the Stade De France during the Paris 2024 Olympics closing ceremony? TOM CRUISE

3A Which AMERICAN SOUL SINGER DIED IN FEBRUARY 2025, famous for the song 'KILLING ME SOFTLY' ? ROBERTA SLACK

3B Which country hosted the Eurovision Song Contest in 2025? SWITZERLAND

4A Which is the UK City of Culture in 2025? BRADFORD

4B Who became the Prime Minister of Canada in January 2025? MARK CARNEY

SPARE In which month did Kemi Badenoch become leader of the Conservative party? NOVEMBER 2024

ROUND 8 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

1A Which author born on New Years Day 1919 created the character Holden Caulfield? SALINGER

1B The creator of the private eye Sam Spade died on New Years Day 1961. Who was he? HAMMETT

2A Samuel Pepys began his famous diary on New Years Day of which year? 1660

2B Who made the first mobile phone call in the UK on New Years Day 1985? ERNIE WISE

3A What name did Mustafaf Kemal adopt on New Years Day 1935? ATATURK

3B Who wrote the words for Auld Lang Syne? Robert BURNS

4A On New Years Day 1925 the European city of Christiana changed its name to what? OSLO

4B Which 2 European countries came into being on New Years Day 1993? SLOVAKIA AND CZECH REPUBLIC

SPARE On New Years Day in 1797, which city replaced New York as state capital?
ALBANY