

LANCASTER CITY QUIZ LEAGUE
QUESTIONS SET BY SILVERDALE HOTEL

For Monday 19th January 2026

Answers are in **bold**, surnames will suffice (unless otherwise shown)

ROUND 1 WORLD RELIGIONS

1a	What are the two main branches of Islam?	SHIA and SUNNI
1b	Muslims are expected to make a pilgrimage to Mecca during their lifetime; what is this called?	THE HAJ
2a	What is the title of the head of Tibetan Buddhism?	DALAI LAMA
2b	What is the majority religion of Japan?	SHINTO
3a	Attacks on a Manchester synagogue in Autumn 2025 took place on which Jewish holiday?	YOM KIPPUR or DAY OF ATONEMENT
3b	Jesus and his disciples were celebrating which Jewish festival at The Last Supper?	PASSOVER
4a	What are the two seasons that lead up to Christmas and Easter called?	ADVENT and LENT
4b	What is the full personal name of the current Pope Leo?	Robert PREVOST
	Spare: What name is given to the worship of many gods?	POLYTHEISM

ROUND 2 GERMANY

1a	In which Berlin suburb/prison was Rudolf Hess imprisoned?	SPANDAU
1b	Before the fall of The Wall what was the name of the main crossing between East and West Berlin?	CHECKPOINT CHARLIE
2a	In which geographical region of Germany is the source of the river Danube?	BLACK FOREST or SCHWARZWALD
2b	Which river flows through Hamburg?	The ELBE
3a	Before 1945 the Polish city of Wroclaw was in German Silesia; what was its German name?	BRESLAU
3b	In 1945 East Prussia was divided between Poland and Russia. What is the Russian name of its chief city known in German as Konigsberg?	KALININGRAD
4a	What is the most northerly of the German federal states?	SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN
4b	In which state of Germany is the financial city of Frankfurt situated?	HESSE
	Spare: In Cold War times, spies were usually exchanged over a bridge between Berlin and Potsdam. What is its name?	GLIENICKE BRIDGE

ROUND 3 THREES

1a	In card games, particularly BRAG, what word describes 3 cards of the same denomination?	PRIAL
1b	The cocktail Harvey Wallbanger has 3 ingredients: vodka, orange and which liqueur?	GALLIANO
2a	What are the names of the Three Musketeers in Dumas's novel? (1 point for each, all 3 needed for a pass)	ATHOS, PORTHOS, ARAMIS
2b	What names are usually assigned to the three wise men who came to find the baby Jesus? (1 point for each, all 3 needed for a pass)	CASPAR, MELCHIOR, BALTHAZAR
3a	Who wrote the book "Three Men in a Boat"?	JEROME K JEROME
3b	The film "The Third Man" was set in 1949, in which war torn city?	VIENNA
4a	What are the 3 sub-atomic particles of an atom, found in or around the nucleus? (1 point for each, all 3 needed for a pass)	PROTONS, NEUTRONS, ELECTRONS
4b	What are the 3 species of native British snakes? (1 point for each, all 3 needed for a pass)	GRASS, ADDER (or VIPER), SMOOTH
	Spare: Which fountain features in the film "Three Coins in a Fountain"?	TREVI

ROUND 4 ISLANDS

1a	On which island in French Guyana was Papillon (from Henri Charierre's drama and subsequent film) imprisoned?	DEVIL'S ISLAND
1b	On which island was Nelson Mandela imprisoned?	ROBBEN ISLAND
2a	Which island group is the only British Overseas Territory in The Pacific?	PITCAIRN
2b	What is the largest island in The Caribbean?	CUBA
3a	Which island in The Dutch Antilles shares its name with an orange liqueur?	CURACAO
3b	From what animals do The Galapagos Islands take their name?	TORTOISES
4a	Rapa Nui is the native name for which Pacific island?	EASTER ISLAND
4b	"The Friendly Islands" is the nickname of which Pacific island nation?	TONGA
	Spare: What is the largest island in the Pacific Ocean?	NEW GUINEA (not Papua New Guinea which is one of two countries that form part of the island)

ROUND 5 BELLS Questions or answers relate to bells in some way

1a	Which ship, en route to Hamburg in 1799, sank off the Dutch coast carrying a particularly valuable cargo of bullion, with the loss of over 200 lives?	HMS LUTINE
1b	The Liberty Bell, perhaps best known as the Monty Python theme music, was composed in 1893 by which US composer?	John Philip SOUSA
2a	Which style of hat popular in the 1920s translates literally as “bell”?	CLOCHE
2b	For which football club did Colin Bell make nearly 400 appearances between 1966 and 1979?	MANCHESTER CITY
3a	In the rhyme “Oranges and Lemons” which East London church name features in the answer to the question posed by the bells of Old Bailey?	SHOREDITCH (when I grow rich.....)
3b	What is the name of the former MP for Tatton (associated with “cash for questions” scandal) who lost his seat in 1997 to the independent candidate Martin Bell?	Neil HAMILTON
4a	Which English town has a women’s football team, The Belles, who have won the FA Cup 6 times since their founding in 1969?	DONCASTER
4b	Bell was the chosen pseudonym for the three Bronte sisters to disguise their authorship of a number of novels and works of poetry. What 3 first names did they choose? (1 point for each, all 3 needed for a pass)	ACTON, CURREN, ELLIS
	Spare: The largest bell in the world weighs 200 tons, includes an 11 ton fragment that broke off and has never been rung. In which capital city is it found?	MOSCOW

ROUND 6 THINGS I LEARNT AT THE BRITISH MUSEUM

1a	Widely referred to as The Elgin Marbles, from which building were they removed in the early 19 th century?	The PARTHENON
1b	It came to London in 1803 carved with 3 copies of the same text and was the key to understanding Egyptian hieroglyphs. What is it called?	The ROSETTA STONE
2a	The heaviest exhibit in the museum is a 7.5 ton carved head, part of a bigger statue of which Egyptian Pharaoh that once stood in Thebes?	RAMESSES the SECOND
2b	The Queen Elizabeth II Great Court is the largest covered square in Europe; which world famous circular room is found within it?	The READING ROOM
3a	Used in Europe between the 10 th and 16 th centuries, what is an <i>oliphant</i> ?	Ivory HUNTING HORN
3b	There are 82 ivory chess pieces in room 40. On which Scottish island were they found?	LEWIS
4a	The Cuerdale Hoard is one of the most important Viking silver hoards ever found. It was discovered in 1840 on the banks of which river in North-west England?	The river RIBBLE
4b	Edith Pretty donated treasures found on which estate to the museum in 1939?	SUTTON HOO
	Spare: Bronze relief plaques of animal and human heads came from which modern day country?	NIGERIA (Known as the Benin Bronzes but nothing to do with the present day country of Benin)

ROUND 7 MINE, ALL MINE

A round on tourism, art and culture relating to mines and mining

1a	What was mined at the pre-historic site in Llandudno, now a tourist attraction “The Great Orme Mines”?	COPPER (accept MALACHITE)
1b	The Infinity Bridge and the Via Ferrata are experiences that can be undertaken at which Cumbrian tourist attraction?	HONISTER SLATE MINE
2a	Which British artist, whose father was a miner, spent a week underground during the Second World War making sketches of miners at work?	Henry MOORE
2b	The Mining Art Gallery is in which historic town, situated at the confluence of the Rivers Wear and Gaunless in County Durham?	BISHOP AUCKLAND
3a	At what kind of fantastical mines did Ken Dodd's Diddy Men work in Knotty Ash?	JAM BUTTY mines
3b	Who wrote the television drama <i>The Price of Coal</i> which was directed by Ken Loach in 1977? He also wrote the novel <i>Kes</i> .	Barry HINES
4a	Which alliterative actress played the country music singer Loretta Lynn in the 1980 film <i>Coal Miner's Daughter</i> ?	Sissy SPACEK
4b	Which alliterative actor played the colliery band conductor Danny Ormondroyd in the 1996 film <i>Brassed Off</i> ?	Pete POSTLETHWAITE
	Spare: For a short time in the late 1870s, the artist Vincent Van Gogh worked as a lay preacher in the Borinage, a coal-mining region situated in which country?	BELGIUM

ROUND 8 GENERAL

1a	Which French Poet directed a film version of the fairy tale <i>The Beauty and the Beast</i> in 1946?	Jean COCTEAU
1b	Which former UK Poet Laureate wrote the 1938 crime novel <i>The Beast Must Die</i> under the pseudonym Nicholas Blake?	Cecil DAY-LEWIS
2a	In relation to the 1981 film <i>Raiders of the Lost Ark</i> , in which country is the ark found?	EGYPT
2b	The 1960s American science fiction TV series <i>Lost in Space</i> was inspired by which novel of 1812 written by Johann David Wyss?	THE SWISS FAMILY ROBINSON
3a	Peter Fluck and Roger Law created which TV puppet series?	SPITTING IMAGE
3b	Which British comedy entertainer had a puppet called <i>Spit the Dog</i> ?	Bob CAROLGEES
4a	The Klondike Gold Rush of 1896-1899 took place in which Canadian Territory?	YUKON
4b	In 1896 which cricket team scored the highest ever single innings total of 887 in the County Championships?	YORKSHIRE
	Spare: According to an ancient Greek moral story what was suspended by a single hair from a horse's tail, symbolising that great fortune can often come with constant, imminent threat?	SWORD OF DAMOCLES