

LANCASTER CITY QUIZ LEAGUE

QUESTIONS SET BY SILVERDALE HOTEL

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

ROUND 1 GEOGRAPHICAL EXTREMES

- 1a What is the most northerly capital city (of a sovereign state) in the world? **REYKJAVIK**
- 1b What is the most southerly capital city (of a sovereign state) in the world? **WELLINGTON**
- 2a What is the highest mountain in Antarctica? **MOUNT VINSON**
- 2b Mount Kosciuszko is the highest mountain in which country? **AUSTRALIA**
- 3a Which country is, on average, the wettest place in the world? **INDIA** (Mawsynram)
- 3b Which is the world's driest desert, parts of which have never recorded rain? **ATACAMA**
- 4a Of which underwater feature is Challenger Deep the deepest point in the world? **MARIANA TRENCH**
- 4b The hottest temperature ever recorded (56.7 degree C), was in which US desert area, generally regarded as the hottest place on earth? **DEATH VALLEY**
- Spare: Which is the most populous capital city (not city region) in the world? **BEIJING**

ROUND 2 THE NATURAL WORLD

- 1a As well as being a dog, pugs are what type of UK creature? **MOTHS**
- 1b Harlequins are an alien species of which insect, expanding in UK? **LADYBIRDS**
- 2a Which large raptor is currently being re-introduced to the Isle of Wight?
WHITE TAILED (or SEA) EAGLE
- 2b Which member of the Grouse family was re-introduced to Scotland in the nineteenth century?
CAPERCAILLIE
- 3a Which umbelliferous plant, introduced into UK by the Victorians, can grow to 4 metres (13 feet) and features in the title of a song by Genesis? **GIANT HOGWEED**
- 3b Which UK mushroom *Boletus edulis*, highly prized in restaurants is also known as Porcini or Penny Bun? The **CEP**
- 4a Which class of animals does a herpetologist study? **REPTILES**
- 4b What class of animals does an ichthyologist study? **FISH**
- Spare: What do you call the home of an otter? A **HOLT**

ROUND 3 GENERAL ...but answers based on the Billy Joel song “We didn’t Start the Fire”

- 1a Joe DiMaggio signed a record-breaking \$100,000 contract with which baseball team in February 1949? **NEW YORK YANKEES**
- 1b Who defeated Jersey Joe Walcott to become World Heavyweight Boxing Champion in September 1952? **MARCIANO**
- 2a Which star of East of Eden was killed in a car accident in 1955? **JAMES DEAN**
- 2b Which horror film was based on a novel by Robert Bloch, released in 1960? **PSYCHO**
- 3a Where in Korea was the location for peace talks at the end of Korean War? **PANMUNJOM**
- 3b In what year was the Berlin Wall erected separating East & West Berlin? **1961**
- 4a Who succeeded Josif Stalin as leader of Soviet Union in 1953? Georgy **MALENKOV**
- 4b Who became Prime Minister of Israel in 1977 and went on to negotiate The Camp David accords with the President of Egypt? Menachem **BEGIN**
- Spare: Who was the pilot of the US spy plane shot down in the Soviet Union in 1960? Gary **POWERS**

ROUND 4 LITERATURE

- 1a What is being referred to in this quote from Samuel Johnson: “A grain, which in England is generally fed to horses, but in Scotland supports the people”? **OATS**
- 1b Who wrote: “Imperialism is the Monopoly stage of capitalism”? **LENIN**
- 2a Name either of the joint winners of the 2019 Booker Prize. **Bernardine EVARISTO**
Margaret ATWOOD
- 2b How many Harry Potter books were originally published? **7 (Seven)**
- 3a Who wrote the Brothers Karamazov? **Fyodor DOSTOEVSKY**
- 3b The Cherry Orchard is maybe the best-known play by which author? **Anton CHEKHOV**
- 4a Who was the Poet Laureate from 1984 to 1998? **Ted HUGHES**
- 4b Who won the Nobel Prize for literature in 1953? **Winston CHURCHILL**
- Spare: Who is the author of the Iliad? **HOMER**

ROUND 5 CULTURAL BRITAIN

At a time when foreign travel is a distant hope we should concentrate on the cultural attractions of this wonderful country.

- 1a In which cathedral will you find a memorial to Jane Austen? **WINCHESTER**
- 1b In which cathedral is there a shrine to St. Cuthbert? **DURHAM**
- 2a Which artist is associated with Dedham Vale? John **CONSTABLE**
- 2b Which composer is associated with the Worcester area? Edward **ELGAR**

- 3a** Name the stone circle in Wiltshire, larger in size than Stonehenge. **AVEBURY**
- 3b** Name the castle in Cornwall linked to the legend of King Arthur. **TINTAGEL**
- 4a** What are the two famous formations of basalt columns facing across The Irish Sea linked by an historic volcanic eruption and a legend of two opposing figures in Irish mythology?
GIANTS CAUSEWAY& STAFFA (Accept **Fingal's Cave**)
- 4b** Which is England's newest National Park? **SOUTH DOWNS**
- Spares:** What is the highest mountain in South Wales? **PEN-Y-FAN**

ROUND 6 THE FINAL FRONTIER

- 1a** Eugene Cernan and Harrison Scmitt were the last 2 men to walk on the Moon. What was the number of their Apollo mission? **XVII (17)**
- 1b** What was the name of the first man-made object to orbit the Earth? **SPUTNIK 1**
- 2a** Who was the US astronaut who used an 8-iron fitted on a lunar sampling device to hit 3 golf balls on the moon's surface? **ALAN SHEPARD**
- 2b** Who was the captain of the ill-fated Apollo 13 who uttered those famous words; "Houston we have a problem"? **JIM LOVELL**
- 3a** Betelgeuse is the brightest star seen in which constellation? **ORION**
- 3b** The largest moon in the Solar System orbits Jupiter and is named after a Trojan boy. What is its name? **GANYMEDE**
- 4a** Most stars generate power by nuclear fusion converting hydrogen to what? **HELIUM**
- 4b** To the nearest minute how long does it take the light from the Sun to reach Earth? 8.27 **(8 or 9)**

Spare: For what does the acronym NASA stand?
NATIONAL AERONAUTICS & SPACE ADMINISTRATION

ROUND 7 REMEMBER EUROPE

- 1a** In which German city can you visit Beethoven's childhood home? **BONN**
- 1b** In which German cathedral is the (alleged) tomb of The Three Kings (Wise Men)?
COLOGNE
- 2a** Pompeii was one of the two cities destroyed by Vesuvius in 79AD what was the other one?
HERCULANEUM
- 2b** In which Italian city is the Palio horse race run? **SIENA**
- 3a** The Generalife Gardens are part of a fortress in which Spanish city? **GRANADA**
- 3b** What is the town in northern Spain at the end of a much-walked pilgrimage route?
SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA
- 4a** In which town in southern France did Van Gogh live for two years after leaving Paris? **ARLES**

4b In which Norman city would you find the tomb of William The Conqueror? **CAEN**

Spare: In which museum would you find Rembrandt's "Night Watch"? **RIJKSMUSEUM**

ROUND 8 GENERAL

1a Who had a hit in 1992 with the song "Man on the Moon"? **REM**

1b Who had a hit in 1965 with the song "Everyone's Gone to the Moon"? **JONATHAN KING**

2a The red to scarlet mineral cinnabar is the ore of which metallic element? **MERCURY**

2b Galena is a silvery grey ore of which common metallic element? **LEAD**

3a What was the date of The Easter Rising when Irish Republicans proclaimed Irish independence? **1916**

3b Trygvie Lie was appointed first UN Secretary General in what year? **1946**

4a Which BBC presenter recently signed off their radio show saying "it's been a privilege being part of your Saturday mornings" before leaving for Virgin Radio? **GRAHAM NORTON**

4b Which presenter left the BBC radio show "Woman's Hour" just 3 months after its long-time main presenter, Jenny Murray? **JANE GARVEY**

Spare: Sterling silver is 92.5% silver, which other metal typically makes up the remaining 7.5%? **COPPER**