

2017–18 Season: Week 11 – 30 January 2018

All questions set by the Dolphin.

Specialist Rounds

The Specialist rounds are:

Geography

Science and Nature

Arts and Entertainment

Obit 2017

History

Law and disorder

Sport

Food and Drink

Round 1: Geography

1	What is the capital of the Austrian federal state of Tyrol?
	Innsbruck
2	Delphi, famous as the sanctuary of the Pythian oracle in ancient times, lies on the slopes of which mountain?
	Mount Parnassus
3	The River Lena, the eleventh longest river in the world, flows into which ocean?
	The Arctic Ocean
4	In which city is the Robert Gordon University located?
	Aberdeen
5	In which city is Anglia Ruskin University located?
	Cambridge
6	The Alfred Beit road bridge, which links South Africa with Zimbabwe, crosses which river?
	The Limpopo
7	What are the Aventine, Caelian (pronounced <i>Seelian</i>), Capitoline, Esquiline, Palatine, Quirinal and Viminal?
	The seven hills of Rome
8	Which Spanish city is home to the July St. Fermin Festival, best known for the <i>encierro</i> , or running of the bulls?
	Pamplona

Supplementaries:

1	Denali, the highest mountain in North America, lies in which US state?
	Alaska (formerly known as Mt. McKinley)
2	On which river does the Portuguese city of Porto stand?
	The River Douro

Round 2: Science & Nature

1	The bongo (tragelaphus eurycerus) is a species of which genus of mammals?
	Antelopes
2	Which English logician gave his name to diagrams of mathematical sets, in which intersecting areas denote elements that are common to the sets represented?
	John Venn (Venn diagrams)
3	In the history of paleontology and evolution, what is the significance of the fossil Archeopteryx – first discovered in Germany in 1861?
	It was regarded as the earliest bird , so important in the evolution of birds. (Other, earlier species have been found in recent years in China)
4	Paresthesia – usually experienced temporarily after prolonged periods of immobility, but occasionally a symptom of more serious neurological problems – is more commonly known by what name?
	Pins and needles
5	In physics what elementary particle has a name derived from the Greek for light, first used by the physical chemist Gilbert Lewis in 1926?
	Photon
6	The furcula is a bony structure formed by the fusion of the clavicles in birds, to which the flight muscles are attached. How is it commonly known?
	The wishbone
7	QM read this slowly, please. In Maths, what term is defined as a set of all points whose location satisfies or is determined by one or more specific conditions? (Eg a circle is the set of all points at a given distance from a fixed point, ie the centre).
	Locus
8	The bonobo (pan paniscus) is a species of which genus of mammal?
	Chimpanzees

Supplementaries:

1	What name is given to the gold–mercury amalgam which used to be applied as a decorative gilding to clocks and ornaments?
	Ormolu
2	What is the SI unit of thermodynamic temperature?
	Kelvin

Round 3: Arts & Entertainment

1	Who was the only American member of the Monty Python comedy team?
	Terry Gilliam
2	In Hans Holbein's painting "The Ambassadors", what heavily distorted object takes up much of the lower foreground of the picture? It can only be seen clearly by being viewed from high on the right or low on the left.
	A skull
3	In which novel of 1894 does the pig farmer's daughter, Arabella Donn, start her seduction of the eponymous protagonist by throwing the unmentionable part of a pig at him?
	Jude the Obscure , by Thomas Hardy
4	In 1933 Charles Laughton won the Best Actor Oscar for which eponymous historical role?
	King Henry VIII (in <i>The Private Life of Henry VIII</i>)
5	In 1948 Laurence Olivier won the Best Actor Oscar for which eponymous Shakespearean role?
	Hamlet
6	In which novel of 1958, a black comedy, does James Wormold, a vacuum cleaner salesman living in Cuba, take on a second job as a spy for MI6, to help pay for the demands of his extravagant daughter?
	Our Man in Havana , by Graham Greene
7	In René Magritte's painting <i>Time Transfixed</i> , what can be seen emerging from a fireplace, underneath a mantelpiece on which stands a clock and two candles?
	A railway locomotive (in full steam)
8	Who is Alexander Armstrong's 'Pointless Friend'?
	Richard Osman

Supplementaries:

1	In the 1960 film "Butterfield 8", starring Elizabeth Taylor, what is the significance of the title?
	It refers to the protagonist's telephone exchange name
2	Who wrote the poem which begins "Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness"?
	John Keats (Ode to Autumn)

Round 4: Obit 2017

All the people in this round died in 2017.

1	This US actress and producer first found fame on the Dick van Dyke Show, before starring in her own self-titled show in the 1970s. Her sitcom was named by Time Magazine as one of 17 programmes that changed TV.
	Mary Tyler Moore
2	This British high-profile Public Relations specialist represented often controversial figures such as O.J. Simpson, Jade Goody and Simon Cowell, and created the famous headline "Freddie Starr ate my hamster", before falling from grace as a result of sex offence charges. He died in prison.
	Max Clifford
3	This Labour MP was a Government minister in the 1970s, later writing a book entitled "How to be a Minister". Father of the House from 2015, at the time of his death in February he was MP for Gorton.
	Gerald Kaufman
4	Regarded by director David Lynch as "simply the greatest actor in the world", this British actor had a distinguished career in film and TV. Among his notable roles were Timothy Evans in "10 Rillington Place", Caligula in "I, Claudius", John Merrick in "The Elephant Man" and Quentin Crisp in "The Naked Civil Servant".
	John Hurt
5	This TV personality was the longest-serving presenter of the Children's programme Blue Peter; noted for his frequent instruction to the show's pet dog, "Get down Shep".
	John Noakes
6	This former IRA commander became one of the architects of the Good Friday Agreement, and later Deputy First Minister in the Northern Ireland power-sharing government.
	Martin McGuinness
7	This British Science Fiction writer, author of the Helliconia Trilogy, provided the basis for the Steven Spielberg film "A.I. Artificial Intelligence". In 2000 he was named a Grand Master by the Science Fiction Writers of America.
	Brian Aldiss
8	This veteran actor was the only member of the "Last of the summer Wine" cast to appear in every episode, having the final line in the last episode in 2010. He was also the voice of Wallace in the "Wallace & Gromit" animated films.
	Peter Sallis

Supplementaries:

1	This model and showgirl was the central figure in the Profumo Scandal of 1963, which rocked the government of Harold MacMillan.
	Christine Keeler
2	This British actor and broadcaster was known for his role as Dr. Anderson in the TV soap "Emergency Ward 10", but is now best known for his weekly evening show on BBC Radio 2, "The Music goes round", which ran from 1981 to 2016.
	Desmond Carrington

Round 5: History

1	Who was emperor at the time of the Roman invasion of Britain in 43 AD?
	Claudius
2	Which powerful 14 th century royal prince, although never king himself, was father to a king of England, a queen of Portugal and a queen of Castile; additionally, all Scottish monarchs from 1437 on were also descended from him?
	John of Gaunt. (The royal children were Henry IV of England, Queen Philippa of Portugal and Queen Catherine of Castile)
3	In 16 th and 17 th century France, who were known as Huguenots?
	Protestants
4	During the short-lived Easter Rising in Dublin in 1916, in which public building did the nationalist rebels establish their headquarters?
	The General Post Office (on Sackville Street, now O'Connell Street)
5	Who, in 1911, was declared the first president of the Republic of China, after the overthrow of the imperial government?
	Sun Yat Sen
6	After the death of Alexander the Great in 323 BC, which of his generals took control of Egypt, establishing a ruling dynasty there?
	Ptolemy I, Soter. (Accept Ptolemy)
7	In 17 th and 18 th century London, Garraway's, Jonathan's and Lloyd's were all famous what?
	Coffee houses
8	Which organisation was founded in Pulaski, Tennessee, in 1866, by six former officers of the Confederate Army? Its name appears to be derived from the Greek word for circle.
	Ku Klux Klan

Supplementaries:

1	Where, in 1513, did King James IV of Scotland die?
	Flodden Field
2	The ancient Greek historian Thucydides wrote an account of which war, in which he was a participant?
	The Peloponnesian War

Round 6: Law & Disorder

1	Which crime-fighting organisation was established in the 1750s by novelist Henry Fielding and his brother John?
	The Bow Street Runners
2	Who was arrested in 1910 as a result of a radio message from the SS Montrose?
	H. H. Crippen
3	In which building in Polstead, Suffolk, was Maria Marten murdered by her lover in 1827?
	The Red Barn
4	For what crime was former Conservative minister Jonathan Aitken imprisoned in 1999?
	Perjury
5	In the 7 th century BC, which Athenian law-giver introduced a system of law which was so harsh that his name has become a by-word for cruelly severe laws?
	Draco (hence the adjective draconian)
6	Which gangster was shot and killed by the FBI outside the Biograph Theatre, Chicago, Illinois, in 1934?
	John Dillinger
7	In 1671, what dramatic crime did the self-styled "Colonel" Thomas Blood attempt, for which he was surprisingly pardoned by King Charles II?
	The theft of the Crown Jewels
8	Which young lawyer made his name, and launched a long and distinguished career as a lawyer and politician, when he successfully defended Sextus Roscius, a man accused of murdering his own father, in 80 BC?
	Marcus Tullius Cicero (accept Cicero)

Supplementaries:

1	Middle Temple, Inner Temple and Lincoln's Inn are three of the Inns of Court; what is the fourth?
	Gray's Inn
2	Who is the current Secretary of State for Justice?
	David Gauke

Round 7: Sport

1	At which cricket ground in December did Alastair Cooke hit his 244 not out on the Ashes tour?
	Melbourne Cricket Ground
2	How did Leicester City's Kelechi Iheanacho make football history this month?
	He was the first player in England to be awarded a goal as a result of a review by the Video Aided Referee (VAR) , (FA Cup match, Leicester v Fleetwood, 16 th Jan)
3	What new rugby union club was created by the merger of the Neath and Swansea Rugby Clubs in 2003?
	Ospreys
4	In which sport do contestants compete for the Paul Hunter Cup?
	Snooker . (It is the new name for the Masters Trophy, renamed in honour of the former 3-time winner, who died of cancer in 2006)
5	Which England Women's international footballer brought the allegations of racial abuse which led to the sacking of Mark Sampson as England manager?
	Eniola Aluko
6	On which links course will the 2018 British Open Golf Championship be held?
	Carnoustie
7	The trainer Ginger McCain won the Grand National three times with Red Rum, and once more with which horse, in 2004?
	Amberleigh House
8	The Scarlets Rugby Union Club are based in which Welsh town?
	Llanelli

Supplementaries:

1	Who is the current British Heavyweight Boxing Champion?
	Sam Sexton
2	Which men's tennis tournament, won five times by Andy Murray, is regarded as the warm-up tournament for Wimbledon?
	The Queen's Club Championship. (Accept Aegon Championship in deference to the current sponsors)

Round 8: Food & Drink

1	What is a Dorset Knob?
	A biscuit
2	Which herb is an essential ingredient in the Italian cooking sauce Pesto?
	Basil
3	Invented at Harry's Bar in Venice, which cocktail is a mixture of prosecco and peach purée?
	Bellini
4	What type of soup has a name derived from a Tamil word meaning "pepper water"?
	Mulligatawny
5	Which type of wheat, with a name derived from the Latin for "hard", is mainly used to make pasta?
	Durum wheat
6	Crowned supreme champion in 2017 by an international body, Cornish Kern is what type of foodstuff?
	Cheese
7	In a Spanish restaurant, what would you get if you ordered Pulpo?
	Octopus
8	Mirabelle Brandy, or eau de vie, a speciality of Alsace, is distilled from which fruit?
	Plum

Supplementaries:

1	Toledo in Spain and Lübeck in Germany are famous for, among other things, which kind of sweet foodstuff?
	Marzipan
2	What type of fruit is a kumquat?
	A very small orange ; accept citrus fruit



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General Knowledge

1	What is scrimshaw?
	Carving or engraving done on bone (normally of marine animals, whales, walruses, etc.)
2	Whales fall into two types; one type is the toothed whales, what is the other?
	Baleen whales
3	The Feast of Tabernacles is celebrated by followers of which religion?
	Judaism (accept Jews)
4	At which battle of 1403 did Henry IV defeat a rebellion led by Henry Percy (Hotspur) and his uncle Thomas? During the battle the Prince of Wales, the future Henry V, was seriously wounded with an arrow in the face.
	Shrewsbury
5	In the film <i>Mr. Turner</i> , who played the artist J. M. W. Turner?
	Timothy Spall
6	In which country did the Boxer Rebellion take place in 1900?
	China
7	The protagonist of 24 novels and a number of short stories, (some adapted as TV drama series) who is the best –known fictional detective created by the author Ruth Rendell?
	Detective Chief Inspector Reginald Wexford
8	Which architect designed St. Alban's Catholic church in Macclesfield?
	Augustus Welby Pugin
9	Who defeated and captured King Henry III at the Battle of Lewes in 1264?
	Simon de Montfort
10	In which English town would you find a statue of Laurel and Hardy?
	Ulverston (Stan Laurel's home town)
11	<i>The Soldier's Song</i> is the national anthem of which country?
	Ireland (Republic of)
12	Originally running for three series between 1999 and 2002, which bizarre comedy series was resurrected by the BBC for three episodes in December, 2017?
	The League of Gentlemen
13	Which is the only county in Ireland whose name begins with the letter O?
	Offaly
14	What kind of detective is Ace Ventura?
	Pet Detective
15	Occitan (pronounced <i>Ossitan</i>) is a language that was once widely spoken in which European country?
	France (accept also Spain and Italy)
16	With its original advertising slogan being "Stronger than dirt", which cleaning product, launched in 1947, shares its name with a hero of Greek mythology?
	Ajax



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17	Christian name and surname required: Greer Garson, Keira Knightly and Lily James have all played which Jane Austen character on the big screen?
	Elizabeth Bennett
18	What kind of creature is Soohorang, the mascot of the 2018 Winter Olympics to be held in Pyeong Chang, South Korea?
	A white tiger (accept tiger)
19	Which former professional footballer has recently been elected to follow Ellen Johnson Sirleaf as president of Liberia?
	George Weah
20	How did Carrie Gracie make the news at the end of the year?
	She was the BBC China editor who resigned over the issue of pay discrimination between men and women
21	Nonatus House is a central location in which popular TV series?
	Call the Midwife
22	A feature of life in colonial India, what is an Ayah?
	A nanny
23	A 1956 headline in the magazine <i>Variety</i> read "Egghead weds Hourglass". Name either of the parties to that ill-fated marriage.
	Arthur Miller and Marilyn Monroe
24	Which month of the year is referred to in the opening lines of both Chaucer's <i>Canterbury Tales</i> and T.S. Eliot's <i>The Waste Land</i> ?
	April
25	Not counting the Vatican City, name either of the two European national capital cities closest to each other.
	Vienna and Bratislava
26	The jazz musician Stephane Grapelli was a virtuoso on which instrument?
	The violin
27	Mary Anning was a pioneer in which branch of science?
	Palaeontology (accept the study of fossils or similar)
28	Who, in the subtitle of a novel of 1818, is referred to as "the modern Prometheus"?
	Viktor Frankenstein
29	Nicholas Maduro is the controversial president of which South American country?
	Venezuela
30	Garrod & Lofthouse was a British printing company based in Caterham, Surrey. Between the 1960s and the 1980s they were noted for printing millions of which kind of product?
	Long playing record sleeves
31	When the actor Kevin Spacey was dropped from the role of John Paul Getty in the recent film <i>All the Money in the World</i> , which actor took his place?
	Christopher Plummer
32	Which river marks the division between 'Men of Kent' and 'Kentish Men'?
	The River Medway



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33	Which Elvis Presley song was sung to the tune of the popular Italian song <i>O Sole Mio</i> ?
	It's Now or Never
34	Who in the Bible wrestled with an angel?
	Jacob (after which he was given the new name Israel , which is acceptable)
35	What is a valetudinarian?
	A hypochondriac ; someone excessively concerned about their health
36	Which city, sometimes referred to as "the cradle of the automobile", is the capital of the German Federal State of Baden-Württemberg?
	Stuttgart
37	What name is given to the verbatim report of the proceedings of Parliament, from the family that used to have the job of publishing them?
	Hansard
38	In clothing: batwing, dolman, leg o' mutton and raglan are all types of what?
	Sleeve
39	The movement entitled <i>The Swan</i> , from Saint-Saens' <i>The Carnival of the Animals</i> , features which solo instrument?
	The cello
40	The Orwell Prize, based at University College, London, is a literary prize for what genre of writing?
	Political writing
41	What kind of creature is Zabivaka, the mascot of the 2018 football world cup in Russia?
	A wolf
42	What was the distinctive feature of the military units in the 19 th century US army known as Buffalo Soldiers?
	They were black
43	What appeared on the front page of <i>The Times</i> for the first time in 1966?
	News (previously the page was devoted to advertising)
44	2016's EU referendum question offered voters only two options, in or out. What <i>three</i> options were proposed by the Monster Raving Loony Party?
	In, out or shake it all about
45	As well as being a distinguished film director, Woody Allen is a noted jazz musician, playing which instrument?
	Clarinet
46	<i>The Brabançonne</i> is the national anthem of which country?
	Belgium
47	In which country did the Satsuma Rebellion take place in 1877?
	Japan
48	On Granby Row in Manchester there is a giant wooden statue of a bottle of fruit drink, surrounded by the fruits and spices which go into its manufacture. Which fruit drink?
	Vimto



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49	An arctophile is a collector of what?
	Teddy bears
50	If, according to the saying, to err is human, to do what is divine?
	To forgive
51	Which 19 th century poet wrote <i>The Windhover</i> , a poem dedicated to Christ our Lord?
	Gerard Manley Hopkins
52	The well-known Wedding March by Mendelssohn is part of the incidental music to which play?
	A Midsummer Night's Dream
53	If you suffered from Bromodosis why might other people find your company a bit unpleasant?
	Bromodosis is the medical term for smelly feet
54	With the exception of the Vatican City, name either of the two capital cities which are the closest to each other in the world?
	Kinshasa and Brazzaville
55	In which British city would you find a statue of Desperate Dan?
	Dundee (home to the D. C. Thomson company which publishes the Dandy and the Beano, among others)
56	In a critics' poll, which BBC documentary series was voted the best TV programme of 2017?
	Blue Planet 2
57	The founder, chairman and chief executive of Amazon surpassed Bill Gates in 2017 to become the world's richest man. Who is he?
	Geoff Bezos
58	Which 1950s comic character was described as "Pilot of the Future"?
	Dan Dare
59	What is the name of the seaside house on the Isle of Wight built by Prince Albert as a family home?
	Osborne House
60	Which playwright is one of the two central figures in the film <i>The Lady in the Van</i> ?
	Alan Bennett
61	Sir John Houblon was the first governor of which very important national institution, founded in 1694?
	The Bank of England
62	Which famous, pipe-smoking, literary detective has been portrayed on TV by Rupert Davies, Michael Gambon and, most recently, Rowan Atkinson?
	Maigret
63	Which League Two Football club plays its home matches at the New Lawn Stadium, Nailsworth, in Gloucestershire?
	Forest Green
64	Which musician, a composer, arranger and record producer, is sometimes referred to as "the Fifth Beatle" because of his extensive involvement with the original Beatles albums?
	Sir George Martin



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65	In 1983 Sarah-Jane Hutt was the last British woman to win which title?
	Miss World
66	Thanks to films such as <i>Daddy's Home 2</i> and <i>Transformer: the Last Knight</i> , who did <i>Forbes Magazine</i> name as the highest paid actor in the 12 months to August, 2017?
	Mark Wahlberg (\$68 million pre-tax "pre what?")
67	By what name do we know the lake which the Germans call the Bodensee?
	Lake Constance
68	The people formerly known as Eskimos are now known by their native name, Inuit. By what name are the Lapps now known?
	Sami
69	Founded in 2007 by James Park and Eric Friedman, which company, known for products of the same name, produces wireless-enabled wearable devices that measure data such as the number of steps walked, heart rate, quality of sleep, etc?
	Fitbit
70	Portraying a character who first appeared in <i>Pulp Fiction</i> , which actor plays Winston Wolfe in the series of TV adverts for Direct Line Insurance?
	Harvey Keitel
71	Which Apollo mission was the first to land astronauts on the moon?
	Apollo 11
72	In which sport is Samantha Quek an English and British international?
	Hockey
73	Winner of the Royal Television Society Award for Best Drama Series, which police procedural TV drama, first broadcast in June 2012, was created by Jed Mercurio?
	Line of Duty
74	Which is the only county in Ireland whose name begins with the letter S?
	Sligo
75	The Hugo Awards are given for outstanding writing in which genre?
	Science Fiction
76	Spencer Silver and Art Fry were co-inventors of which stationery product, launched unsuccessfully as 'Press 'n Peel' in 1977, before being renamed and re-launched in 1979?
	Post-it notes
77	Translated into English as 'wind-water', what is the name of the Chinese philosophical system of harmonising everything with the surrounding environment?
	Feng Shui
78	How many atoms are there in a single molecule of sulphuric acid?
	7 (H ₂ SO ₄)
79	The next Chinese New Year, which starts on 16 th February, will be the year of which animal?
	The dog
80	What is Zakat, one of the five basic requirements of Islam?
	Alms-giving or charitable giving



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81	Who is the author of the fantasy prequel <i>The Book of Dust: Book 1, La Belle Sauvage</i> ?
	Philip Pullman
82	What is the fifth letter of the Greek alphabet?
	Epsilon
83	The British engineering company GKN, whose history goes back to 1759, was in the news recently following an attempted takeover. Give any of the three names indicated by the initials GKN.
	Guest, Keen and Nettlefold
84	As of 24 th January, who is the US Secretary of State?
	Rex Tillerson
85	Shirley, Villette and the Professor are three of the four novels of a noted Victorian novelist. What is the fourth?
	Jane Eyre (the novelist is Charlotte Bronte)
86	Which political party was founded in 1993 by Alan Sked and other members of the cross-party Anti-Federalist League?
	UKIP
87	In which county is Stansted Airport?
	Essex
88	What is the name of the part of a bell-rope that has coloured wool woven into it to provide a padded grip for the bell-ringer's hands?
	The sally
89	How did Sarah Mullally make the news headlines in December, 2017?
	She was appointed Bishop of London
90	According to the novel by Daniel Defoe, in which city was Robinson Crusoe born?
	York
91	Which character in children's cinema has the catchphrase "to Infinity and Beyond"?
	Buzz Lightyear
92	The pair of stars known as the pointers, which help you find the North Star, is to be found in which constellation?
	Ursa Major , or the Great Bear ; also accept The Plough , or even the Big Dipper or Charles's Wain
93	In which book of the Bible would you find the story of Samson and Delilah?
	Judges
94	Established in 1802 by Napoleon Bonaparte, what is the name of France's highest award for military and civil merit?
	Legion d'Honneur
95	What does the abbreviated Latin term <i>pro tem</i> mean?
	For the time being
96	In the 2014 Biblical epic <i>Noah</i> , who played the title character?
	Russell Crowe

Supplementaries:

1	Who won the 2017 British Open Snooker Championship in December?
	Ronnie O'Sullivan
2	The aria <i>Your Tiny Hand is Frozen (che gelida manina)</i> comes from which Puccini opera?
	La Bohème
3	The moons of Uranus are named after characters in the works of two famous English writers. One is Shakespeare, who is the other?
	Alexander Pope
4	Which gas, discovered in 1771 by the Swedish pharmacist, C. W. Scheele, was initially given the name fire air?
	Oxygen
5	In the historical novel <i>The White Queen</i> , by Philippa Gregory – subsequently made into a TV series – who was the White Queen?
	Elizabeth Woodville (Edward IV's queen)
6	Who, as of 20 th January, and barring further unwelcome disclosures, is the Leader of the House of Commons?
	Andrea Leadsom