

2023–4 Season: Week 3 – 21 November 2023

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Round 1: Geography

1	In which county is Ireland's northernmost point?
	Donegal
2	What's the most southerly point on mainland Britain?
	Lizard Point
3	Which European capital city stands on 14 islands?
	Stockholm
4	Which European capital city stands on the Vltava River?
	Prague
5	What body of water separates the Orkney Islands from the Scottish mainland?
	The Pentland Firth
6	What body of water separates Tasmania from the Australian mainland?
	The Bass Strait
7	Cagliari is the largest town on which Mediterranean island?
	Sardinia
8	Colombo is the capital of which island country?
	Sri Lanka

Supplementaries:

1	The inlet known as the Golden Horn forms the harbour of which city – the largest in its country?
	Istanbul
2	In which country is the most easterly point of mainland Africa?
	Somalia

Round 2: History (Herstory)

A round about women in history.

1	Which young Scotswoman risked her life to save Prince Charles Edward Stuart after his defeat at Culloden?
	Flora MacDonald
2	Which star of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show has been described as America's first female superstar?
	Annie Oakley
3	Which mathematician, the daughter of Lord Byron, worked closely with Charles Babbage and is often considered to have been the first computer programmer?
	Ada Lovelace
4	Which scientist's crystallography work was central to the discovery of the molecular structure of DNA, but went largely unrecognised in her lifetime?
	Rosalind Franklin
5	Who was married to Edward IV and is referred to as the White Queen in a Philippa Gregory novel about her life?
	Elizabeth Woodville
6	Who was beheaded at Fotheringhay Castle in Northamptonshire in February 1587?
	Mary Queen of Scots
7	Born Araminta Ross around 1822, which social activist escaped slavery and worked for the Union Army in the American Civil War?
	Harriet Tubman
8	Born in Lyme Regis in 1799, Mary Anning was a pioneer in what field?
	Palaeontology (accept fossils)

Supplementaries:

1	Anne Neville was the wife of which English king?
	Richard III
2	In what industry did an 1888 strike by women in east London lead to the formation of what was then the largest union of women in the country?
	Match making

Round 3: Arts & Entertainment: famous first words

Given the first words of a novel, play, etc., simply name the work in question.

1	Play: If music be the food of love, play on.
	Twelfth Night
2	Novel: Whether I turn out to be the hero of my own life, or whether that station will be held by anybody else, these pages will show.
	David Copperfield
3	Song: I don't wanna talk about things we've gone through.
	The Winner Takes It All
4	Poem: April is the cruellest month, breeding lilacs out of the dead land.
	The Waste Land
5	Poem: Hail to thee, blithe spirit! Bird thou never wert.
	To a skylark
6	TV programme theme: I would like to leave this city, this old town don't smell too pretty. (Note: we are asking for the TV programme, not the song.)
	The Royle Family
7	Film: It was the summer of 1963, when everybody called me Baby and it didn't occur to me to mind.
	Dirty Dancing
8	Musical: There's a bright golden haze on the meadow.
	Oklahoma

Supplementaries:

1	Film: As far back as I can remember, I always wanted to be a gangster.
	Goodfellas
2	Film: Whenever I get gloomy with the state of the world, I think about the Arrivals gate at Heathrow Airport.
	Love Actually

Round 4: Science

1	In physics, what is defined as the ability to store an electric charge?
	Capacitance
2	What name is given to the complex of enzymes produced in the stomachs of ruminant mammals, which are used in the production of most cheeses?
	Rennet
3	Hydrophobia is an alternative name for, or a symptom of, which medical condition?
	Rabies
4	In which constellation is the Horsehead Nebula?
	Orion
5	What group of the Periodic Table takes its name from Greek words meaning salt producers?
	Halogens
6	In plants, the process of geotropism is a response to what force?
	Gravity
7	Insects have three main body parts: head, thorax, and which other?
	Abdomen
8	Retinol is another name for which vitamin?
	A1 (accept vitamin A)

Supplementaries:

1	What element is most commonly used for the vulcanisation of rubber?
	Sulphur
2	The process of galvanisation involves applying a coating of which element?
	Zinc

Round 5: Sport

1	In tennis, what is colloquially known as a bagel?
	A set that one player wins 6-0 (six love)
2	In baseball, which team won the so-called World Series for the first time in October this year?
	Texas Rangers
3	In which sport might you play a York round, a Hereford round, a St. George round or an Albion round?
	Archery
4	In which sport, an Olympic sport in 1900, are games won by the first team to score two peg points to bring their total to 14?
	Croquet
5	Who has held the women's 100m world record since 1988?
	Florence Griffith Joyner (accept Flo-Jo)
6	Who recently regained her place as the No. 1 ranked player in women's tennis (having previously held the title from April 2022 to September 2023)?
	Iga Świątek (pronounced <i>sviontek</i>)
7	Who is the only golfer to have held all four major championships at the same time?
	Tiger Woods
8	In cricket, which team won the Indian Premier League for the fifth time in 2023?
	Chennai Super Kings

Supplementaries:

1	How many teams are there in the current Formula One season?
	Ten
2	Which US state gives its name to the largest sports stadium in the western hemisphere – the home of the football team of the university of the same name?
	Michigan

Round 6: Assassinations

This round marks the 60th anniversary of the assassination of John F. Kennedy, which is tomorrow.

1	Abraham Lincoln's assassination in 1865 took place in which Washington theatre?
	Ford's Theatre
2	When John Hinckley was convicted of trying to assassinate Ronald Reagan, he claimed he was trying to impress which actress?
	Jodie Foster
3	Who wrote the music and lyrics for the musical <i>Assassins</i> , whose subject is the assassination of American presidents?
	Stephen Sondheim
4	Whose death by poisoning in AD 54 was allegedly instigated by his wife Agrippina?
	(Emperor) Claudius
5	In which city did the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, which contributed to the start of World War I, take place?
	Sarajevo
6	Who wrote the Booker prize winning novel <i>The Blind Assassin</i> ?
	Margaret Atwood
7	A famous 1793 painting by Jacques-Louis David (<i>daveed</i>) depicts the death of what historical figure in his bath, following his assassination?
	Jean-Paul Marat
8	Which revolutionary was shot by a Bolivian soldier on the 9th of October 1967?
	Che Guevara

Supplementaries:

1	Who wrote that "assassination is the extreme form of censorship"?
	George Bernard Shaw
2	In the 2007 film <i>The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford</i> , who played Jesse James?
	Brad Pitt

Round 7: Final Surnames

Each answer includes the surname of a member of England's team in the Final of the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup. One answer is a sound-alike.

1	Which former American president celebrated his 99 th birthday last month?
	Jimmy Carter (Jess Carter)
2	In <i>Doctor Who</i> , who played Graham O'Brien, an assistant to the thirteenth Doctor (played by Jodie Whittaker)?
	Bradley Walsh (Keira Walsh)
3	Who wrote in 1762, in <i>The Social Contract</i> , that "Man is born free, and everywhere he is in chains"?
	Jean-Jacques Rousseau (Alessia Russo)
4	Dick Dewy and Fancy Day are central characters in which novel by Thomas Hardy?
	Under the Greenwood Tree (Alex Greenwood)
5	Which archaeological period lasted approximately from 3300 BC to 1200 BC?
	The Bronze Age (Lucy Bronze)
6	Which song, written by Mike Batt for the animated film <i>Watership Down</i> , was the best-selling single of 1979 in the UK?
	Bright Eyes (Millie Bright)
7	Who opposed the Clantons and the McLaurys, in the Gunfight at the OK Corral (in 1881)?
	The Earps (Mary Earps – accept any answer that mentions the surname Earp)
8	China produces more than 70% of the world's supply, and France around 25%, of which natural product, used in the manufacture of rope?
	Hemp (Lauren Hemp)

Supplementaries:

1	Which ironically-named Welsh footballer played 300 League games for Tottenham Hotspur between 1962 and 1974, and managed the Welsh national team for eight years in the 1980s?
	Mike England (Bethany England – 87 th -minute substitute)
10	Which <i>Strictly Come Dancing</i> presenter was born in Stockport in 1969 and grew up in Birch Vale, near New Mills?
	Tess Daly (Rachel Daly)

Round 8: Name That Town

Name the person who shares their name with a British town or city. Surnames only are acceptable.

1	Lancastrian entertainer, deported from South Africa in 1946 after refusing to perform before an all-white audience.
	George Formby
2	Created Duke of Bronte by the King of Naples in 1799; married Fanny Nisbit in 1787 and died in 1805.
	Horatio (Lord) Nelson
3	First Earl of Leicester; a favourite of Queen Elizabeth I.
	Robert Dudley
4	Began acting while in prison for the murder of a German taxi driver while serving with the army; made his name in EastEnders.
	Leslie Grantham
5	Australian singer who died in 2022; her group enjoyed considerable chart success in the 1960s.
	Judith Durham
6	Leeds-born, best-selling novelist whose debut novel was <i>A Woman of Substance</i> , published in 1979.
	Barbara Taylor Bradford
7	Architect who gave his name to a prestigious award presented annually by the RIBA.
	James Stirling
8	Journalist, TV presenter and Labour party peer; her affair with Harold Pinter was the basis of his 1978 play <i>Betrayal</i> .
	Joan Bakewell

Supplementaries:

1	Actor who became Mayor of Carmel, California, in 1986.
	Clint Eastwood
2	Hollywood star who died in 1994 aged 80; nominated for an Oscar for his role in <i>From here to eternity</i> .
	Burt Lancaster

General Knowledge

1	Which song, composed in 1878, replaced <i>God Save the Queen</i> as the official national anthem of Australia in 1984?
	Advance Australia Fair
2	What name was given to Britain's loneliest sheep after it was recently rescued from the bottom of a Scottish cliff?
	Fiona
3	How is comic book villain Oswald Chesterfield Cobblepot better known?
	The Penguin
4	Which American president was born Leslie Lynch King before taking his stepfather's name?
	Gerald Ford
5	Europe's oldest university was founded in the year 1088, in which Italian city?
	Bologna
6	In World War II, what was the code name of the German invasion of the USSR?
	Barbarossa
7	Which layer of the Earth's atmosphere sits between the troposphere and the mesosphere?
	The stratosphere
8	Which car manufacturer is named after the French explorer who founded Detroit?
	Cadillac

9	Which England footballer has recently been awarded the Kopa trophy for the world's best player under 21?
	Jude Bellingham
10	Which country's national anthem is entitled <i>The Soldier's Song</i> ?
	Republic of Ireland
11	What middle name is or was shared by John Lennon and Gary Lineker?
	Winston
12	What was the name of the van driven by Scooby-Doo's gang?
	The Mystery Machine
13	Who has Bond girl Barbara Bach been married to since 1981?
	Ringo Starr
14	Apart from Russia, which country uses the rouble as its currency?
	Belarus
15	In literature, how are Valentine and Proteus jointly known?
	(The) Two Gentlemen of Verona
16	What's the largest object in our solar system, apart from the Sun and the planets?
	Ganymede (the largest moon of Jupiter)



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17	In which Arizona town did the Gunfight at the OK Corral take place?
	Tombstone
18	Which football team did Bobby Charlton manage between 1973 and 1975?
	Preston North End
19	The first recorded use of the word 'snob' dates from the late 18 th century, as a term for which type of craftsman?
	A cobbler or shoemaker
20	Which poet died of sepsis while on his way to Gallipoli in 1915?
	Rupert Brooke
21	The works of which artist, born on this day in 1898, include <i>The Treachery of Images</i> and <i>The Son of Man</i> ?
	René Magritte
22	Which famous person owns a fox red Labrador named Nova?
	Rishi Sunak
23	In which US state did the so-called Salem witch trials take place in the late 17 th century?
	Massachusetts
24	In which book did Frank McCourt first describe his unhappy Limerick childhood?
	Angela's Ashes
25	A tagline for which 1972 film was: "Four men ride a wild river. A weekend turns into a nightmare"?
	Deliverance
26	Who was the Surveyor General of India from 1830 to 1843?
	Sir George Everest
27	In which sport might you see a flying camel, an axel, a lutz or a salchow?
	Ice skating or figure skating
28	Which fashion store and company were founded in 1964 by Barbara Hulanicki?
	Biba
29	The cathedral of which French city, 50 miles south-west of Paris, is famous for its stained glass?
	Chartres
30	Which town in Kent gives its name to a type of warbler?
	Dartford
31	The artist Vanessa Bell was the sister of which famous novelist?
	Virginia Woolf
32	What natural feature connects Kabul in Afghanistan with Peshawar in Pakistan?
	The Khyber Pass



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33	The gallant and peerless Palmieri brothers are the title characters in which Gilbert & Sullivan opera?
	The Gondoliers
34	On what date is Trafalgar Day celebrated?
	The 21st of October
35	At the 2023 Oscars ceremony, who became the first Asian woman to win the Best Actress award?
	Michelle Yeoh
36	How many degrees of longitude equal one hour in time?
	15
37	"Once you pop, you can't stop" was the original slogan of which snack food?
	Pringles
38	In which city can you see Leonardo da Vinci's painting <i>The Last Supper</i> ?
	Milan
39	Which Oscar-winning actress founded the controversial wellness and lifestyle brand Goop?
	Gwyneth Paltrow
40	Who is currently Governor of the Bank of England?
	Andrew Bailey

41	Which former MP is the author of the recent book entitled <i>The Plot: the Political Assassination of Boris Johnson</i> ?
	Nadine Dorries
42	What was the nationality of the composer Jean (<i>jan</i>) Sibelius?
	Finnish
43	In what country was the Women's Institute founded in 1897?
	Canada
44	In pop music, how are the brothers Ron and Russell Mael better known?
	Sparks
45	Which architect asserted that "a house is a machine to live in"?
	Le Corbusier (accept Charles-Edouard Jeanneret)
46	What was investigated by the Leveson Inquiry, instigated by David Cameron?
	The practices and culture of the press (accept phone hacking)
47	What's the family seat of the Duke of Bedford?
	Woburn Abbey
48	A hagiographer (<i>hay-geographer</i>) writes about what type of people?
	Saints



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49	What name is traditionally given to the next full moon after the harvest moon?
	Hunter's moon
50	Which animated character has sisters named Patty and Selma? (both names required)
	Marge Simpson
51	Who was the front man of the punk band Generation X?
	Billy Idol
52	Who was appointed Guardian of Scotland after his role in defeating the English at the Battle of Stirling Bridge?
	William Wallace
53	Derived from the nickname of coach Brendon McCullum, what term has been invented to describe the positive style of play adopted by the England Test cricket team?
	Bazball
54	The works of which author, born on this day in 1932, include <i>The Bottle Factory Outing</i> and <i>Master Georgie</i> ?
	Beryl Bainbridge
55	Which supernatural creature is (or was) believed in Ireland to wail to foretell a death?
	The Banshee
56	What's the upper age limit for jury service in England and Wales?
	75 (raised from 70 in 2016)

57	What links cups, pentacles, swords and wands?
	They're the suits in a tarot pack
58	In which Ingmar Bergman movie does the central character play chess with Death?
	The Seventh Seal
59	Which TV personality who died in April was famously born in London Underground's Highgate station during the war?
	Jerry Springer
60	Andy Murray has recently split for the third time from which coach?
	Ivan Lendl
61	What's the only fish that has a prehensile tail?
	The seahorse
62	What was broadcaster James Alexander Gordon most famous for doing, between 1974 and 2013?
	Reading the classified football results
63	According to the Bible, which king of Israel was the son of David and Bathsheba?
	Solomon
64	Which British colony issued a famous set of triangular stamps in 1853?
	The Cape of Good Hope



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65	What's the capital of the Canadian province of British Columbia?
	Victoria
66	In standard UK Monopoly, how much does each station cost to buy?
	£200
67	Who was the Greek god of fire, volcanoes and blacksmiths?
	Hephaestus
68	Who plays the title role in the 2023 film <i>Barbie</i> ?
	Margot Robbie
69	Which actor, well known for a number of TV presenting roles, played Steven Taylor – a companion to the first Doctor Who?
	Peter Purves
70	A Kingdom Hall is a place of worship used by which Christian denomination?
	Jehovah's Witnesses
71	In what year did the first census take place in England and Wales?
	1801
72	A statue of which Hollywood legend stands in Millennium Square in his home city of Bristol?
	Cary Grant

73	Born in 1919, by what name did Maria Eva Duarte become internationally known?
	Eva Peron (accept Evita)
74	America's Route 66 runs from Los Angeles to which other city?
	Chicago
75	Which chemical element was named in 1898 by one of its discoverers after the country of her birth?
	Polonium
76	In Greek legend, which daughter of King Priam, after being given the gift of prophecy, was fated always to tell the truth but never to be believed?
	Cassandra
77	Salman Rushdie's novel <i>Midnight's Children</i> is an allegory on which historical event?
	The partition of India
78	Who was the creator, director and chief writer of the BBC satirical comedy series <i>The Thick Of It</i> ?
	Armando Iannucci
79	At this year's World Athletics Championships, in which event did both male and female British athletes win gold medals?
	1500 metres (Laura Muir and Josh Kerr)
80	Which king of England was the father of Henry III?
	John



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81	Currently celebrating its 10 th anniversary, the second theatre on the site of London's Globe Theatre is named after which actor and director, who was instrumental in restoring the Globe?
	Sam Wanamaker
82	Which bird is sometimes known as the landrail?
	The corncrake (<i>Crex crex</i>)
83	Which European country's flag has three horizontal bands of blue, black and white?
	Estonia
84	The name of what drink, made from yogurt, water and spices, means 'yogurt mixed with water' in Punjabi?
	Lassi
85	In the year 2000, who became the first directly elected Mayor of London?
	Ken Livingstone
86	If the tails side of a coin is the reverse, what is the heads side?
	Obverse
87	Nigella Lawson caused a sensation in her 2020 TV series by her pronunciation of what word?
	Microwave (she pronounced it "mee-cro-wha-vay")
88	Which activity will become an Olympic sport for the first time at Paris 2024?
	Breaking or breakdancing (some internet sources suggest that other sports such as skateboarding and surfing are new for 2024, but they appeared in Tokyo 2020)

89	What type of creature is a caracal?
	A wild cat
90	What's the nationality of the winner of this year's Nobel Peace Prize, the activist Narges Mohammadi?
	Iranian
91	Which cocktail consists only of gin and lime juice?
	Gimlet
92	Which country is the only one whose national flag is not rectangular?
	Nepal (Switzerland's flag is square, but a square is also a rectangle)
93	A ginnery is used in the production of what commodity?
	Cotton
94	The main railway stations in which UK city are called Central and Queen Street?
	Glasgow (Cardiff is also an acceptable answer)
95	Which Russian company was famous for designing jewel-encrusted eggs for the tsars?
	Fabergé
96	Who portrayed Jimmy Savile in the recent TV drama <i>The Reckoning</i> ?
	Steve Coogan



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Supplementaries:

1	Which Renaissance painter had the surname Buonarotti?
	Michelangelo
2	What's the longest river in Asia?
	The Yangtze
3	Which political party is jointly led by Adrian Ramsey and Carla Denyer?
	The Green Party (of England and Wales)
4	What paste, made from ground sesame seeds, is a major ingredient of hummus?
	Tahini
5	Who was Sir Alan Sugar's female aide on the first four series of <i>The Apprentice</i> ?
	Margaret Mountford