

2023–4 Season: Week 13 – 5 March 2024

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Specialist Rounds

1	Geography	2	History
3	Diaries	4	Sport
5	Science	6	Global Elections
7	Words that Start with GU	8	Arts & Entertainment

Round 1: Geography

1	Which strait links the Gulf of Oman to the Persian Gulf?
	Straits of Hormuz
2	Which sea, which is part of the Mediterranean, separates Italy and Greece?
	The Ionian Sea
3	What's the name of the fracture in the earth's crust which extends from the North West coast of California down to the Mexican border?
	The San Andreas Fault
4	To which European country does the island of Madeira belong?
	Portugal
5	Santa Fe is the capital of which US state?
	New Mexico
6	What word is used to describe fields or land left unseeded in order to rest the ground?
	Fallow
7	In which ocean is the Bermuda triangle?
	The Atlantic
8	Akrotiri and Dhekelia are British sovereign bases on which Mediterranean island?
	Cyprus

Supplementaries:

1	Which is the UK's most northerly motorway?
	The M90
2	What's the capital of Peru?
	Lima

Round 2: History

1	Which British monarch was forced to add his seal to the Magna Carta in 1215, limiting the power of the monarchy?
	King John
2	In what year was the World Wide Web (WWW) invented, marking a significant milestone in the early days of the internet?
	1991 (accept 1990 or 1992)
3	Which ancient civilization is credited with the invention of the first written language, known as cuneiform?
	The Sumerians of Mesopotamia (accept either Sumerians or Mesopotamian)
4	Which ancient civilisation built the famous city of Machu Picchu in the Andes Mountains of present-day Peru?
	The Incas
5	Which US president signed the Civil Rights Act of 1964 into law, effectively outlawing segregation and discrimination based on race, colour, religion, sex, or national origin?
	Lyndon B. Johnson (accept LBJ)
6	Who was the first emperor of the Roman Empire, reigning from 27 BC until his death in AD 14?
	Augustus
7	During what year did the Chernobyl nuclear disaster occur, resulting in a catastrophic nuclear accident in Ukraine, then part of the Soviet Union?
	1986 (no leeway)
8	What was the name of the Soviet space station that orbited the Earth from 1971 to 2001, serving as a symbol of Soviet space dominance during the Cold War?
	Mir

Supplementaries:

1	What was the name of the Carthaginian military commander who led an army, including war elephants, across the Alps to invade Italy during the Second Punic War?
	Hannibal Barca (accept Hannibal)
2	What was the name of the treaty signed in 1919 that officially ended World War I and imposed heavy penalties on Germany, leading to widespread resentment and setting the stage for World War II?
	The Treaty of Versailles



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Round 3: Diaries

1	The first instalment of which current podcaster's diaries was entitled <i>Prelude to Power 1994-97</i> ?
	Alastair Campbell
2	Which ennobled author wrote three volumes of his prison diary entitled <i>Hell, Purgatory</i> and <i>Heaven</i> ?
	Jeffrey Archer (Baron Archer of Weston-super-Mare)
3	Whose fictional comic diary is loosely based on <i>Pride and Prejudice</i> ?
	Bridget Jones's Diary
4	Fictional US schoolboy Greg Heffley had his daily antics published under which book title?
	Diary of a Wimpy Kid
5	In <i>Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets</i> , whose diary plays a crucial role?
	Tom Riddle (accept Lord Voldemort)
6	Which politician's diaries chronicled life inside (Baroness) Margaret Thatcher's government?
	Alan Clark
7	Who commits thoughtcrime by writing "DOWN WITH BIG BROTHER" in his diary?
	Winston Smith (in <i>Nineteen Eighty-Four</i>)
8	Sasha Swire's <i>Diary of an MP's Wife</i> lifted the lid on which former prime minister's inner circle?
	David Cameron (Lord Cameron of Chipping Norton)

Supplementaries:

1	Which 20th Century revolutionary had his youthful travels published as <i>The Motorcycle Diaries</i> ?
	Che Guevara
2	Whose diaries, spanning 1915 to 1941, offer insight into the Bloomsbury movement in literature?
	Virginia Woolf

Round 4: Sport

1	Who is the youngest player to win a ranking snooker tournament?
	Ronnie O'Sullivan (1993 UK championship aged 17)
2	Who is the oldest Golfer to win a major tournament?
	Phil Mickelson (2021 PGA tournament aged 50)
3	Who is the oldest player to play for the England men's football team?
	Sir Stanley Matthews (42)
4	Who is the youngest player to win a tennis grand slam tournament?
	Martina Hingis (16)
5	The R and A is a governing body in Golf. For what does the A stand?
	Ancient
6	BSC young boys are a football team in which country?
	Switzerland
7	In 1844 the USA and Canada played the first international sports match. In which sport was it?
	Cricket
8	Who was the first woman to beat a man at the PDC world darts championship?
	Fallon Sherrock

Supplementaries:

1	Who is the youngest driver to win a F1 race?
	Max Verstappen
2	Newell Old Boys are a football team in which country?
	Argentina

Round 5: Science

1	What's the name of the main telescope at Jodrell Bank?
	The Lovell Telescope
2	For the discovery of what did James Chadwick win a Nobel prize?
	The neutron
3	What's the largest land predator in the UK?
	The badger
4	How is the <i>Pica pica</i> commonly known?
	The maggie
5	What type of sugar is found in milk?
	Lactose
6	Which is the largest cell in the human body?
	The ovum (accept egg)
7	Fuggle, Citra and East Kent Golding's are all types of what?
	Hops
8	Coeliac disease causes an intolerance of what?
	Gluten

Supplementaries:

1	What was the first man-made object to break the sound barrier?
	A whip (when it cracks)
2	The triple point of water, when it can be in all three phases, is what temperature?
	0.01 °C (accept 0 to 1 °C)

Round 6: Global Elections

An estimated 49% of the world's electorate will vote in 2024.

1	In UK elections, what is the term used to describe the period between the time an election is announced and the date the election is held?
	Purdah (Hindustani in origin, used in politics to prevent Government announcements in the run up to an election)
2	What's the name of the Republic of Ireland's lower house of parliamentary representation?
	Dáil Éireann (<i>doyl air-en</i>). Accept Dáil
3	Vladimir Putin has held continuous positions as president or prime minister of Russia since what year?
	1999
4	Which African country, that will hold presidential and parliamentary elections on Monday 15 July 2024, has been named in the title of a Bill currently going through the UK Parliamentary process?
	Rwanda (Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill)
5	Mexicans will also go to the polls on 15 July 2024 to elect a new president. What's the name of the incumbent, who has reached the end of the maximum 6-year term of office?
	Andrés Manuel López Obrador (also known by his initials AMLO). Accept AMLO or Obrador
6	Which country, that held elections last week (1 March 2024), was one of the "axis of evil" countries referred to in George W. Bush's State of the Union address on 29 Jan 2002?
	Iran
7	Which European Union and NATO member country, with a coastline on the Black Sea, holds its legislature in the second largest public administrative building in the world?
	Romania (the Parliament Palace in Romania's capital of Bucharest is the second largest building in the world, the Pentagon being the largest)
8	Which Central American country, that will hold a general election on 5 May 2024, is renowned as a global tax haven, details of which were published by WikiLeaks in 2016?
	Panama

Supplementaries:

1	Which European Union member country elects the most MEPs to the EU parliament?
	Germany (96 MEPs, the maximum allowed)
2	In the voting system STV, what does the T stand for?
	Transferable (Single Transferable Vote)

Round 7: Words that Start with GU

1	The name of a hamlet near Sutton, incorporating the King's Head pub.
	Gurnett
2	What name is given to a car door hinged at the roof rather than the side, as seen on the De Lorean in the film <i>Back to the Future</i> ?
	Gullwing
3	What's the name of the device with a sharp blade, designed to cut paper precisely?
	Guillotine
4	Town in Surrey, 27 miles South West of London, surrounded on three sides by the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
	Guildford
5	Dip made primarily from crushed avocado.
	Guacamole
6	1976 film about a US coast to coast race, which inspired <i>The Cannonball Run</i>
	The Gumball Rally
7	What was the currency of the Netherlands prior to its adoption of the Euro?
	The guilder
8	What name is given to the group of dogs developed to assist hunters in finding and retrieving game?
	Gundogs

Supplementaries:

1	What adjective is used to describe the election for state governor in the USA?
	Gubernatorial
2	Slang term for a private detective, derived from the type of shoes they wear.
	Gumshoe

Round 8: Arts & Entertainment

1	Who composed the iconic American musical <i>West Side Story</i> , which premiered on Broadway in 1957?
	Leonard Bernstein
2	Which British television series, created by Charlie Brooker, presents standalone dramas that explore techno-paranoia and dark, satirical themes related to modern society?
	Black Mirror
3	Who wrote the classic novel <i>Moby-Dick</i> , first published in 1851, which tells the story of Captain Ahab's obsessive quest for revenge on the white whale?
	Herman Melville
4	Which artist is known for her iconic self-portraits, which often depict her distinctive 'unibrow' and traditional Mexican attire?
	Frida Kahlo
5	Who directed the 1980 horror film <i>The Shining</i> , based on the novel by Stephen King and known for its chilling atmosphere and iconic performances?
	Stanley Kubrick
6	Who wrote the dystopian novel <i>Brave New World</i> , which depicts a futuristic society where people are engineered and conditioned for specific social roles?
	Aldous Huxley
7	Which American artist is famous for his iconic paintings of everyday American life, such as <i>Nighthawks</i> and <i>Morning Sun</i> ?
	Edward Hopper
8	Which French sculptor is famous for creating <i>The Thinker</i> , a bronze sculpture depicting a man lost in profound thought?
	Auguste Rodin

Supplementaries:

1	Who directed the 1954 film <i>Seven Samurai</i> , a classic Japanese film often cited as one of the greatest films ever made?
	Akira Kurosawa
2	Which British television show, created by Russell T. Davies, follows the lives and adventures of a group of friends living in Manchester during the 1990s and early 2000s?
	Queer as Folk



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General Knowledge

1	In the NATO phonetic alphabet, what word represents H?
	Hotel
2	What common modern-day financial term is derived from old French and Latin words meaning 'death pledge'?
	Mortgage
3	What's the profession of someone with the letters RIBA after their name?
	Architect
4	Which early computer language was named after a French mathematician?
	Pascal
5	Which capital city is on the Chao Phraya River?
	Bangkok
6	Gingivitis is the inflammation of which part of the body?
	The gums
7	What term is given to the oldest geological era?
	The Pre-Cambrian
8	Achluophobia is a fear of what?
	Darkness

9	<i>Fallen Empires</i> is a 2011 album by which band?
	Snow Patrol
10	Who was the MP for Congleton, immediately before Fiona Bruce?
	Ann Winterton
11	What's the most northerly point of mainland Great Britain?
	Dunnet Head
12	What's the name of the human-controlled underground city in the <i>Matrix</i> films?
	Zion
13	What's the only Central American country with English as an official language?
	Belize
14	Which British airport was originally known as Abbotsinch?
	Glasgow
15	Sir John Chilcot conducted a seven-year enquiry into which event, the results of which were published in 2016?
	The Iraq War
16	Who played the title role in the 2014 film John Wick and its 2017 sequel?
	Keanu Reeves



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17	<i>Roll with the Punches</i> is the 37th studio album by which singer-songwriter?
	Van Morrison
18	What is the lower house of the Russian Parliament called?
	The Duma
19	What's the primary focus of Haynes manuals?
	Car maintenance
20	In which country do 100 stotinki make up one lev?
	Bulgaria
21	Which French philosopher is famous for his remark, "I think, therefore I am?"
	René Descartes
22	The 1964 comedy film <i>A Shot in the Dark</i> featured which fictional inspector?
	Inspector Clouseau
23	Which TV crime-fighting duo's first names were Christine and Mary Beth?
	Cagney and Lacey
24	Who wrote the 1791 political pamphlet <i>The Rights of Man</i> ?
	Thomas Paine

25	What type of creature is a gelada?
	A monkey (baboon)
26	Which rock star got his professional name because he used to wear a striped jumper that made him look like a wasp?
	Sting
27	What was the name of the hotel in Brighton that was bombed by the IRA in 1984, during the Conservative Party Conference?
	The Grand Hotel
28	Which Dickens novel is partially set in the Marshalsea prison for debtors?
	Little Dorrit
29	Which Roman road linked London and Wroxeter in the Welsh Borders?
	Watling Street
30	Which UK monarch's coronation took place in 1911?
	George V
31	In which Cornish Town would you find a Tate Gallery?
	St. Ives
32	In the Bible, what was the name of Isaac's wife, the mother of twins Jacob and Esau
	Rebecca



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33	In the TV series <i>Steptoe and Son</i> , who played Steptoe (Senior)?
	Wilfred Brambell
34	Due to overuse and global warming, which lake no longer forms the north-eastern border of Nigeria?
	Lake Chad
35	In the proverb, procrastination is the thief of what?
	Time
36	What specific name is given to the longest possible chord of a circle?
	A diameter
37	Anne Boleyn was the mother of which English monarch?
	Elizabeth I
38	What name is given to the fruit of the blackthorn?
	The sloe
39	In which country is the Alqueva Dam?
	Portugal
40	From which wine region does Claret originate?
	Bordeaux

41	Agoraphobia is the fear of what?
	Open spaces
42	In Hinduism, what word or term describes the social division based solely on birth which totally restricts choice, for example, of occupation or marriage partners?
	Caste
43	What type of West Indian folk song shares its name with a nymph in Greek mythology?
	Calypso
44	On Kosovo's and which other European country's flag has a map of itself?
	Cyprus
45	Monkeys and apes belong to which order of mammals?
	Primates
46	Which royal house ruled in England for the whole of the 16th Century?
	The Tudors
47	Which Shipping Forecast area off Northern Ireland is east of Rockall?
	Malin
48	What name is given to water that collects in the bottom of a boat?
	Bilge water



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49	How many surfaces does a mobius strip have?
	One
50	What name is given to the public gallery in the House of Commons?
	The Strangers' Gallery
51	Which sports drink is promoted by Internet personalities Logan Paul and KSI?
	Prime
52	Which player has scored the most points for the England Rugby Union men's team?
	Owen Farrell
53	<i>Vespa</i> is the Italian name for which animal?
	The wasp
54	Who is the current Editor of <i>Private Eye</i> ?
	Ian Hislop
55	Who is the Editor in Chief of <i>Vogue</i> ?
	Anna Wintour
56	How many points is the bull's eye worth in darts?
	50

57	What is added to a Martini to make it dirty?
	Olive brine (accept olive)
58	What's the largest city in the southern hemisphere?
	Sao Paulo
59	The house of Orange–Nassau is the reigning house of which country?
	The Netherlands
60	The Chinese firm ByteDance owns which social media platform?
	TikTok
61	Who played Cleo in <i>Carry On Cleo</i> ?
	Amanda Barrie
62	Who took Ken Bruce's slot on BBC Radio 2?
	Vernon Kay
63	Who formulated the first periodic table?
	Dmitri Mendeleev
64	Who is the current Bishop of Rome?
	Pope Francis I

65	What's the name of the headquarters of the Metropolitan Police?
	New Scotland Yard
66	What was the house of the first little pig made from?
	Straw
67	What is a trebuchet?
	A catapult (accept weapon)
68	Scotch Bonnet and Caroline Reaper are varieties of what?
	Chilli pepper
69	With what do you start an ice hockey match?
	A face off
70	The town of Axminster is associated with the manufacturer of what?
	Carpets
71	Who founded the Body Shop?
	Anita Roddick
72	Which country was formally called Siam?
	Thailand

73	In music, what does the instruction <i>adagio</i> mean?
	Slowly
74	Who is the Greek goddess of victory?
	Nike
75	In which European city would you be able to visit the royal palace of Belvedere?
	Vienna
76	Who is the only US president to have served more than two terms?
	Franklin D. Roosevelt (FDR)
77	Who composed the opera <i>The Marriage of Figaro</i> ?
	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
78	What's the only bird known to fly backwards?
	The hummingbird
79	In Greek mythology, who was the goddess of wisdom?
	Athena
80	Who is the only artist to have been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame three times?
	Eric Clapton



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81	What's the chemical formula for ozone?
	O₃
82	Who was the first European explorer to reach India by sea?
	Vasco da Gama
83	Who painted <i>The Persistence of Memory</i> ?
	Salvador Dalí
84	What's the only sea without any coastlines?
	The Sargasso Sea
85	Which African country was formerly known as Abyssinia?
	Ethiopia
86	Who was the first person to reach the South Pole?
	Roald Amundsen
87	What's the only continent with land in all four hemispheres?
	Africa
88	Venus and which other planet in the Solar System have no moons?
	Mercury

89	What's the only letter in the English alphabet that doesn't appear in the name of any US state?
	Q
90	Syncopy Inc. is a film production company founded and operated by which British-American filmmaker?
	Christopher Nolan
91	What's the smallest dog breed in the world?
	The Chihuahua
92	What's the common name for the flower genus <i>Helianthus</i> ?
	Sunflower
93	Which American actress is known for her roles in films like <i>Labyrinth</i> and <i>Requiem for a Dream</i> ?
	Jennifer Connelly
94	Which non-landlocked country has the shortest coastline?
	Monaco (4.1 km or 2.5 miles)
95	What's the only number whose letters are in alphabetical order?
	Forty
96	What's the longest continuously running parliament in the world?
	The Tynwald – the parliament of the Isle of Man (operating continuously since AD 979). Accept Isle of Man

Supplementaries:

1	What's the only breed of cat that has a naturally occurring bobtail?
	The Manx cat
2	How many ghosts chase Pac-Man at the start of each game?
	Four
3	What character have both Robert Downey Jr. and Benedict Cumberbatch played?
	Sherlock Holmes
4	Which country drinks the most coffee per capita?
	Finland
5	Aureolin is a shade of what colour?
	Yellow
6	Which is the only body part that is fully grown from birth?
	The eye