

2023–4 Season: Week 16 – 26 March 2024

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Round 1: Food & Drink

1	If you ordered <i>grenouilles</i> in a restaurant, what would you expect to be served?
	Frogs (or frogs' legs)
2	Which Mexican food has a name meaning 'little donkey'?
	Burrito
3	What spirit is used in a Mai Tai cocktail?
	Rum
4	Which herb is the basis of a pesto sauce?
	Basil
5	Poutine is a Canadian dish consisting of chips with gravy, and what?
	Cheese
6	What type of pasta has a name meaning 'little worms'?
	Vermicelli
7	Which country does the dish <i>saganaki</i> come from?
	Greece
8	Which spirit is made from sugars from the blue agave plant?
	Tequila

Supplementaries:

1	Which bread is named after shortening the Latin phrase 'strength of man'?
	Hovis
2	In cookery, what name is given to the process of cooling and heating chocolate to give it a glossy finish?
	Tempering

Round 2: Sweet FA

In this round, each answer starts with the letters 'FA'.

1	The stage name of English musician, DJ, and record producer Norman Cook.
	Fatboy Slim
2	Fictional characters Reed Richards, Susan Storm–Richards, Johnny Storm and Ben Grimm are known collectively as what?
	The Fantastic Four
3	1980 American teen musical drama film directed by Alan Parker: set in New York City, it chronicles the lives and hardships of students attending the High School of Performing Arts.
	Fame
4	Primary site of His Majesty's Naval Base, Clyde– headquarters of the British nuclear Trident submarine fleet.
	Faslane
5	19 th century novel, set in Wessex. Characters include Bathsheba Everdene, William Boldwood, Gabriel Oak, and Sergeant Troy.
	Far from the Madding Crowd
6	The BBC's economics editor and the occasional presenter of <i>Newsnight</i> . (First name starts Fa, but both names required.)
	Faisal Islam
7	A lively Spanish dance for two people, typically accompanied by castanets or tambourine.
	Fandango
8	The belief that all events are predetermined and therefore inevitable.
	Fatalism

Supplementaries:

1	A deep–fried ball or patty–shaped fritter, of Egyptian origin.
	Falafel
2	Catchphrase of Jimmy Krankie.
	Fandabidozi

Round 3: History

1	What was the nationality of the last protagonist to be killed at the end of World War I, one minute before the 11.00 am armistice to cease further fighting?
	American (Henry Gunther)
2	Publius Quinctilius Varus, a Roman general, led three Legions and Auxiliaries to their deaths in AD 9 in which forest near Kalkriese?
	Teutoburg Forest
3	Macclesfield Girls' Grammar School on Fence Avenue became part of Kings School as the Girls Division in what year?
	1993 (accept 92 or 94)
4	The Welsh Nationalist Party was founded by Lewis Saunders in what year? (There is some leeway.)
	1925 (accept 23 to 27)
5	During the Wars of the Roses, the longest siege of any castle in the British Isles occurred between 1461 and 1468 (lasting seven years). Which castle was it?
	Harlech Castle
6	The penal settlement at Botany Bay was founded 18 years after Captain Cook's exploration of the east coast of Australia. Who was sitting on the British throne at this time?
	George III
7	Between AD 68 and 69 the Roman Empire had five successive emperors. Nero was the first; name one of the other four.
	Galba, Otho, Aulus Vitellius or Vespasian
8	Operation Gomorrah, in 1943, involved 791 British bombers on the first Bomber Command night carpet bombing raid, on which German city?
	Hamburg

Supplementaries:

1	In which year did a tsunami hit the Bristol Channel and Severn Estuary, causing widespread damage and loss of life?
	1607 (accept 1600 to 1610)
2	Operation Chromite was the code name for a decisive Korean War battle and landing assault at which port city?
	Incheon

Round 4: Sport

1	As well as Sir Alex Ferguson, which other ex-premier league manager owned a horse that won at this year's Cheltenham festival?
	Harry Redknapp
2	Who is the current British No.1 women's tennis player?
	Katie Boulter
3	Who is the current president of World Athletics?
	(Lord) Sebastian Coe
4	Name the British Billionaire who recently bought a 25% stake in Manchester United.
	(Sir) Jim Ratcliffe
5	Jimmy Anderson holds the record for the most test wickets by a fast bowler. Which fast bowler is second on the list?
	Stuart Broad
6	Which company currently sponsors the Six Nations rugby tournament?
	Guinness
7	A recent World Snooker Tour event in Saudi Arabia featured a significant change to standard snooker rules. What was it?
	An extra 20-point golden ball for players who complete a 147, meaning a maximum break of 167 was possible
8	Which former golfer is CEO of the Saudi-backed LIV golf?
	Greg Norman

Supplementaries:

1	Which country is hosting the Euro 24 football tournament this summer?
	Germany
2	Who is Team GB's most successful female Olympian?
	Dame Laura Trott (accept Kenny)

Round 5: Arts & Entertainment

1	Which classic comedy character was terrified of his Aunt Agatha?
	Bertie Wooster
2	Louis Wain is best known for his paintings of which animal?
	Cats
3	Who is the more famous uncle of <i>Eastenders</i> actress Rita Simons?
	Lord (Alan) Sugar
4	Which 2017 Nintendo game console is a hybrid that can be used both as a home console and a portable device?
	The Nintendo Switch
5	Which crime-writing author is releasing a novel later this year called <i>We Solve Murders</i> – the first in a new series of books?
	Richard Osman
6	Who created the Dilbert cartoon series, about an engineer and his colleagues?
	Scott Adams
7	For which musical instrument were Liszt's <i>Liebesträume</i> (<i>leebers-trow-ma- 'trow' rhymes with 'cow'</i>) written?
	Piano
8	Whose novels include <i>The Beautiful and Damned</i> and <i>Tender is the Night</i> ?
	F Scott Fitzgerald

Supplementaries:

1	Which bully from <i>Tom Brown's Schooldays</i> became the main character in a series of novels by George Macdonald Fraser?
	Sir Harry Flashman
2	<i>Skagboys</i> is a prequel to which novel by Irvine Welsh?
	Trainspotting

Round 6: Geography

1	New Albion was the name of the area of America claimed by Sir Francis Drake for England in 1579, in which state is it now located?
	California
2	Which African country takes its name from the prominent role it took in the Elephant trade?
	Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)
3	Which country styles itself as 'The Land of Fire' due to the large natural gas fires that burn on the shores of the Caspian Sea?
	Azerbaijan
4	Name either of the two bodies of water that are separated by the Straits of Mackinac.
	Lake Huron or Lake Michigan
5	When written in English which is the only European country to contain one of the four main compass points in its name?
	North Macedonia
6	In London what type of geographical features are Tyburn, Effra, Fleet and Westbourne
	Rivers (now mainly underground)
7	Bahariya, Dakhla, Farafra, Kharga and Siwa are the five largest examples of what geographical features in Egypt?
	Oasis
8	At which Pacific port does the Trans-Siberian Railway terminate?
	Vladivostok

Supplementaries:

1	Vaduz is the capital of which European state?
	Liechtenstein
2	Which is the nearest mainland country to the island of Cyprus?
	Turkey

Round 7: Science and Nature

1	Whose law states that the total pressure of a mixture of gases is equal to the sum of the partial pressure of the individual component gases?
	Dalton's Law
2	Isoprene, nitrile and butyl are all types of what substance?
	Rubber
3	Which comet collided with Jupiter in July 1994, the first direct observation of a collision in the Solar System?
	Shoemaker Levy (9)
4	Buccula is the scientific name for which undesirable feature of the human body?
	A double chin
5	If livestock are naturally polled, what do they not have?
	Horns
6	Which 18 th century agriculturalist published the book <i>Horse-Hoeing Husbandry</i> in 1731?
	Jethro Tull
7	What name is given to the curved blades on a plough that turn over the sod?
	Mould boards
8	Which breed of cow is the biggest producer of milk in the UK?
	Holstein Friesian (accept either)

Supplementaries:

1	The European Space Agency's Mars rover is named after which British chemist, who was instrumental in the understanding of the structure of DNA?
	Rosalind Franklin
2	Elizabeth Garret Anderson (Britain) and Elizabeth Blackwell (America) were the first women in their respective countries to do what?
	Qualify as doctors (or receive medical degrees)

Round 8: Oscar-Winning Songs

You'll be given the title of an Oscar-winning song, and the year in which the film that it featured in was released. Please give the title of the film.

1	Secret Love – 1953
	Calamity Jane
2	Writing's On the Wall – 2015
	Spectre
3	I Just Called to Say I Love You – 1984
	The Woman in Red
4	The Windmills of Your Mind – 1968
	The Thomas Crown Affair
5	A Whole New World – 1992
	Aladdin
6	What Was I Made For? – 2023
	Barbie
7	City of Stars – 2016
	La La Land
8	Can You Feel the Love Tonight? – 1994
	The Lion King

Supplementaries:

1	Jai Ho – 2008
	Slumdog Millionaire
2	Under The Sea – 1989
	The Little Mermaid



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General Knowledge

1	What was David Bowie's real name?
	David Jones
2	What was Ian Fleming's first James Bond novel?
	Casino Royale (1952)
3	Ichthyosis affects which organ of the human body?
	The skin
4	In Britain, which colour of cat's eyes mark the left-hand edge of motorways?
	Red
5	In Indian cuisine, what are dosas and uttapams?
	Pancakes
6	The first final to be held at the old Wembley Stadium was in 1923, how is this final better known?
	The White Horse Final (a large white police horse came onto the pitch to control the crowds of 200,000 +)
7	Of the 88 keys on a standard grand piano, how many are black? There is some leeway.
	36 (accept 35 to 37)
8	Bill Wright invented which television quiz show based on his experiences of being interrogated by the Gestapo?
	Mastermind
9	Which tennis star had won eight Grand Slams by the age of 20, but only won one more after being stabbed on court in 1993?
	Monica Seles
10	Which South American country was named after an Italian city?
	Venezuela (Venice)
11	Professor Robert Langdon features in novels by which writer?
	Dan Brown
12	Which constellation in the northern sky is distinctively shaped like a 'W'?
	Cassiopeia
13	The name of which mode of transport is used to describe overprotective parents?
	Helicopter (parenting)
14	Which obstacle stood on the playing area of St Lawrence Park – Kent's County Cricket Ground – between 1847 and 2005, and was merely played round?
	A tree
15	Who was Bugs Bunny's girlfriend?
	Lola Bunny
16	Old Faithful is a geyser in which US National Park?
	Yellowstone



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17	Which salad vegetable is known as arugula in the USA?
	Rocket
18	Which female forename did the magazine <i>Private Eye</i> use to refer to Queen Elizabeth II?
	Brenda
19	Located on the Zambezi River and sharing its name with the dam that created it, what is the name of the world's largest man-made lake?
	Lake Kariba
20	With what instrument do you associate the jazz musicians Thelonius Monk and Art Tatum?
	Piano
21	Which city-state opposed Rome in the Punic Wars (between 264 and 146 BC)?
	Carthage
22	Which Test cricketing feat was achieved by Jim Laker in 1956, Anil Kumble in 1999 and Ajaz Patel in 2023?
	They all took all 10 wickets in an innings
23	The battle of Agincourt took place during which war?
	The 100 Years' War
24	In the animated film <i>The Lion King</i> , which character was voiced by Jeremy Irons?
	Scar
25	Which religious leader and politician founded Salt Lake City, and gave his name to a university there?
	Brigham Young
26	Which famous Sunday Express cartoonist created the character known as Grandma, a statue of whom can be seen in Ipswich town centre?
	Giles
27	The seventh fence of the Grand National is named after which horse, that won in 1967 at odds of 100 /1?
	Foinavon
28	Which Beatles song was their first UK No. 1 on which neither John Lennon nor Paul McCartney sang lead vocals?
	Yellow Submarine (Ringo sang)
29	"Your mother was a hamster and your father smelt of elderberries" was an insult in which comedy film?
	Monty Python and The Holy Grail
30	The process of hardening rubber by treating it with Sulphur at high temperatures is called what.
	Vulcanisation
31	Which Secretary-General of the United Nations was killed in a plane crash in 1961?
	Dag Hammaraskjold
32	Native to South America, what is the world's largest living rodent?
	The capybara



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33	Which 1995 film was the first full length feature film created by Pixar, and the first fully computer-animated feature film?
	Toy Story
34	RoSPA is The Royal Society for the Prevention of what?
	Accidents
35	What six letter word names the Mafia's code of silence about criminal activity and a refusal to give evidence to the police?
	Omerta
36	What brand of crisps, developed by Proctor and Gamble, are hyperbolic paraboloid in shape?
	Pringles
37	What type of sausage, with an Italian name meaning 'pig's brains', is often found in fish and chip shops in the UK?
	Saveloy
38	What is Twelfth Night better known as in the Christian church?
	The Feast (or Eve) of the Epiphany
39	One-armed drummer Rick Allen is a member of which rock band?
	Def Leopard
40	Kibo, Mawenzi and Shira are the three volcanic cones on which dormant volcanic mountain?
	Kilimanjaro

41	Which American actress and pin-up girl said of her own legs, "I became a star for two reasons, and I'm standing on them"
	Betty Grable
42	"I value xylophones like cows do milk" is a mnemonic, used to remember what?
	The Roman numbering system
43	In which city would you find the Vasco da Gama bridge, one of the longest in Europe?
	Lisbon
44	Which English cathedral was completed in 1472, having taken almost 250 years to complete?
	York Minster
45	Longer than a short but shorter than a trouser, what style of pants, named after a Mediterranean Island, comes down to the ankle bone?
	Capri pants
46	The Fields Medal is awarded every 4 years to the leaders in their field, and is called the Nobel Prize of which subject?
	Mathematics
47	What is the longest species of worm ever found on earth? An example was washed up in St Andrews in Scotland that was around 55 metres in length! It shares its name with a fabric item.
	The bootlace worm



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48	Which Mark Twain novel tells the story of Tom Canty – a poor boy who lives with his abusive alcoholic father in Offal Court, off Pudding Lane London?
	The Prince and the Pauper
49	Which former contestant joined <i>The Chase's</i> cast of chasers in 2020 and is known as The Menace?
	Darragh Ennis
50	The Negev desert covers more than half the surface area of which Middle Eastern country?
	Israel
51	Which former Formula 1 World Champion driver has a surname that is also a trick taking card game?
	Nelson Piquet
52	Which Pacific island nation was originally called The Friendly Islands by Captain James Cook after the congenial reception he received in 1773?
	Tonga
53	The musical numbers <i>Rich Mans Frug</i> and <i>Big Spender</i> appear in which 1969 musical, directed and choreographed for Broadway by Bob Fosse?
	Sweet Charity
54	In the logo for Dream Works Animation Studios, what is the boy holding in his hand?
	A fishing rod
55	Which screenwriter's ashes were flown into space in 1992, in the first known space burial?
	Gene Roddenberry
56	Sir Francis Chichester commissioned which ketch to specifically sail single-handed round the world?
	Gypsy Moth IV

57	Which Victorian reformer is commemorated in the statue of Eros in Piccadilly Circus?
	Lord Shaftesbury
58	Which explorer's ship <i>Endurance</i> was found on the bed of the Antarctic Ocean in March 2022 – 107 years after it sank?
	Ernest Shackleton
59	The name of which cheese, translated from Italian, means 'recooked'?
	Ricotta
60	Which English racecourse shares its name with a card game?
	Newmarket
61	Scoop, Muck, Dizzy, Roley, Lofty and Wendy formed the 'crew' of which building contractor?
	Bob the Builder
62	The <i>Guru Granth Sahib</i> is the central holy scripture of which major world religion?
	Sikhism
63	How many teeth does a mature horse have? (there is leeway)
	Between 36 to 44 (male and females are different, and teeth can be developed)

64	<i>A Doll's House</i> and <i>Peer Gynt</i> are works by which playwright?
	Henrick Ibsen

65	In these days of electric cars ... what is the SI unit of electric charge, equal to the quantity of electricity conveyed in one second by a current of one ampere?
	The coulomb
66	In a standard car, only under which circumstances is the driver allowed to go without a seatbelt?
	When reversing
67	John Wayne portrayed Ethan Edwards, a man looking for his abducted niece, in which classic 1956 Western?
	The Searchers
68	Which former NFL star, turned actor, was nearly cast as The Terminator but was deemed "too nice" and not plausible enough to be thought a killer?
	O J Simpson
69	Which Spanish golfer won the US open in 2021?
	John Rahm
70	Which Asian capital city was known until 1868 as Edo?
	Tokyo
71	Which gothic fantasy novel series, created by the author Mervyn Peake, features the characters Steerpike and Titus Groan?
	Gormenghast
72	If a musical note is neither sharp nor flat, what is it?
	Natural

73	The adjective 'buccal' refers to which part of the body?
	The cheek
74	<i>Eau-de-nil</i> (literally 'water of the Nile') is a shade of which colour?
	Green (a light green)
75	Brian Connolly, Andy Scott, Steve Priest, and Mike Tucker were the best-known line up of which Glam Rock band.
	(The) Sweet
76	The Royal Mail rebranded itself as what, in 2001 – a move so unpopular that they changed it back a year later?
	Consignia
77	The throne of the Emperor of Japan, and the monarchy itself, takes its name from which flower?
	Chrysanthemum
78	Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, 15 of 19 snooker events for 2020–21 took place in which Buckinghamshire town?
	Milton Keynes



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79	The downfall of which US energy company has seen their name become a byword for wilful corporate fraud and corruption?
	Enron
80	On 11th October 2000, which South African Test captain was banned for life on match fixing charges?
	Hansie Cronje

81	Richey Edwards, who went missing on the 1 st of February 1995 and has never been found, was the rhythm guitarist with which band?
	Manic Street Preachers
82	Named for the legendary Biblical city, Mount Sodom lies alongside which body of water?
	The Dead Sea
83	Which Scottish stand-up comedian does the voice overs for ITV's <i>Love Island</i> ?
	Iain Stirling
84	<i>Mirage</i> – a 2023 action role playing video game, developed by Ubisoft – marks the thirteenth instalment in which franchise?
	Assassin's Creed
85	In which area of the human body would you find the talus bone?
	The ankle
86	In which English city would you find the cathedral known as 'Paddy's Wigwam'?
	Liverpool
87	According to all four canonical gospels, who assumed the responsibility for the burial of Jesus, after his crucifixion?
	Joseph of Arimathea
88	In dyeing, what name is given to a substance used to bind dyes onto fabrics?
	Mordant

89	For the benefit of touch typists, small bumps or ridges called homing bars are found on two keyboard letters. Name either.
	F or J
90	Guernsey, Jersey, and The Isle of Man are neither counties nor countries, and neither part of the UK nor overseas territories. They are classified as what type of administrative division?
	Crown Dependencies
91	What was the twelfth and final labour of Hercules?
	The capture of Cerberus
92	Although it is broken and never been used, The Tsarsky Kolokol is the world's biggest example of what?
	Bell (it stands 6.14 metres high and has a diameter of 6 metres and weighs 201,924 kilos after being made it cracked during a fire and has never been hung or rung!)
93	In 1807, when Napoleon invaded the Iberian Peninsula, the capital of Portugal was moved to where?

	Rio De Janeiro (1815 to 1821)
94	Which Danish–American comedian and pianist earned the nickname 'the Clown Prince of Denmark' for his blend of music comedy and wit?
	Victor Borge
95	Who was appointed creative director of Paris fashion house Chloe in 1997, aged only 25?
	Stella McCartney
96	Little Eva in 1962, Grand Funk Railroad in 1974, and Kyle Minogue in 1988, all had hits with very different versions of which song?
	The Locomotion

Supplementaries:

1	Euclid is associated with branch of mathematics?
	Geometry
2	What was the name of the artist brother of the Bronte sisters?
	Branwell
3	Green room, Sushi Roll and Superman are all terms in which new Summer Olympic sport?
	Surfing
4	Which Portuguese woman introduced the fork to Britain, popularised tea drinking, married Charles II, and banned flowers from Royal parks after learning that he was picking them for his mistresses?
	Catherine of Braganza
5	Lasting from the 21 st of February to the 18 th of December 1916, the longest battle of World War I took the name of which French city, near to which it took place?
	Verdun