

Round 1 – Quizmaster’s Choice – ‘I say, I say’

As the title suggests, this round gives me the chance to put some unusual questions to you. This month I’ve chosen ‘I say, I say’ as the theme. So how does it work? Simple, each answer will contain the letters of the word ‘say’ and what’s more they will be together and in that order! Couldn’t be simpler could it, so good luck and enjoy this challenge.....

(NB: many thanks to one of our quizzers, David L, for pointing out to me an error in the very first question in last month’s October quiz. The film *Cleopatra* was made in 1963, not 1953 as my question stated)

- 1 What was the name of the manufactured pop group who were the winners of the TV show Popstars in 2000?
- 2 Who, in 1924, became Britain’s first ever Labour Prime Minister? (first name & surname required)
- 3 Which uninhabited island in the Outer Hebrides of Scotland was the host of the British television series Castaway 2000?
- 4 What was the name of the horse that the 18-year-old Lester Piggott rode to victory in the Derby in 1954?
- 5 Who has hits in the 1970s with, amongst many others, *The Show must go on* and *Moonlighting*? (first name & surname required)
- 6 Who used to own a restaurant in Chelsea named ‘Foxtrot Oscar’ (it is now known as The Maze Grill)? (first name & surname required)
- 7 What was the title of the first UK number one single for Oasis, which they achieved in April 1995?
- 8 Which writer created the amateur sleuth Lord Peter Wimsey? (first name & surname required)

Round 2 – Letter Link

This round consists of 8 general knowledge questions where the last letter of the answer to question 1 will be the same as the first letter of the answer to question 2, and the final letter of the answer to question 2 will be the same as the first letter of the answer to question 3 and so on so forth down the 8 questions. When you get to question 8, the final letter of that answer will be the same as the first letter to the answer to question 1, thus completing the link.

- 1 Which word describes marijuana leaves rolled into a cigarette for smoking?
- 2 Which Hungarian composer and pianist was the father-in-law of Richard Wagner? (first name and surname required)
- 3 Sanatoria were mainly hospitals for patients convalescing from which disease?
- 4 What is the name of the blue or white cheese, made from full cream milk and manufactured in the parts of Leicestershire around Melton Mowbray?
- 5 Which adjective means not supporting or favoring either side in a war, dispute, or contest?
- 6 What was the name of the dog that the Russians put into space on the 3rd November 1957?
- 7 Fill in the missing word from these lyrics taken from the song *The Ghost of Tom Joad* written by Bruce Springsteen;
“*Sleeping on a pillow of solid rock, bathing in the City’s*”?
- 8 Which British birds belong to the family Turdidae, is it: thrushes, crows or magpies?

Round 3 – Sum total

In this round all the answers are numbers and the 'sum total' of your 8 answers should be 2,924

- 1 What is the three-digit phone number for the 'walk me home' tracking service that has recently been proposed by BT and backed by Home Secretary Priti Patel in the wake of the recent incidents involving women being attacked late at night?
- 2 On the 29th July of which year did Prince Charles marry Lady Diana Spencer?
- 3 Which King was the father of our current Queen?
- 4 Which current British banknote bears a picture of Jane Austen on its reverse side?
- 5 The names of how many US states begin with a vowel but end in a consonant?
- 6 In tennis, how many Grand Slam tournaments are currently held on clay?
- 7 "*Some are born great, some achieve greatness and some have greatness thrust upon them*" is a quote from which Shakespeare play?
- 8 What is the title of the best known novel by the writer Joseph Heller?

Round 4 – Connection

This round consists of 7 general knowledge questions where the answers all have a common connection. For question 8 you simply have to work out what the connection is between the previous 7 answers. All your answers should obviously fit the connection; if you find yourself looking at an answer that doesn't obviously fit the connection then it's either very obscure or, more likely, you've got the wrong answer and you'll need a bit of a re-think!

Given the month we're in this connection is very appropriate.....

- 1 Which author, born in the North east of England, wrote novels including *The 15 Streets* and *The Cinder Path*? (first name & surname required)
- 2 Which abbey near Ripon in North Yorkshire is one of the best preserved examples Cistercian Monasteries in England?
- 3 Ron and Russell Mael were brothers in which band who had a number 2 hit in 1974 with the song *This Town ain't big enough for the two of us*?
- 4 Who is the owner of Chelsea FC?
- 5 In which song does Elton John sing '*I think it's going to be a long, long time*'?
- 6 Which song by the Rolling Stones features the lyrics '*it's a gas, gas, gas*'?
- 7 Which word can mean both a sausage and an old, beaten up car?
- 8 What is the connection between the previous seven answers?