

Round 1 – Quizmaster’s Choice – May time!

As the title suggests, this round gives me the chance to put some unusual questions to you. This month I’ve chosen ‘May’ as the subject so if the reference to May isn’t in the question then it will be in the answer (three nice easy ones to start with!)

- 1 Although it was actually the B-side of the single (with *Reason to Believe* being the A-side), which song gave Rod Stewart his big break through in the autumn of 1971 when it topped the charts for 5 weeks?

MAGGIE MAY

- 2 Who served as Home Secretary in David Cameron’s government from 2010 until 2016?

TERESA MAY

- 3 Which English musician, singer, songwriter, record producer and author is also an astrophysicist.

BRIAN MAY

- 4 Which song, originally recorded in 1964 by The Temptations and covered in 1965 by Otis Redding contains the lyrics.....

*When it's cold outside
I've got the month of May
I guess you'd say
What can make me feel this way*

MY GIRL

- 5 With which sport do you associate international captain and later selector Peter May?

CRICKET

- 6 Which artist both wrote and sang the song *Move on Up* which peaked at number 12 in the UK singles chart in the summer of 1971?

CURTIS MAYFIELD

- 7 Based on the novel of the same name written by H.E.Bates, which TV comedy drama starring David Jason and Pam Ferris in the leading roles gave Catherine-Zeta Jones her big breakthrough in the early 1990s?

THE DARLING BUDS OF MAY

- 8 According to legend, The Pilgrim Fathers were supposed to played a form of the game of darts as they journeyed to America in which famous ship?

MAYFLOWER

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 famous sporting arena was built as the centrepiece of the British Empire exhibition of the early 1920s? (please note you are looking for a two-word answer)
WEMBLEY STADIUM
- 2 What aid to dairy farmers did William Murchland invent in 1889? (again, you are looking for a two-word answer)
MILKING MACHINE
- 3 The ship *Endurance*, which was trapped by polar ice in 1915 belonged to which famous explorer? (first name and surname required)
ERNEST SHACKLETON
- 4 Which two mythological figures, both associated with the sea, are generally depicted holding tridents?
NEPTUNE & BRITANNIA (½ point for each correct answer)
- 5 Which famous song from the early 1970s contains the lyrics
*the three men I admire most, The Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
they caught the last train for the coast...*
AMERICAN PIE
- 6 To which legendary Spanish warrior did the sword Colada belong?
EL CID
- 7 Which “man of medicine and song” is author Hugh Lofting’s best-known creation?
DOCTOR DOOLITTLE
- 8 Which body part gives its name to an angular pipe fitting?
ELBOW

Round 3 – Sum total

In this round all the answers are numbers and the 'sum total' of your 8 answers should be 402

1 According to the song by Benny Hill, how old was Ernie when he died?

52 (Ernie was only 52, he didn't want to die....)

2 In Scrabble, what is the value the letter O?

1

3 How many bones are there in a standard human skeleton; 196, 206 or 216?

206

4 Which famous road runs between Chicago and Los Angeles?

ROUTE 66

5 How many times did the famous horse Red Rum win the Grand National?

3 TIMES (1973, 1974 & 1977 and in 1975 & 1976 he was second)

6 How many sides has a pentacontagon?

50 (A fifty-sided polygon)

7 How many incisor teeth should a healthy adult human have?

8

8 In which century was William Shakespeare born?

16th century (1564)

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!

- 1 Which famous TV personality was the voice of *Dangermouse* for the 89 episodes that ran between 1981 and 1987? (first name and surname required)
DAVID JASON
- 2 In 1992, the Indian player Sachin Tendulkar became the first overseas player ever to play for which English cricket county?
YORKSHIRE
- 3 What nationality was the composer Borodin?
RUSSIAN
- 4 In chess, which is the only piece allowed to “jump” over occupied squares?
KNIGHT
- 5 In the context of this connection, which word can go before infantry, cavalry and machine gun?
LIGHT
- 6 What was “in the sky” for both Norman Greenbaum in the early 1970s and Doctor and the Medics in the mid-1980s?
SPIRIT
- 7 Which chemical element has the symbol Au?
GOLD
- 8 What is the connection between the previous seven answers: **WHITE** (David Jason's real name is David White, he took the name Jason in memory of his still-born twin brother; Yorkshire is the White Rose county; white Russian is a cocktail; white knight is a business term and white light, white spirit, and white gold are all fairly obvious)