

Round 1 – Quizmaster’s Choice – ‘Maytime’

As the title suggests, this round gives me the chance to put some unusual questions to you. This month I’ve chosen as the theme ‘Maytime’, so each of your answers will include the name of this month. Enjoy the challenge.....

- 1 In 2016 who became Britain’s second female Prime Minister? (first name and surname required)
- 2 In 1982, which former Surrey & England batsman succeeded Alec Bedser as Chairman of the England cricket selectors, a post he held for the next seven years? (first name and surname required)
- 3 Between 2003 and 2015 who co-presented the TV show *Top Gear* alongside Jeremy Clarkson and Richard Hammond? (first name and surname required)
- 4 Which famous British musician and astrophysicist was knighted in 2023? (first name and surname required)
- 5 What was the name of the boat that took the Pilgrim Fathers to America in 1620?
- 6 What is the name of the former footballer, who played as a striker for Chelsea, Fulham & Brighton & Hove Albion between 1974 – 1980? (first name and surname required although he was always known by his ‘nickname’ rather than his proper first name)
- 7 What is the name of the American father & son boxers, both World title holders during their careers. The son retired unbeaten in 2017? (first name & surname required – both had the same name, they were known as Senior & Junior)
- 8 Which America writer wrote the famous book *Little Women*? (all three names 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 In which country is Cape Wrath?
- 2 In which 1974 film, directed by Michael Winner, does Charles Bronson star as a vigilante named Paul Kersey?
- 3 Which element has the lowest boiling point?
- 4 At what time did Cinderella's coach turn back into a pumpkin?
- 5 How many throwing events are there in the Decathlon?
- 6 There were three major battles during the English Civil war. Marston Moor and Naseby were two of them, which was the third?
- 7 Which motor manufacturer made the original "Esprit"?
- 8 In the time of the feudal system, what name was given to agricultural labourers who, bound by the system, were tied to working on their lord's estate? (answer is plural)

Round 3 – Sum total

In this round all the answers are numbers and the 'sum total' of your 8 answers should be 2,776

- 1 How many seas are named after colours?
- 2 What is the average body temperature of a human being, in degrees Celsius?
- 3 How many countries share a border with Chile?
- 4 Your Platinum Wedding anniversary celebrates how many years of wedded bliss?
- 5 How many chambers does the human heart contain?
- 6 How many keys are there on a standard full-sized piano?
- 7 How long, in metres, is an Olympic swimming pool?
- 8 What is the lowest number that exactly divisible by every number from 1 – 10?

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!

This time around you will need to pair up two of your answers.....

- 1 In which year did these events all take place: Churchill made his famous "Iron Curtain" speech; the "jitterbug" dance craze first swept through Britain's dance halls, the first ten Nazi war criminals were executed at Nuremburg and Donald Trump was born?
- 2 Which descriptive word links Nell Gwynne, Lady Hamilton and, until just before her death, Eva Braun?
- 3 Which first name is common to the ladies Castle, Bush and Stanwyck?
- 4 What name is given to the version of the card game whist where one player undertakes to make a number of tricks against the other three players in the game?
- 5 In the context of this connection which word can go before times, value and wishes?
- 6 Initiated as a way to promote specific brands of jeans, which title, presented annually since 1981, was won by Suzi Quatro in 1982, Lulu in 1983, Marina Ogilvy (the daughter of Princess Alexandra) in 1991, Claire Sweeney in 2001 and Charlotte Church in 2002 (plus many others up to the final award in 2019)? (To give you a further clue, in 2014 when presented with the award for the second time Carol Vorderman jokingly remarked "I always suspected there were a lot of people out there who were glad to see the back of me. It now appears there were even more than I thought.")
- 7 In the Simon & Garfunkel song *Scarborough Fair*, four types of herbs are mentioned by name. Parsley and Sage are two of them, which are the other two?
- 8 What is the connection between the previous seven answers?