Round 1 – Quizmaster's Choice – 'the Ys of Pop music'

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 'the Ys of pop music', so each answer will contain the letter Y (at least once but could be more than once).

Enjoy the challenge.....

- 1 Which group's first number 1 hit was *Geno*?
 - **DEXY'S MIDNIGHT RUNNERS**
- 2 Yazoo consisted of Vince Clark, formerly of Depeche Mode, and which female vocalist? (first name and surname required)

ALISON MOYET

- Whose second album, *Back to Black*, won five Grammy awards in 2006? **AMY WINEHOUSE**
- In which band, originally formed in 1963, did Jeff Beck replaced Eric Clapton and Jimmy Page then replace Jeff Beck?

THE YARDBIRDS

The drummers in Queen and Duran Duran shared the same first name and surname. What are they?

ROGER TAYLOR

Whose first UK number 1 hit single was a version of the John Lennon song Jealous Guv?

ROXY MUSIC

Whose 2010 album, entitled *Teenage Dream*, went straight to the top of the American charts in August of that year? (it was released in her maiden name so that is required)

KATY PERRY

In 1974, which American rock band had a hit with a song about their home state in which criticism of the Canadian singer Neil Young was clearly citied in the lyrics?

LYNYRD SKYNYRD (the song being Sweet Home Alabama)

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 The circulation of winds around a central area of low pressure is called a *what*?

CYCLONE

- Because of its resistance to water, which wood were lock gates and even some old water pipes made from?
 ELM
- Which pigment mainly determines skin colour?
 MELANIN
- Who wrote that "only mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the midday sun"? (first name and surname required)

 NOEL COWARD

- Who is the heroine of Shakespeare's *Othello*? **DESDEMONA**
- In which famous battle of 1415 did Henry V defeat the French?

 AGINCOURT
- 7 Since 1939, the country is southeast Asia formerly known as Siam has been known by what name?

 THAILAND
- 8 Of which American political party was President Bill Clinton a member? **DEMOCRATIC**

Round 3 - Sum total

In this round all the answers are numbers and the 'sum total' of your 8 answers should be 4,087

1 On which date in July each year is St. Swithin's Day?

15th

2 How many people sit on the the jury in an English court?

12

Which US rock band, formed in 1976, were known for hits like "Rock Lobster" and "Love Shack"?

The B-52's

4 By weight, what percentage of the human body is water? a) 60% b) 70% c) 80%

60%

- Both Sir Edward Elgar and the 18th century economist Adam Smith have featured on which British banknote? £20
- In which century did Charlotte Brontë write 'Jane Eyre'?

 19th Century

And the last two questions are closely linked.....

- 7 In April of which year did the Titanic sink? **1912**
- In which year was the movie "Titanic", starring Kate Winslet & Leonardo DiCaprio, released?

1997

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!

- What was the name of the singer who used to stand up when she played the piano in the famous song by Elkie Brooks?

 PEARL
- What was the surname of the man who shot Lee Harvey Oswald? (JACK) RUBY
- What is the surname of the American born singer-songwriter whose tribute musical, *A Beautiful Noise*, opened on Broadway in 2022? (NEIL) DIAMOND
- Who was Joanna Lumley if David McCallum was Steel? **SAPPHIRE in the TV series** *Sapphire and Steel*
- In which city did the *Wizard of Oz* live? **EMERALD**
- What was the surname of the character played by Warren Mitchell in 'Till death us do part?

 (ALF) GARNETT
- 7 Under what name do General Motors produce their cars in Germany?
 OPEL
- What is the connection between the previous seven answers:

 ALL BIRTHSTONES

 (Ruby July; diamond April; garnet January; sapphire September; emerald May; Opal October and pearl June)