Manchester Congress Quiz 2018 – Answers

A. History

Q1. The Dardanelles campaign, an effort to ultimately capture Istanbul by forcing a sea and land route through Turkey, is more commonly known by a different name – what name?

**Gallipoli** – *Famous for the huge loss of life as well as a great contribution of ANZAC troops*

Q2. What first name was shared by both of King John’s wives? It was also subsequently the name of Edward II’s wife (who deposed him) and also the second wife of Richard II who was married at age 7, however hasn’t been the name of a queen consort since then.

**Isabel / Isabella**

Q3. Which famous left handed vegetarian who was arrested (but not charged) with sodomy at the age 24 is sometimes referred to as the “Father of Paleontology”. (He is much more famous for success in other fields of science)

**Leonardo Da Vinci**

Q4. The battle and surrender of which territory which resulted in the capture of around 80,000 British troops was described by Winston Churchill as “the greatest disaster in British military history”?

**Singapore** *On the 15th February 1942*

Q5. John Bellingham is a relatively unknown figure in British history but he remains infamous for being the only man to have done what villainous deed?

**Assassinating a British Prime Minister** – *Spencer Perceval on 11th May 1812*

Q6. James I was 20, Charles II was 18, James II was 15 and Queen Elizabeth I was 2 years old when what sadly happened to them?

**They had a parent executed** – *Mary Queen of Scots, Charles I and Ann Boleyn respectively*

Q7. The younger son of Sweyn Forkbeard, which English King also ruled over Denmark, Norway and parts of what are now Sweden?

**Cnut** – *Remembered now for showing his courtiers his lack of power by explaining he couldn’t command the tides*

Q8. Constructed by Gilbert de Clare around 1268 which Welsh Castle named after the town it stands in was built as base for English forces to subdue Welsh rebellions? Its vast network of restored waterways have lent credence to the claim that it is Britain’s largest castle, although the place name is more synonymous with a type of food native to the region.

**Caerphilly** – *Located 7 miles outside of Cardiif, this is well worth a visit*

B Geography

Q9. The largest country in the world that begins with a vowel is the USA. What are the next 3, appearing consecutively (6th, 7th and 8th) on the list of largest countries?

**Australia, India and Argentina**

Q10. Which two capital cities lie only a mile apart on opposite sides on the Congo river? One is famous for being not only the largest French speaking city in the World but also for a big sporting match staged there in 1974

**Kinshasha and Brazzaville** *Capitals of course of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Republic of the Congo, the famous sporting match was the Rumble in the Jungle.*

Q11. Which Mountain system in North America contains amongst others the Blue Ridge mountains of Virginia, the Shenandoah mountains and the Saint Lawrence valley?

**The Appalachians**

Q12. How many of the Worlds ten longest Rivers are in Europe?

**None!** *Top of the list is the Volga (18th) and then the Danube is only 30th*

Q13. Rank the following areas in order based on population, biggest first: Luxembourg, Yorkshire, Athens, Devon and Cape Town

**Yorkshire 5.288 million**

**Devon 1.17 million**

**Athens 664,000**

**Luxembourg 590,000**

**Cape Town 433,00**

Q14. As the Crow flies what is the closest capital city to London?

(Capital city in this sense means the capital city of a sovereign state in its own right)

**Brussels,** just ahead of Paris and Amsterdam

Q15. Nauru, The Marshall Islands, The Chinese city of Tsingtao, Togoland and parts of Tanganiyka were all the best known former territories of which country?

**Germany**

Q16. What are the least populated and most populated settlements in England that create the name of a county when “shire” is added to the end of them?

**Buckingham 12,043**

**Leicestershire 330,00**

C. Music

Q17. Berlioz, Chopin and Mozart were all composers during what period of classical music that ran from the end of 18th Century until the beginning of the early 20th?

**Romantic**

Q18. Which work by Sergei Prokoviev was written in 1936 and often features a narrator that tells the story while the orchestra play along?

**Peter and the Wolf**

Q19. Singers Gene Autry, Kelly Clarkson, Beyonce Knowles and Selena Gomez and the rapper Nelly were all born in what US state?

**Texas**

Q20. How many quavers are there in a whole note?

**8**

Q21. What musical instrument which has the power “to change sorrow into joy” gives its name to an Opera by Mozart that first premiered in 1791?

**The Magic Flute** *First performed in 1791*

Q22. In terms of the members that make them up, what connects the following popular music bands – The Saturdays, Beautiful South, Gorillaz, High flying birds and New Order?

**They all had members making up previous bands, S Club Juniors, The Housemartins, Blur, Oasis and Joy Division.**

Q23. Which singer born in 1946 signed a deal to headline the Colosseum at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas in 2008? The deal was reportedly worth 180 million dollars, a testament to the longevity of the star, who has scored a number one hit every decade from the 1960s onwards

**Cher!**

Q24. In which city did the Beatles perform during the summer and early Autumn of 1960?

Bah, **Hamburg**

D. TV and Film

Q25. Which light hearted American murder mystery show began in 1993 as a spin off from the less well known “Jake and the Fatman”? (It featured a real life father and son, the father having first shot to fame for doing one of the worst cockney accents of all time)

**Diagnosis Murder**, *featuring Barry and Dick Van Dyke*

Q26. Which television programme takes its name from a fictional location supposedly built in honour of Edward VII’s official ascension to the throne in 1902?

**Coronation Street**

Q27. Which Scottish television presenter, journalist, model and OBE became the spokesperson of the United Kingdom’s votes at the 2003 and 2004 Eurovision Song Contest?

**Lorraine Kelly**

Q28. Supposedly a gift from the knights Templar to Charles V in 1539, what fictional priceless statue gives its name to a much parodied film of the 1940s, considered one of the all-time classics?

**The Maltese Falcon**

Q29. How is FN-2187 better known in the new Stars wars films? (The number is of course a reference to Princess Leia’s cell in the original 1977 film)

**Finn** - *played by London's own John Boyega*

Q30. Eastenders introduced a new character Kyle Slater in 2015 played by Riley Carter Millington. Why was the appointment of the actor considered ground breaking in terms of the history of British Soaps?

**A transgender actor playing a transgender role**, *subsequently Annie Wallis in Hollyoaks has done the same thing*

Q31. Which famous fictional character (a house hold name even for those that have never seen him) when asked in one of his films if he was from outer space replied “No, I’m from Iowa, I only work in outer space”.

**Captain Kirk**

Q32. Which set of brothers became the first to both be nominated for an Academy award for an acting role? The first nomination was in 1988, the second was in 2000

**River and Joaquin Phoenix**

E. The Arts and Books

Q33. What type of creature, (now extinct in present day Greece) was Heracles required to kill in the first of his 12 tasks?

**A Lion***(The Nymean Lion to be exact)*

Q34. Of the four main schools of Ballet in the UK, two (The English National Ballet and the Royal of Ballet) are based in London and two are not – name either of the other cities in which the other two are located

**Birmingham / Glasgow**

Q35. Which continent gives its name to the period in Picassos career (1907-1909) also called the Black period?

**Africa**

Q36. What name is given to the ancient Roman practice of foretelling the future from birds remains? It is also the name that the villain takes in the play Harry Potter and the Cursed Child (although the spelling differs slightly)

**Augury**

Q37. Daughters Susannah and Judith, and son Hamnet were the children of which real-life literary figure?

**William Shakespeare** *Judith and Hamnet were of course twins*

Q38. According to ancient Norse legend, what creatures were Tanngrisnir and Tanngnjóstr that pulled Thor’s chariot?

**Goats**  *Their names translate as Teeth snarler and teeth grinder*

Q39. Other than the obvious, what item of clothing does the protagonist wear in the 1957 childrens classic “The Cat in the Hat”

**A bowtie**

Q40. What connects the following Agatha Christie novels - And then there were none, Five Little Pigs, A Pocketful of Rye, and Crooked House?

**They all take their names from nursery rhymes**

F. Puzzling Numbers (also called Ditloids)

Each of the clues below make up a well-known phrase, fact, or other bit of information. For example “24 H in a D” would be 24 hours in a day. Some of the harder ones have clues in brackets to help you.

**Q41. Hadrians Wall was 73 Miles Long and Passes Through 3 Counties (actually 84 miles?)**

**Q42. 349 Years Between the Reign of Elizabeth First and the Reign of (HM)Elizabeth Second**

**Q43. 9 Star Wars Films Released by January 2018**

**Q44. 7=Number of Novels Featuring Harry Potter, 8= Number of Films Featuring Harry Potter**

**Q45. 20 Nominations and 3 Wins = Meryl Streep at the Oscars**

**Q46. The Great Pyramid at Giza is 139 Metres Tall and 756 Feet Long**

*(No complaints about switching from metric to imperial, it was the only way to avoid decimal points...and to make it harder!)*

**Q47. 11= Number of Hours in a Day (on Saturn)**

**Q48. 3 = Units of Alcohol in a Pint of Lager**

G. Science and Nature

Q49. The term Ruminant is given to animals that gain nutrients from plants by fermenting it in a specialised stomach. What is the largest known ruminant found in the animal kingdom?

**Giraffe**

Q50. Which American state gives its name to the 117th element in the Periodic table?

**Tennessee**

Q51. Australia has 12, Canada 25, China has 8 and even Yemen has 1 – of what?

**Nobel Laureates.** Head of the list is the USA followed by the UK

Q52. How is the Southern Oscillation, a variation in sea surface temperature and wind patterns better known?

**El Nino** (and la Nina)

Q53. Named after an American kitchen utensil used in baking, how is the predatory fish with the Latin name Isistius brasiliensis better known?

**Cookie Cutter Shark**

Q54. Whilst it is generally accepted that the large spikes on the tail of a stegosaurus were used for defence, for what 2 uses are the large plates on its back generally credited with?

**Regulating temperature and attracting a mate**

Q55. In an adult human how many bones are there in the thorax? (most of them come in pairs)

**25 – 12 x 2 ribs and the Sternum**

Q56. What term coming from the Latin meaning “to milk” is used for two liquids that are blended together but generally considered unmixable?

**Emulsion**

H. Lyrical Challenge

Q57. The long straight road ahead

Uh-huh, yeah

Could taste your sweet kisses, your arms open wide

This fever for you was just burning me up inside

**I drove all night**

*Celion Diona 2003*

*Roy Orbison 1992*

*Cyndi Lauper 1991*

Q58. If we have another dance

Yeah, just one more

One more time

Oh, won't you **Stay**

*Maurice Williams and the Zodiacs 1960, Buddy Hollie and the crickets, famously on the Dirty Dancing Sound Track*

Q59. Q59. Me voy acercando y voy armando el plan

Solo con pensarlo se acelera el pulso (Oh yeah)

Ya, ya me está gustando más de lo normal

Todos mis sentidos van pidiendo más

Esto hay que tomarlo sin ningún apur

**Despacito**

*Luis Fonzi and Daddy Yankee featuring Justin Bieber 2017 – It was number one for 4 weeks so if you turned on the radio and heard Spanish, it was this!*

Q60. Do the chairs in your parlor seem empty and bare?

Do you gaze at your doorstep and picture me there?

Is your heart filled with pain, shall I come back again?

Tell me dear **Are you lonesome tonight?**

*Charles Hart 1927, Elvis Presley 1960*

Q61. I pretend to pray – You know the preacher liked the cold, he knows I am going to stay **California Dreaming**

*Mamas and the Papas 1965*

Q62. At night I lock the doors, where no one else can see

I'm tired of dancing here all by myself

Tonight I wanna dance with someone else **Get into the groove**

*Madonna 1985, the theme tune to desperately seeking Susan*

Swimming through sick lullabies, choking on your alibis. But it’s just the price I pay, destiny is calling me, Open up my eyes, cause I’m **Mr Brightside**

**The Killers 2004**

Q64. Don't wanna hear you lie tonight, now that I've become who I really am

This is the part when I say I don't want ya I'm stronger than I've been before

This is the part when I **Break free**

**Ariana Grande 2014.**

*Ariana Grande was awarded the Keys to the ciy of Manchester for her work in helping heal the city following the bombings in May 2017*

Q65. Come on, clue me what to do,

Give me the power of man's red flower

So I can be like you

Oh oobie do, **I wanna be like you ooh ooh**

*The Jungle Book 1967*

Q66. You know you did, you know you did

But if this ever changing world in which we're living

Makes you give in and cry say

**Live and Let Die**

*Paul McCartney and Wings 1973*

Q67. There's bound to be talk tomorrow. Think of my life long sorrow

At least there will be plenty implied. If you caught pneumonia and died

I really can't stay. Get over that hold out

**Baby Its cold outside**

*Frank Loesser 1944*

Q68. What I find is pleasing and I'm feeling fine, love is so confusing there's no peace of mind. If I fear I'm losing you it's just no good you teasing like you do

Once I had a love and it was a gas, soon turned out had a **heart of glass**

*Blondie 1979*

Q69. I don't know why I said the things I said, Pride's like a knife it can cut deep inside, Words are like weapons they wound sometimes.

I didn't really mean to hurt you I didn't wanna see you go I know I made you cry, but baby **If I could turn back time!**

*Cher 1989*

Q70. He won't have it, he knows his whole back's to these ropes. It don't matter, he's dope. He knows that but he's broke He's so stagnant, he knows

When he goes back to his mobile home, that's when it's back to the lab again, yo

This whole rhapsody He better go capture this moment and hope it don't pass him – you better **Lose Yourself** (in the music the moment)

*From the film 8 mile, a biopic in which Eminem played himself, and then had a relationship with Kim Basinger the actress playing his alcolholic mother!!*