

Round 1 – Quizmaster’s Choice – ‘Otherwise known as....’

As the title suggests, this round gives me the chance to put some unusual questions to you. This month I’ve chosen as the topic ‘otherwise known as’, you’ll soon get the gist.....

- 1 On BBC TV's 'Top Gear', by what nickname was Ben Collins known until 2010 when he revealed his identity and subsequently lost the role?
THE STIG

- 2 Which Commonwealth country is known as "The Land of the Long White Cloud"?
NEW ZEALAND

- 3 Henry McCarty was the real name of which wild western character. Was it Butch Cassidy, The Sundance Kid or Billy the Kid?
BILLY THE KID

- 4 Which singer, who had a famous joint number 1 hit in 1976, has the real name Pauline Matthews?
KIKI DEE

- 5 In Australia what structure is known as "The Coathanger"?
SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE

- 6 In the human body how is the thyroid cartilage better known?
ADAM’S APPLE

- 7 What is the pen-name of the well-known American writer born Samuel Langhorne Clemens in 1835?
MARK TWAIN

- 8 Which famous current sportsman has the real Christian name Eldrick?
TIGER WOODS

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 19th century American mail service, the Pony Express, ran between Missouri and which other state?
CALIFORNIA
- 2 The Bactrian Camel is named after a region in which war ravaged South East Asian Country?
AFGHANISTAN
- 3 Snot the Norseman gave his name to which English City?
NOTTINGHAM - way back in the mid-ninth century Nottingham was known as "Snotingeham"
- 4 The villain 'Jaws' featured in two James Bond films. One was *The Spy Who Loved Me*, name the other?
MOONRAKER
- 5 The 2008 Martin Scorsese documentary 'Shine A Light' is about which pop group?
ROLLING STONES
- 6 What was the name of the detective played by Richard Roundtree in films of the 1970's, that had a memorable theme tune by Isaac Hayes?
SHAFT
- 7 What was the surname of the French artist, the son of a nobleman, who was famous for his paintings and posters of the night life of the Moulin Rouge?
TOULOUSE-LAUTREC
- 8 Which company, founded in 1902 and bought by General Motors in 1909, was responsible for the development of both the synchronized gearbox and the V8 engine?
CADILLIAC

Round 3 – Sum total

In this round all the answers are numbers and the 'sum total' of your 8 answers should be 748

- 1 In a game of rugby union, how many instructions does the referee give before the two sets of forwards engage in the scrum?

3 (crouch, bind, set)

- 2 Eight is the cube of which number?

2

- 3 Which motorway links Coventry to Leicester?

M69

- 4 Which number connects the highest ever individual score in a first class cricket match with the number of a famous style of jeans?

501 (West Indian batsman Brian Lara scored 501 not out for Warwickshire against Durham in 1994 and 501 is a style of Levi jeans)

- 5 What do the opposite sides of a dice always add up to?

7

- 6 How many blank tiles are there in the game of Scrabble?

2

- 7 Pongo and Perdita feature in which Disney film?

101 DALMATIANS

- 8 Complete the line from this Frankie Valli hit, 'Oh what a night, late December back in ...'?

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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 word connects the currency of Armenia with a "measure" in Scotland?
DRAM
- 2 Which type of invertebrate can be of varieties known as earth, glow and tape?
WORM
- 3 In the context of this connection, which word can go before rate, salary and ingredient?
BASIC
- 4 The Greek word bio means "life" and is used in such words as biography and biology. What is its plural?
BIOS
- 5 Which symbol is associated with the zodiac sign of Aries?
RAM
- 6 Which now unfashionable word used to be used to describe an unscrupulous or dishonourable man?
CAD
- 7 What is Spanish for the number 2?
DOS
- 8 What is the connection between the previous seven answers?
COMPUTING ACRONYMS

DRAM (Dynamic Random Access Memory), WORM (Write Once Read Many times), BASIC (Beginner's All-purpose Symbolic Instruction Code), BIOS (Basic Input/Output System), RAM (Random Access Memory), CAD (Computer Aided Design), DOS (Disk Operating System) – I lifted this connection round from a quiz I set back in 2009 so my apologies if some of these acronyms are a bit dated!!