

Round 1 – Quizmaster's Choice – 'A Bit of Culture'

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 "A bit of culture", which is perhaps slightly questionable when you look at some of the questions! Enjoy the challenge.....

- 1 Which forest is the geographical setting for Shakespeare's play, "As You Like It"?
THE FOREST OF ARDEN
- 2 "The Mona Lisa of the North" or "The Dutch Mona Lisa" are two alternative titles for which famous painting by Dutch master, Jan Vermeer?
GIRL WITH A PEARL EARRING
- 3 Which 1969 film, based on a stage musical, marked the directorial debut of Richard Attenborough?
OH! WHAT A LOVELY WAR
- 4 Where do the Flintstones live?
BEDROCK
- 5 Which Dickens novel is partly set in America?
MARTIN CHUZZLEWIT
- 6 Which Si-Fi film was based on the story *The Sentinel* by Arthur C Clarke?
2001: A Space Odyssey
- 7 Captain Dobbin and Amelia Sedley are characters from which 19th century novel by William Makepeace Thackeray?
VANITY FAIR
- 8 What was the surname of the squire in Treasure Island?
TRELAWNEY

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 nautical terminology, what does the term "avast" mean?
STOP
- 2 The name of which Italian dish translates as 'Cooked cream'?
PANNA COTTA
- 3 The name of which Biblical character means "Father of Many"?
ABRAHAM
- 4 Dr Douglas C Englebart invented which aid to computing in the 1960's?
MOUSE
- 5 What word is given to the limit of distance at which a sound can be heard?
EARSHOT
- 6 What is a funambulist? (two word answer)
TIGHTROPE WALKER
- 7 In which branch of gymnastics do the competitors utilise ribbons and hoops in their routine?
RHYTHMIC
- 8 What does a speleologist study? (plural answer)
CAVES

Round 3 – Sum total

In this round all the answers are numbers and the 'sum total' of your 8 answers should be 2,204

- 1 During the reign of which King Henry did Columbus discover the New World?
HENRY VII
- 2 Which Shakespeare play opens with the line, "If music be the food of love,
play on"?
TWELFTH NIGHT
- 3 How many surfaces does a cone have?
TWO
- 4 What is the boiling point of water on the Fahrenheit scale?
212°
- 5 How many years are there in a US President's term of office?
FOUR
- 6 How many rows of stars are there on an American flag, is it 8, 9 or 10
9
- 7 On the 6th May of which year did Roger Bannister run the first ever sub 4
minute mile, was it 1953, 1954 or 1955?
1954
- 8 How many prime numbers are there between 10 and 20?
Four (11, 13, 17 and 19)

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 Whereabouts in your body do you have cells known as Rods & Cones?
EYE (they are light sensitive cells - Rods - black & white; cones - colour)
- 2 In the context of this connection, which word can go before pleat, room and seat?
BOX
- 3 Which day of the week is said to have been named in honour of the moon?
MONDAY
- 4 In which lane in London is the Great Fire of 1666 reputed to have started?
PUDDING (LANE)
- 5 In the Jewish religion, what is observed from sunset on Friday until sunset on Saturday?
SABBATH
- 6 What was the nickname of the famous basketball player Earvin Johnson, formerly of the Los Angeles Lakers?
MAGIC
- 7 What was the nickname of the character played by Angie Dickinson in the TV series *"Police Woman"* ?
(SERGEANT) "PEPPER" (ANDERSON)
- 8 What is the connection between the previous seven answers? **BLACK**
(Black Monday was the 19th October 1987 on the London Stock Exchange)