Round 1 – Quizmaster's Choice – 'Seconds'

As the title suggests, this round gives me the chance to put some unusual questions to you. This month I've chosen 'Seconds', so good luck and enjoy this challenge (and try not to be the 'runner up!!)

- 1 Which song by the Bee Gees about a place in America was the 2nd song played on Radio 1 in 1967 MASSACHUSETTS
- 2 What is the proper name of K2, the 2nd highest mountain in the world **MOUNT AUSTIN-GOODWIN**
- 3 At which famous battle in 1314 did the army of Robert the Bruce defeat Edward II's army BANNOCKBURN
- Completed in 2015 and standing 632 metres high, which is currently the 2nd tallest building in the world (it is, however, tallest 'twisted' building in the World)
 SHANGHAI TOWER
- 5 After the District Line, which has 60 stations, which line, coloured blue on the map, has the 2nd greatest number of stations on the London Underground **PICCADILLY with 53 stations**
- Who was the 2nd President of the United States (first name and surname required)
 JOHN ADAMS
- 7 Who was the 2nd wife of Henry VIII (first name and surname required) ANNE BOLEYN
- 8 With 4, Robbie Williams holds the record for the most Brit Awards for Best Solo Male Artist. Sharing second place, with 3 awards each are David Bowie, Paul Weller and which other artist, who, like Robbie Williams, began his career as part of a highly successful group before embarking on a solo career. In terms of Brit awards for Best Solo Male artist, he won in 1986, 1989 and 1990 (first name and surname required)

PHIL COLLINS

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 Which one word is the phrase a grass-eating animal **HERBIVORE**
- 2 What is the name of Israel's national airline **EL-AL**
- 3 Which European Capital City is on the same latitude as Washington DC LISBON
- 4 What name is given to the phobia which is the fear of death

NECROPHOBIA

- 5 Which cover of an Elvis Presley song gave the Pet Shop Boys a UK number one hit in 1987 *ALWAYS ON MY MIND*
- Which Prime Minister said "Our task is to make Britain a fit country for Heroes to live in" (first name and surname required to fulfill the 'letter link)
 DAVID LLOYD GEORGE
- 7 In which fictional district is the Australian series *Neighbours* set

ERINSBOROUGH

8 Which word meaning a small space, a small distance or a small margin is actually defined as 1/48th of an inch

HAIRSBREADTH

Round 3 – Sum total

In this round all the answers are numbers and the 'sum total' of your 8 answers should be 7,082

- How many US states begin with the letter W
 4 (Wisconsin, Wyoming, West Virginia, Washington)
- 2 Traditionally what was Steven Gerrard's Liverpool squad number (he was also given this same number when he moved to LA Galaxy in the US in 2016)
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- 3 In which year did Steve Redgrave win his first Olympic gold medal

(Los Angeles) 1984

- How many Noble gases are there; 4, 5 or 6
 6 The noble gases are a group of chemical elements with very similar properties: under standard conditions, they are all odorless, colorless, monatomic gases, with a very low chemical reactivity. The six noble gases that occur naturally are helium, neon, argon, krypton, xenon and the radioactive radon.
- 5 Which miracle, featuring a number, is the only one to appear in all four Gospels FEEDING OF THE 5000
- What Route was completed in the United States in 1926 and is 2,448 miles long
 ROUTE 66
- 7 In the game of draughts, how many pieces does each player start with **12**
- 8 How many humps does a Bactrian camel have2

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 What was the surname of the sisters played by actresses Stella Gonet and Louise Lombard in a BBC TV period drama which ran from 1991 to 1994 ELIOTT
- 2 Roger Moore played the original character and Ian Ogilvy took the lead role in the 'return of' whom on TV SAINT
- 3 Who was Madonna *desperately seeking* in a 1985 film **SUSAN**
- 4 What is the meaning of the French word Croix **CROSS**
- 5 What type of boy assists the "gaffer" on a film or TV set **BEST**
- 6 In the context of this connection which word can precede baby, jacket and telegraph **BUSH**
- 7 What was the <u>surname</u> of the Canadian born singer/songwriter (who died in 2016 at the age of 82) who wrote the song *Hallelujah* which was a huge hit in 2008 for X-Factor winner Alexandra Burke (LEONARD) COHEN
- 8 What is the connection between the previous seven answers: GEORGE (George Eliot the author (little bit of 'Quizmaster's licence with the spelling of the surname here!); Saint George; Susan George the actress; the George Cross; footballers George Cohen and George Best and US President George Bush – or indeed his son)