

Round 1 – Quizmaster’s Choice – ‘The Machine Age’

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 Machine Age’, enjoy the challenge.....

- 1 What was the name of Sony’s first personal stereo?

- 2 Without realizing the effect it would have in the future, what contribution did Erik Rotheim make to future global warming in 1926?

- 3 Philip Drinker contributed the respirator to medical technology. By what alternative name is it known?

- 4 By what title did America’s Strategic Defence Initiative become universally known?

- 5 Who, in 1908, invented a hand held device capable of detecting radiation?

- 6 How did James Martin make the life of military pilots safer after WWII?

- 7 Which firm introduced waterproof watches in 1927 was it: Omega, Rolex or Timex?

- 8 In which year did Percy Spencer patent the first microwave oven, was it 1945, 1955 or 1965?

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 Britain, which city is reached by dialling 0161 on the telephone?
- 2 What is the name of the British woodsman, instructor, author and TV presenter who specializes in programmes and books about survival techniques? (first name & surname required)
- 3 What is an animal's pancreas called when used as food?
- 4 The mythical creature the wyvern has the tail of a serpent and the head of a what?
- 5 At the age of 12, which future US President, somewhat ironically as it turned out, said to his mother "I want to be an old-fashioned lawyer who can't be brought by crooks"? (Surname only required)
- 6 Which Elton John song shares its title with the first name of the former Soviet leader Krushchev?
- 7 In Britain, with whose welfare is the Blue Cross organisation concerned? (note: answer in the plural)
- 8 Which abbreviation is used to describe a surface-to-air missile

Round 3 – Sum total

In this round all the answers are numbers and the 'sum total' of your 8 answers should be 791

- 1 In which century was explorer Captain James Cook born?
- 2 What is 1×-1 ?
- 3 What number is represented by the Roman numeral D?
- 4 What is the key number in the card game pontoon?
- 5 In music, how many quavers equal a crotchet?
- 6 How many feet are there in a fathom?
- 7 Electricity comes into our homes in Britain at how many volts?
- 8 In Britain, a general election must be held after how many years?

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 title of Edwin Starr's three-letter 1970 hit?
- 2 What type of "man" was Dustin Hoffman in the 1988 film?
- 3 In the context of this connection, which word can go before lady, engagement and date?
- 4 What shape was the world as presented by Michael Bentine on TV between 1961 and 1965?
- 5 In cricket, what word comes after off and leg to describe particular styles of spin bowling?
- 6 Which commodity is the main export of Sri Lanka?
- 7 According to the Yorkshire expression, what is there "now't so queer as"?
- 8 What is the connection between the previous seven answers?