

Round 1 – Quizmaster's choice

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 French connection', so let's see how good your knowledge is of our 'over the channel' neighbours?

Enjoy the challenge.....

- 1 Which French heroine was burnt at the stake in Rouen in 1431 and canonised in 1920?
JOAN OF ARC
- 2 In the Tour de France who wears a white jersey with red polka dots?
THE KING OF THE MOUNTAINS
- 3 How is *La Manège Enchanté* by Serge Danot better known in Britain?
THE MAGIC ROUNDABOUT
- 4 Which Frenchman (with the initials NA) scored Arsenal's second goal in their 2-0 victory over Newcastle United in the 1998 FA cup final, thus securing the 'double' for the Londoners that season?
NICHOLAS ANELKA
- 5 What in France is the SNCF?
THE NATIONAL RAILWAY COMPANY – *Société Nationale des Chemins de Fer Français*
- 6 On which Island did Napoleon die?
ST HELENA
- 7 How is Edmond Dantes better known in the famous novel by Alexander Dumas?
THE COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO
- 8 Who created the electronic albums *Oxygene* in 1976 and *Equinoxe* in 1978?
JEAN MICHEL JARRE

Round 2 – SUM TOTAL = 340

8 questions where each of your answers will either be a number or contain some reference to a number. The sum total of your 8 answers should be 340

- 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 What is the highest number used in a standard bingo game?
90
- 8 How many prime numbers are there between 10 and 20?
Four (11, 13, 17 and 19)

Round 3 - Letter link

8 general knowledge questions where the final letter of the answer to question 1 will be the same as the first letter of the answer to question 2 and so on through to question 8 where the final letter of that answer will be the same as the initial letter of the answer to question number 1, to complete the link

- 1 Which is the first book of the New Testament?
MATTHEW
- 2 Which English County was West Indian batsman Brian Lara playing for when he scored his record 501 not out against Durham in 1994?
WARWICKSHIRE
- 3 Who, with her daughter Christabel, founded the Women's Social and Political Union in 1903? (first name & surname required)
EMMELINE (EMILY) PANKHURST
- 4 Of where was Captain Flack head of the fire brigade?
TRUMPTON
- 5 Which US state has Albany as its capital?
NEW YORK
- 6 Which is the capital and largest city in Uganda?
KAMPALA
- 7 The real-life Captain Georg Von Trapp (Of *Sound of Music* fame) was a submarine commander in the navy of which country?
AUSTRIA
- 8 Which is the most abundant metal in the earth's crust?
ALUMINIUM

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 "Great" king of England was reputed to have burnt the cakes?
ALFRED
- 2 Following an Act of Parliament in 1944, the school leaving age was raised to what?
15 YEARS OF AGE (in 1918 it had been raised to 14)
- 3 Which famous Irish poet and playwright, founder of the Abbey Theatre in Dublin and writer of, amongst many others, the 1917 poem *Wild swans at Coole*, was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1923?
W.B. YEATS
- 4 Which actor played the leading role opposite Vivien Leigh in the 1939 film *Gone with the wind*?
CLARK GABLE
- 5 Which character in *Thunderbirds* had the first name Aloysius?
PARKER
- 6 Which British actor won his first Academy Award for his role the 1981 film *Arthur*?
SIR JOHN GEILGUD
- 7 Who co-starred with Stephen Fry in the TV adaptation of the P.G. Wodehouse stories of Jeeves and Wooster?
HUGH LAURIE
- 8 What is the connection between the previous seven answers: **BUTLER**
(**Alfred was the name of Batman's butler; it was the Butler Education Act of 1944 that raised the school leaving age; W.B. Yeats' middle name was Butler; Clark Gable starred as Rhett Butler in *Gone with the Wind*;; Parker was Lady Penelope's butler in *Thunderbirds*; Sir John Geilgud won his Academy Award for playing Arthur's butler and Hugh Laurie starred as Jeeves, Bertie Wooster's butler**)