

Questions set by Ken Owen. Correct as at 20th April 2017

1	What was the name of the round-headed clubs carried by Zulus and other indigenous South Africans which were used against British soldiers?	KNOBKERRIES
2	<i>Mentha piperium</i> is the Latin name for which perennial herb, cultivated for its essential oil?	PEPPERMINT
3	The Aleutian islands can be found off the coast of which US state?	ALASKA
4	What was the name for the steel works at Motherwell, closed by British Steel in 1992?	RAVENSCRAIG
5	Who won the 1892 Heavyweight Boxing title match when gloves were worn for the first time?	"Gentleman Jim" CORBETT (beat John L Sullivan)
6	What was the first name of Mr Harrod, who founded the eponymous department store?	CHARLES
7	If a Scotsman tells you to "dree your weird", what is he advising you to do?	ACCEPT YOUR FATE, SUBMIT TO DESTINY (or accept similar)
8	What is the title of the Robert Browning poem which begins "Oh to be in England, now that April's there"?	HOME THOUGHTS FROM ABROAD
9	Named after their discoverer, what was an old name for X-rays?	RÖNTGEN RAYS
10	From 1954 until they were taken over by Mattel in 1994, which company had the UK rights to manufacture Scrabble?	SPEAR GAMES
11	What is the technical name for a noun made from a verb, eg swimming, fighting?	GERUND (pronounced J..)
12	Ballet dancer Rudolf Nureyev was allegedly not born in a hospital, nor at home. What is usually claimed to be the location when he emerged into the world?	ON A TRAIN (Trans-Siberian)
13	Which three-word Latin phrase meaning "first among equals" is used, for example of the PM?	PRIMUS INTER PARES
14	What is the name for a foot-operated lever or pedal, on a sewing machine, potter's wheel etc?	TREADLE
15	Until 1973, what was the official residence of the Bishop of London?	FULHAM PALACE
16	In 1654 the Portuguese drove settlers of which other European nationality out of Brazil?	DUTCH
17	What is the better known identity, or stage name, of entertainer Chris Collins?	FRANK SKINNER
18	At which course, and in which year, did Nick Faldo win his first Open, with 18 straight pars in his final round?	MUIRFIELD, 1987
19	Christopher Columbus airport serves which city?	GENOA
20	Saul, who became St Paul, converted to Christianity after a vision of the risen Jesus on the road to Damascus. What was his home city?	TARSUS
21	In the natural world, when discussing animals, what word is the opposite of nocturnal?	DIURNAL
22	Which woman was the creator of Rupert Bear?	MARY TOURTEL
23	The red triangle of Bass Beer is the UK's oldest trademark, It famously appears on a bottle at the bar of which specific location, in an 1882 painting?	FOLIES-BERGÈRE (Manet)
24	Which continent is home to the balsa tree, from which we get balsa wood, as used in modelling etc?	SOUTH AMERICA
25	What would you see in a corrida?	BULLFIGHT
26	What is the name for the thick-walled part of a bird's stomach, used for grinding food?	GIZZARD
27	What is the name for the points at the ends of a traditionally-shaped anchor?	FLUKES
28	Which country has the only national flag which is not square or rectangular?	NEPAL (2 overlapping triangles)
29	Which female British athlete was eventually cleared of drugs charges on appeal in 1996?	(Diane) MODAHL
30	George I spoke no English; PM Robert Walpole spoke no German. How did they converse?	IN LATIN
31	In which sport would your equipment include a chistera (<i>pr.</i> Kiss-tare-ah)?	PELOTA Accept Jai Alai

32	Which creature comes in varieties such as Bearded, King, and Turkey?	VULTURE
33	Surprisingly, David Jason was third choice to play Del Boy. First was Enn Reitel, who had to decline. Who was the second, who also had to turn it down?	JIM BROADBENT
34	What is the substance which gels in water and causes jam to set?	PECTIN
35	<i>Dead Belgians Don't Count</i> was the original working title for which TV comedy series?	DROP THE DEAD DONKEY
36	What is the name of the unit in which the strength of a magnet is measured? It is the surname of an inventor born in Serbia, who emigrated to the USA in 1884.	TESLA
37	Which Roman Emperor, leader from 284 AD, tried to preserve the Empire by splitting it into East and West, and inviting Maximian to rule the West?	DIOCLETIAN
38	Which is the fullest and richest style of sherry?	OLOROSO
39	In the 4x100m and 4x400m relays, the baton must be handed over within a marked "box"; how long is that box in metres?	20 METRES
40	Tesco began as market stalls operated by Jack Cohen. The name came from the initials of T E Stockwell, a supplier to Cohen, plus "Co" from Cohen. What did Stockwell supply?	TEA
41	In 1854, an American act allowed two states to choose whether or not to have slavery. Name either one of them after which the act was called.	KANSAS or NEBRASKA
42	A raniphile collects figures or other items featuring which creatures?	FROGS
43	Beyoncé gave what name to her fifth World Tour, from 2013 to 2014, to reflect her married identity?	MRS CARTER TOUR
44	Which name, that of a Gorgon in mythology, is also used as a name for jellyfish?	MEDUSA
45	The stadium in Sydney where England won the Rugby Union World Cup in 2003 is now known as the ANZ stadium; by what other sponsor's name was it known when England had that success?	TELSTRA (STADIUM)
46	Haribo sweets come from which country?	GERMANY
47	Give the name of the man who was for 40 years from 1930 to 1970, the renowned organist at Blackpool Tower.	REGINALD DIXON
48	By what three word name is a preparation of hydrochloric acid called, when used as a drain cleaner and limescale remover?	SPIRIT OF SALT
49	In 1910, four British colonies joined together to form the self-governing Union of South Africa; they were Transvaal, Orange Free State, Cape Colony – and which other?	NATAL
50	Who was the last Wimbledon Men's Singles winner NOT to come from the USA or Europe?	LLEYTON HEWITT (2002)
51	Puccini left which opera unfinished at his death? It was completed by Franco Alfano.	TURANDOT
52	In which month of which year was Prince George, son of Prince William and Kate Middleton, born?	JULY 2013
53	In the Periodic Table, of those elements with names beginning with the letter B, which is the only one where the second letter is NOT a vowel?	BROMINE
54	During the French Revolution, one of the nicknames for the guillotine was the National what?	RAZOR (Le Rasoir National)
55	What is unusual about the writers Ellery Queen and Nicci French?	TWO PEOPLE UNDER ONE NAME
56	Miu Miu is a brand from which fashion house? It comes from the nickname of the designer, the granddaughter of the original firm's founder.	PRADA
57	On which river in Africa is the Kariba dam?	ZAMBEZI
58	One organisation of the United Nations is UNESCO, with UN standing for United Nations and O for organisation. What do the ESC letters represent?	EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC, CULTURAL (accept nouns if given)
59	What is the two word French term, normally hyphenated, used to describe those at the forefront of an artistic or fashionable movement?	AVANT-GARDE
60	What was "Mad Monk" Rasputin's first name – and it's not Ra Ra!	GRIGORI
61	When you think of waxworks, you think of Madame Tussaud; what exactly were her first creations in wax, which led to her artistic fame? (Reader- please feel free to use your discretion on how much of the answer to demand)	DEATH MASKS FROM THE GUILLOTINED IN THE FRENCH REVOLUTION
62	In a play by Aristophanes, who was the woman who organised a sex strike by the wives of Athens, to force a peace between the Athenians and the Spartans?	LYSISTRATA

63	A car with a sticker showing the international registration HKJ is from where?	JORDAN (Hashemite Kingdom of)
64	Someone from Liverpool is a Liverpudlian, from Glasgow a Glaswegian. What is the equivalent term for someone from Shropshire?	SALOPIAN
65	What word can follow moss, shell, and trellis, in a certain leisure activity?	STITCH (Knitting)
66	Which of Shakespeare's plays that is NOT named for a person has the shortest title?	THE TEMPEST
67	Jack Charlton spent some time as manager of the Ireland national football team. What was the last <i>club</i> side he managed before that?	NEWCASTLE UTD
68	What is a jacaranda?	A TREE
69	John Stonehouse, a former Labour minister, tried to fake his own death by drowning. He was caught in Australia with his mistress and former secretary. What was her full name?	SHEILA BUCKLEY
70	The most frequently occurring letter used in the English language is E. What is the second?	T

Spare Questions

1	According to an old whisky advert, what specific creature can you take "anywhere"?	WHITE HORSE
2	Growing up to a metre a day, and reaching up to 60m long, what is the fastest growing plant in the sea? Two word answer required.	GIANT KELP
3	Shaggy-bearded Australian darts player Simon Whitlock has what nickname?	THE WIZARD
4	What make and model of car does Peter Kay's character John drive in TV's <i>Car Share</i> ?	FIAT 500
5	What name is given to an opening or slit in a garment, covering fastenings or for access to a pocket, or the flap of fabric under such an opening?	PLACKET