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	<b>C) Shaun of the Dead</b> - The 2004 zombie-themed romantic comedy, or 'rom, zom, com' as it dubbed itself, starring Simon Pegg & Nick Frost
2	Don Diego de la Vega, the masked swordsman who leaves the mark of the Z, is otherwise known by what name?
	<b>Zorro</b> - played by Anthony Hopkins, Senior Zorro, in the 1998 film 'The Mask of Zorro' - with Antonio Banderas as Alejandro Murrieta, the new Zorro
3	What word is missing from the film titles, 'The Sleep', 'The Chill', and 'The Lebowski'; A) Long, B) Short, C) Big, or D) Small?
	<b>C) The Big</b> - The Big Sleep is a 1946 Film Noir classic with Humphrey Bogart playing the detective Philip Marlowe, The Big Chill is a 1983 film about a group of college friends who meet up after a mutual friend commits suicide, and The Big Lebowski is a 1998 comedy about a Californian Slacker played by Jeff Bridges who is mistaken for millionaire with the same name
4	What does Boxing champion 'Bombardier' Billy Wells bang on film, that makes it likely you would have seen him quite a number of times?
	<b>A gong</b> - he's one of the semi naked men who bangs the gong at the start of Rank films & was a boxing champion in the early 1900s / He was the second 'gong-man' / A closely guarded secret, that the gong was made of papier-mâché, was revealed to his friends by the 4th gongman, Kenneth Richmond, just before he died
5	What secret does Sundance reveal to Butch when about to jump off a cliff to escape the chasing posse; Is it A) I'm afraid of heights, B) I can't swim, or C) I slept with your girlfriend?
	<b>B) I can't swim</b> - To which Butch quips 'Are you crazy? The fall will probably kill you' / Released 1969
Nature	
6	The opposite of nocturnal, what term is used for animals that are active by day and rest at night?
	<b>Diurnal</b> - meaning 'daily'
7	How many teats has a normal cow?
	<b>Four</b> - one udder & four teats / Whereas a goat (for instance) has one udder & two teats
8	What so-called fish are made up of 94 - 98% water and have no sensory organs, or a brain?
	<b>Jelly fish</b> - Their nervous systems & sensory structures (rhopalia) allow them to perceive stimuli, such as light and odour, and to respond quickly / They belong to the class 'scyphozoa' which are invertebrates (without bones), unlike fish which are vertebrates (with bones)
9	<b>Primarily</b> , why does a woodpecker peck; A) to catch food, B) as a territorial warning to their rivals, C) to create a nest for their young or, D) to attract a mate, where the female is attracted to the hardest pecker?
	<b>A) To catch food</b> - They make a small hole into which they poke their long barbed tongue (often as long as the bird itself) to catch insect larvae found under the bark / To a lesser degree, they also peck as a territorial warning to their rivals & to create nests for their eggs
10	What are otter's spraints, deer's crotties, fox's scats and hare's currants?
	<b>Their 'droppings'</b> - or poo

<b>Sport</b>		
11	Buzkashi, the national game of Afghanistan involving two teams of horsemen, a dead goat and a few rules, is thought to be a precursor of what sport?	<b>Polo</b> - Buzkashi translates to 'goat grabbing'
12	What did Duncan Fletcher allegedly see through his binoculars which led to The Sun's 2006 headline 'Spotcha'?; A) ball tampering, B) box tampering C) outfielders drinking, or D) batting team-members sleeping?	<b>A) ball tampering / cheating</b> - Fletcher claimed he saw ball tampering by the Pakistan team during the final test at The Oval / Consequently England were awarded five runs & got to choose a new ball / Play continued that afternoon but the Pakistan team did not show up the next day in protest / Later, the captain Inzamam-ul-Haq was found not guilty but was banned for 4 games for bringing the game of cricket into dispute
13	In what water sport do all the team members, except one, move backwards?	<b>Rowing</b> - only the Cox moves forwards
14	Literally translated as 'killer' who might be awarded ears and a tail for a good performance?	<b>A Matador</b> - A severed one or two ears of the bull, along with the tail if an especially good performance
15	What got Zinedine Zidane sent off in the 2006 World Cup final that jockey Paul O'Neill did to his horse several weeks later; A) slapping, B) spitting, C) headbutting, or D) excessive kissing & hugging?	<b>C) Head butting</b> - Zidane head butted Italian Marco Materazzi for allegedly insulting his family / O'Neill head butted his horse City Affair for unseating him
<b>History</b>		
16	What were the first two words to be broadcast live from the House of Commons; A) hello everyone, B) Order, Order, C) Mr Speaker, or D) and, action?	<b>B) Order, Order</b> - Television coverage began on the 21st Nov 1989
17	What is missing from the quote attributed to Winston Churchill; 'Don't talk to me about naval tradition. It's nothing but rum and the lash'?	<b>Sodomy</b> - According to Churchill's assistant Anthony Montague-Browne, Churchill had not coined the phrase, 'It's nothing but rum, sodomy and the lash,' but did wish he had
18	What famous Scottish missionary & explorer of the Victorian era, was the first European to see and name Victoria Falls?	<b>David Livingstone</b> - in the 1850's / The Falls were previously called Mosi-oa-Tunya waterfall
19	In Tudor Britain, what was known as 'night soil' because it was removed at night by Gong farmers?	<b>Human excrement</b> - removed from privies & cesspits to be taken outside the town boundaries and dumped!
20	Arrange Princess Diana's alleged lovers in the order they came! A) Life Guards Captain, James Hewitt, B) Rock star, Bryan Adams, C) Car salesman, James Gilbey and D) Rugby player, Will Carling	<b>C) Gilbey, A) Hewitt, D) Carling, and B) Adams</b> - Gilbey was associated in 1989 with the infamous 'Squidgygate Affair' where in a recorded conversation he called Diana 'Darling' 53 times & 'Squidgy' 14 times / Hewitt approx 1991 according to his book about it (under hypnosis, he admitted he had 'met' Diana in 81 or 82) / Carling around 1995 with the alleged affair ending at the same time as he got divorced / Bryan Adams approx 1996 soon after Diana's divorce with Charles
<b>Expressions</b>		
21	In endeavouring to keep up with the neighbours, what might your neighbours be called?	<b>The Joneses</b> - As in striving to match one's neighbours in spending and social standing / It originated in a comic strip 'Keep Up With The Joneses' first published in 1913 in the New York Globe
22	To what did the 'daylights' originally refer in the expression 'it scared the living daylights out of me'?	<b>One's eyes</b> - The original 18th century meaning of 'daylights' was literally 'the eyes' as per a line from Henry Fielding's 1752 novel Amelia; 'If the woman says another word to me, I will darken her daylights' / The release of the 1987 film The Living Daylights, the 15th in the James Bond series, reawakened the use of this old phrase
23	What might you be doing up a wrong tree?	<b>Barking</b> - 'Barking up the wrong tree' means making a mistake or a false assumption / It alludes to hunting dogs barking up trees in which they mistakenly think their quarry are hiding / First coined in James Paulding's novel Westward Ho! in 1832
24	To react to a situation quickly and effectively, what might you be thinking on?	<b>Your feet</b> - 'Thinking on your feet' meaning to deal with a problem when it arises, which may be an unexpected problem, maybe an emergency, with an unorthodox solution / The type of problem you don't have an opportunity to sit down and think about how to solve
25	What hits what, when the disastrous consequences become known?	<b>The shit hits the fan</b> - This expression alludes to the very unpleasant effects of shit being thrown into an electric fan / Other, more polite, forms of the phrase, involve eggs, pie, soup and 'stuff' hitting the fan / Dates back to the 1940's

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26	What colour <b>B</b> are the eyes of the Mona Lisa?	<b>Brown</b> - The 16th Century oil portrait by Italian Leonardo Da Vinci is arguably the most famous painting in the world / The most likely sitter was Lisa del Giocondo, wife of the successful silk merchant Francesco del Giocondo & commissioned for their new home and to celebrate the birth of their second son / 'Mona' comes from 'Madonna' and is a polite term such as 'Madam' or 'My Lady'
27	What <b>N</b> is the name given to a billionth of a second?	<b>Nanosecond</b> - And is the time to execute one instruction on a average PC & the time it takes light to travel 30cm
28	What <b>S I A R P C</b> is the name of a Top Gear segment where a celebrity attempts their top speed around a test track?	<b>Star In A Reasonably-Priced Car</b> - Each celebrity is allowed 5 practise laps with a final timed lap where no allowance is made for any errors / There have been several mishaps with the feature... Sir Michael Gambon went around the final corner on 2 wheels, prompting Jeremy Clarkson to rename the corner in Gambon 's honour / Lionel Richie & Trevor Eve lost a wheel & David Soul destroyed the clutches of both the main car & the back-up car! / The original model of car used was a Suzuki Liana, replaced in the 8th series by a Chevrolet Lacetti
29	If you were sat on a three legged stool, busy in 'vaccimulgence', what <b>M A C</b> would you be doing?	<b>Milking a cow</b> - Latin 'vacca' means 'a cow', Latin verb 'emulgere' means 'to milk out'
30	What <b>L</b> are the imaginary lines which encircle the Earth parallel to the Equator?	<b>Latitude</b> - Lines of latitude are the horizontal lines running east to west on maps & give the location of a place on Earth north or south of the equator / Lines of Longitude go from pole to pole (ie run north to south) & give you a location east to west
31	What word <b>T</b> means 'fool' or 'idiot' in Spanish & Italian, and was the name of The Lone Ranger's side kick?	<b>Tonto</b> - The character is not depicted as being stupid so the translation appears to have been coincidental & consequently, in some Spanish speaking countries, his name was changed to Toro, meaning bull
32	Which Eric Clapton song <b>WT</b> is about a bloated rock star who gets so drunk at a party his wife has to drive him home and undress him?	<b>Wonderful Tonight</b> - The song is about Clapton's then love, Pattie Boyd / Included on his 1977 album 'Slowhand' & was released as a single in 1978
33	What drink <b>G</b> is advertised with the slogan 'Not everything in black & white makes sense'?	<b>Guinness</b> - One of the many slogans thought up by the company during its long history of clever marketing campaigns involving beer mats, posters, and award winning TV commercials
34	What <b>F</b> word can go before the word 'over' and after the word 'bar'?	<b>Fly</b> - Flyover & barfly
35	Apart from hats & footwear, what was the only other item of clothing <b>S</b> , the Red Hot Chili Peppers wore on the cover of their EP 'The Abbey Road'?	<b>A sock</b> - worn on some feet & all private parts / Released in 1988, the title & cover was a tribute to The Beatles famous album 'Abbey Road' / Like The Beatles, the cover depicts the four band members walking across a zebra crossing in single file, the twist being that they are all near naked / They regularly performed this way too!

<b>Miscellaneous</b>		
36	True or false; Ben Nevis is named after a Scottish hermit who is alleged to have owned the mountain in days gone by	<b>False</b> - Ben derives from 'Beinn', Gaelic for peak / Nevis is possibly from the Gaelic 'Neamh' for Heaven
37	In the British forces, who always receives and understands messages by radio?	<b>Roger</b> - the British forces in WWII used the word Roger for the letter R in the radio & telephone alphabet / Using of these alphabet-words to stand for other meanings was common, and 'Roger' became known to mean 'received...received and understood' / Another example would be 'Victor-Charlie', words which are in most country's radio-alphabet, those used for the letters V & C, and which also came to stand for 'Viet Cong' troops
38	What question are Mastermind contestants asked after their name?	<b>And your occupation?</b> - And the third question asked is, 'And your specialist subject?' / The TV show was the brainchild of TV producer Bill Wright who drew on his wartime experience as a POW in Germany answering 3 questions; name, rank & number
39	Through various leads, what component connects the ignition coil to the spark plugs in an older car?	<b>The distributor</b> - A device within the ignition system of an internal combustion engine that routes high voltage from the ignition coil to the spark plugs in the correct firing order / The first high tension distributor was developed around 1904
40	Which famous painting by Franz Hals, is in the Wallace Collection in London; A) The Smiling Roundhead, B) The Laughing Cavalier C) The Jolly Jester, or D) The Grinning Idiot?	<b>B) The Laughing Cavalier</b> - Painted in 1624, the sitter is unknown but he does sport a mischievous smile / It is known from an inscription on the painting that he was 26 years old in the year 1624
41	What did George Ellis describe as 'Snowy, flowy, blowy, showery, flowery, bowery, hoppy, croppy, droppy, breezy, sneezy and freezy'?	<b>The Months of the year</b> - The undated poem is called 'The Twelve Months' / George Ellis was a British poet & journalist (1753 - 1815)
42	How many attempts did Norm Larson of the Rocket Chemical Company make to perfect his <b>Water Displacement</b> solvent?	<b>40</b> - WD40, which stands for Water Displacement 40th attempt / Developed in 1953
43	Who am I? No-one knows when I was born, I was buried amongst the Kings in Westminster Abbey in 1920, my tomb is the only one on which you are forbidden to walk & every Royal bride gives me her bouquet	<b>The Unknown Warrior</b> - can accept 'unknown soldier' / He died in France in World War One & was buried on Armistice Day, Nov 11th 1920
44	Who is more intelligent - a moron or an idiot?	<b>A moron</b> - originally both were scientific terms / Moron was coined in 1910 by psychologist Henry Goddard from the Greek word 'moros' meaning 'dull' & was used to describe someone with the mental age of between 8 & 12 / 'Idiot' denoted a mental age of 2 or less
45	Which toys name is ironically an anagram of <b>CANNOT AIM</b> ?	<b>Action Man</b> - Launched in Britain in 1966 by Polity as a licensed copy of Hasbro's American 'moveable fighting man' G I Joe
<b>Tiebreaks</b>		
1	How many calories would you burn off by banging your head against a wall for ten and a half hours?	<b>1,600 calories</b>
2	In yards, how long is the worlds shortest frontier between Spain & Gibraltar?	<b>1,672 yards</b>



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