

- (1) What is the most widely-spoken language in the world that is normally written in script read from right to left: Arabic, Farsi or Hebrew?
Arabic.
- (2) The Babington Plot was a conspiracy to overthrow which queen?
Elizabeth I.
- (3) The phrase "If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen" is attributed to which US President: Truman, Eisenhower or Nixon?
Trueman.
- (4) The NHL retired the shirt '99' in honour of which Canadian ice hockey player?
Wayne Gretzky.
- (5) In what year did Mauritania become the last country in the world to abolish slavery: 1981, 1991 or 2001?
1981.
- (6) After Jupiter and Saturn, in terms of size, Uranus is the next largest planet in our solar system, but in term of mass or weight which other planet although smaller in size than Uranus is heavier?
Neptune.
- (7) Which of these characters was NOT the subject of a Verdi opera: Hamlet, Macbeth or Othello?
Hamlet.
- (8) The two Anglican cathedrals in London are St Paul's and what other?
Southwark.
- (9) Rafael Nadal's winning percentage on which tennis court surface is the best of any player in the Open era: hard, clay or grass?
Clay.
- (10) Who was the last French king to live at Versailles?
Louis XVI.

- (11) How many tiers of benches are on each side of the House of Commons: five, six or seven?
Five.
- (12) At which football club's ground was there a statue of Michael Jackson, until it was moved to the National Football Museum in 2014?
Fulham.
- (13) In physics, Gay-Lussac's law is concerned with what state of matter: gas, liquid or solid?
Gas.
- (14) Banff National Park was the first national park of which Commonwealth country?
Canada.
- (15) Edward the Black Prince was buried in which cathedral: Canterbury, Salisbury or York?
Canterbury.
- (16) What name is given to a boxer's supporting corner men?
Seconds.
- (17) The pleats in a chef's tall white hat are said to represent the number of ways to prepare what foodstuff: pastry, meat or eggs?
Eggs.
- (18) Claude Greengrass was a character in which TV series?
Heartbeat.
- (19) One of the very few Beatles singles not to top the UK chart, was the double 'A' side Strawberry Fields/Penny Lane. What song kept it from the number one slot in 1967: Please Release Me, Green, Green Grass of Home or A Whiter Shade of Pale?
Please Release Me - Engelbert Humperdinck.
- (20) Up to and including 2022, name the last ten films nominated for the Best Picture Oscar with a type of animal in the title? (Not including 'Birdman' or 'Slumdog Millionaire')
Power of the Dog, Jojo Rabbit, Black Panther, Lady Bird, Lion, The Wolf of Wall Street, War Horse, Black Swan, Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon & The Silence of the Lambs.

(21) Pancake Foundation was created in 1935 by which cosmetics company?

Max Factor.

(22) What is the English for the city known in Italian as Firenze?

Florence.

(23) 'What Do You Mean?' was which Canadian's first UK number one in 2015?

Justin Bieber.

(24) The mobile phone company EE was formed by the merger of Orange and which other company?

T-Mobile.

(25) Hugh Town is the capital of which group of small islands off the UK coast?

Scilly Isles.

(26) White, old glory red and old glory blue are the official colours of which country's flag?

USA.

(27) The Dakari cocktail is named after a town on which Caribbean island country?

Cuba.

(28) In the De Vinci painting 'The Last Supper', what is the first name of the Apostle who appears to have knocked over a container of salt?

Judas.

(29) In the story of Ali Barba, what two-word phrase shuts the robbers cave?

Close Sesame.

(30) The annual sailing regatta on the Isle of White known as 'Cowes Week' traditionally takes place in what month?

August.

(31) The puffin belongs to which family of birds: auk, gull or shrike?

Auk.

(32) What European country was the first to host the FIFA World Cup?

Italy (1934).

(33) Thought to be the oldest clock in the world, the clock at Salisbury Cathedral was made in what century: 14th, 15th or 16th?

14th.

(34) Which canal in the north-west of England is named after the Duke who financed its construction in order to transport coal to Manchester from his mines Worsley?

Bridgewater.

(35) How long did it take to build the 117 miles London Orbital Road or M25: 11 years, 13 years or 15 years?

11 Years. (1975 to 1986)

(36) Which actor has played Sid Vicious, Joe Orton, Lee Harvey Oswald and Ludwig Van Beethoven?

Gary Oldman.

(37) Which of these actors turned down the opportunity to provide the voice of Buzz Lightyear in 'Toy Story': Johnny Depp, Denzel Washington or Billy Crystal?

Billy Crystal.

(38) Which type of long slender cigar is said to take its name from an American Spanish word for a long slim biscuit?

Panatela.

(39) At which racecourse were the ashes of Desert Orchid buried in 2006: Cheltenham, Newmarket or Kempton Park?

Kempton Park.

(40) Name the last ten different sports to have won BBC Sports Personality of the Year? (Not looking for individual winners here just their sport)

Cycling, athletics, tennis, motor racing, horse racing, football, boxing, eventing, cricket & rugby union.