



# MERSEYSIDE QUIZ LEAGUES

SEASON 2014-2015

Questions set by Ormskirk 1.

All rounds are general.

Answers are correct as at May 2014.



## Round 1

1a	Who was the first female president of the Republic of Ireland, elected in 1990?	<b>MARY ROBINSON</b>
1b	Which animal features on the Coat of Arms of Berlin?	<b>BEAR</b>
2a	Which house did Harry Potter belong to in Hogwarts School?	<b>GRYFFINDOR</b>
2b	The name of what type of pasta means "little tongues" in Italian?	<b>LINGUINI</b>
3a	In football, Emlyn Hughes joined Liverpool and Alan Ball joined Everton from which club?	<b>BLACKPOOL</b>
3b	The layer of the ionosphere which reflects radio waves is named after which English physicist?	<b>EDWARD APPLETON</b>
4a	Which musical is based on a book written by Gaston Leroux?	<b>PHANTOM OF THE OPERA</b>
4b	The residents of Wisteria Lane appeared in which TV series?	<b>DESPERATE HOUSEWIVES</b>

## Round 2

1a	Only two horses beat Red Rum in the Grand National – L'Escargot and which other?	<b>RAG TRADE</b>
1b	Cassis is a syrup made from which fruit?	<b>BLACKCURRANT</b>
2a	Which Birmingham-based pop group had the first record played on BBC Radio One ('Flowers in the Rain') and evolved into the Electric Light Orchestra?	<b>THE MOVE</b>
2b	In which film of the early 1940s were the main supporting characters Ilsa Lund, Victor Laszlo and Captain Louis Renault?	<b>CASABLANCA</b>
3a	In which century did El Cid live?	<b>11th CENTURY</b>
3b	On which island is the mountain Adam's Peak?	<b>SRI LANKA</b>
4a	Which Dickens character was the illegitimate child of Edwin Leeford and Agnes Fleming?	<b>OLIVER TWIST</b>
4b	Who painted "Bubbles" in 1886, the picture used to advertise Pears soap?	<b>JOHN EVERETT MILLAIS</b>

## Round 3

1a	Whose stories include "Rip Van Winkle" and "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow"?	<b>WASHINGTON IRVING</b>
1b	What is the common name of Vitamin B9, which is given to pregnant women?	<b>FOLIC ACID</b>
2a	In which year was the Aberfan Disaster?	<b>1966</b>
2b	Paramaribo is the capital of which republic in South America?	<b>SURINAME</b>
3a	Who had a number 1 hit in 1980 with "Together We Are Beautiful"?	<b>FERN KINNEY</b>
3b	Who is the current presenter of the BBC Radio 1 Breakfast Show?	<b>NICK GRIMSHAW</b>
4a	In 1936 George Nissen developed which item of sports equipment that still bears his name?	<b>TRAMPOLINE</b>
4b	Which philosopher studied under Plato, served as tutor to Alexander the Great and founded a school called the Lyceum?	<b>ARISTOTLE</b>

**Round 4**

1a	Who wrote the opera <i>Gloriana</i> first performed in 1953?	<b>BENJAMIN BRITTEN</b>
1b	In “Bob the Builder”, what is the name of the cat?	<b>PILCHARD</b>
2a	Who won the World Snooker Championship in May?	<b>MARK SELBY</b>
2b	What structure connects the Trent & Mersey Canal with the river Weaver?	<b>ANDERTON BOAT LIFT</b>
3a	What was the original profession of the novelist Joseph Conrad?	<b>SEAMAN (MASTER MARINER)</b>
3b	What type of Rolls Royce engine was used to power the later makes of Spitfire?	<b>GRIFFON</b>
4a	Who was president of South Korea during the Korean War?	<b>SYNGMAN RHEE</b>
4b	Four US states border Lake Michigan – Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin and which other?	<b>INDIANA</b>

**Round 5**

1a	Whose written works include “Strange Interlude” and “Mourning Becomes Electra”?	<b>EUGENE O’NEIL</b>
1b	Which is the only vitamin that the human body can synthesize?	<b>VITAMIN D</b>
2a	In which year did Richard Nixon resign as US President?	<b>1974</b>
2b	What is the capital of Botswana?	<b>GABORONE</b>
3a	Who had a number 1 hit in 1980 with “What’s Another Year”?	<b>JOHNNY LOGAN</b>
3b	Name either of the current female presenters on <i>Today</i> on BBC Radio 4.	<b>SARAH MONTAGUE or MISHAL HUSAIN</b>
4a	What two-word French term is given to the last competitor during each stage of the Tour de France?	<b>LANTERNE ROUGE</b>
4b	Which French novelist and philosopher won the 1957 Nobel Prize for Literature and played in goal as a junior footballer?	<b>ALBERT CAMUS</b>

**Round 6**

1a	What is the title of the comic opera by Edward German set in the court of Queen Elizabeth I?	<b>MERRIE ENGLAND</b>
1b	In the “Peppa Pig” series what is her brother George’s favourite toy?	<b>DINOSAUR</b>
2a	Which golfer won the US Masters Tournament in April?	<b>BUBBA WATSON</b>
2b	What structure connects the Forth & Clyde Canal with the Union Canal?	<b>THE FALKIRK WHEEL</b>
3a	What was the regular profession of the playwright Anton Chekov?	<b>(MEDICAL) DOCTOR</b>
3b	Which US car company made the Rolls Royce Merlin engine under licence in America?	<b>PACKARD</b>
4a	Who commanded the US forces in South Vietnam from 1964 – 1968?	<b>GENERAL WILLIAM C WESTMORELAND</b>
4b	Which is the only US state divided into parishes?	<b>LOUISIANA</b>

**Round 7**

1a	Lester Piggott rode his first and last winners at which racecourse?	<b>HAYDOCK (PARK)</b>
1b	Grenadine is a syrup made from which fruit?	<b>POMEGRANATE</b>
2a	In a song by the Kinks, by which London station did Terry meet July at sunset?	<b>WATERLOO</b>
2b	In which film starring Humphrey Bogart did Peter Lorre play Joel Cairo and Sydney Greenstreet play Kasper Gutman?	<b>THE MALTESE FALCON</b>
3a	In which century did Ivan the Terrible live?	<b>16th CENTURY</b>
3b	Which Australian state capital is on the River Torrens?	<b>ADELAIDE</b>
4a	Hero is a heroine in which Shakespeare play?	<b>MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING</b>
4b	Who painted "Impression, Sunrise" in 1873?	<b>CLAUDE MONET</b>

**Round 8**

1a	Who was the first woman to be elected in 1992 as Speaker of the House of Commons?	<b>BETTY BOOTHROYD</b>
1b	Which animals feature on the Coat of Arms of the Canary Islands?	<b>DOGS</b>
2a	During his time at Hogwarts to which house did the villain Voldemort belong?	<b>SLYTHERIN</b>
2b	What type of fruit is a bullace?	<b>PLUM</b>
3a	In football, Emile Heskey joined Liverpool and Gary Lineker joined Everton from which club?	<b>LEICESTER CITY</b>
3b	The Saffir-Simpson scale is used to measure which natural occurrence?	<b>HURRICANES</b>
4a	Which Lloyd Webber musical is based on a book written by T S Eliot?	<b>CATS (Old Possums Book of Practical Cats)</b>
4b	In Desperate Housewives, who played Susan Mayer?	<b>TERI HATCHER</b>

**Spare Questions**

1	What sort of creature is a Malamute?	<b>DOG (Alaskan sled)</b>
2	When George Formby sang the lines "It may be sticky, but I never complain. It's nice to have a nibble at it now and again", to what was he referring?	<b>LITTLE STICK OF BLACKPOOL ROCK</b>
3	In which town does Desperate Dan live?	<b>CACTUSVILLE</b>
4	Which England rugby union captain resigned in May 1999 over allegation that he took and dealt in illegal hard drugs?	<b>LAWRENCE DALLAGLIO</b>
5	In Greek mythology Achilles was the son of Peleus and whom?	<b>THETIS</b>