



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

Round 2

1a	Only two horses beat Red Rum in the Grand National – L'Escargot and which other?	RAG TRADE
1b	Cassis is a syrup made from which fruit?	BLACKCURRANT
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?	THE MOVE
2b	In which film of the early 1940s were the main supporting characters Ilsa Lund, Victor Laszlo and Captain Louis Renault?	CASABLANCA
3a	In which century did El Cid live?	11th CENTURY
3b	On which island is the mountain Adam's Peak?	SRI LANKA
4a	Which Dickens character was the illegitimate child of Edwin Leeford and Agnes Fleming?	OLIVER TWIST
4b	Who painted "Bubbles" in 1886, the picture used to advertise Pears soap?	JOHN EVERETT MILLAIS

Round 3

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

Round 4

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

Round 5

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

Round 6

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

Round 7

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

Round 8

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

Spare Questions

1	What sort of creature is a Malamute?	DOG (Alaskan sled)
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?	LITTLE STICK OF BLACKPOOL ROCK
3	In which town does Desperate Dan live?	CACTUSVILLE
4	Which England rugby union captain resigned in May 1999 over allegation that he took and dealt in illegal hard drugs?	LAWRENCE DALLAGLIO
5	In Greek mythology Achilles was the son of Peleus and whom?	THETIS