

Derwent League Quiz Questions

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Questions set by St. Vincent B

Round 1

- A 1** How much does a first class stamp cost?
- B 1** What is the fictional island on which 'Thomas the Tank Engine' is set?
- A 2** One end of the 'Wolds Way' is at Hessle. In which town is the other end?
- B 2** What is the capital of Croatia?
- A 3** Who is the Chancellor of Germany?
- B 3** What is the Joule the SI unit of ?
- A 4** What is the capital of Macedonia?
- B 4** What is the collective name for a group of finches?

Round 2

- A 1** What is the Ampere the SI unit of?
- B 1** One end of the 'Wilberforce Way' is in Hull. Where is the other end?
- A 2** Who is the Roman Goddess of wisdom and war?
- B 2** Nancy Pelosi holds which position in the US political system?
- A 3** What is the name of the soft leather used in bookbinding as a substitute for Morocco leather?
- B 3** How much does a second class stamp cost?
- A 4** During World War I the British soldier's nickname was the 'Tommy', what was the French nickname for their soldiers?
- B 4** Who was the first cricketer to be knighted whilst still playing professionally?

Round 3

- A 1** A famous sailor and the state capital of North Carolina share a name. What is it?
- B 1** What is the collective name for a group of clams or mussels?
- A 2** Which scientific device was invented by Evangelista Torricelli in 1643?
- B 2** A famous sailor and the state capital of Ohio share a name. What is it?
- A 3** Which Scottish mathematician is credited with the invention of logarithms in 1614?
- B 3** Who is the author of the autobiography, "My England Years"?
- A 4** Who wrote the play "Death of a Salesman"?
- B 4** Who is the female presenter of "Strictly Come Dancing"?

Round 4

- A 1** Name either presenter of BBC1's "The One Show"
- B 1** Who wrote the book, "Lord of the Flies"?
- A 2** Which Comedy star, who had his own sitcom in the 1970s, entitled his 2005 autobiography, "If I Don't Write It Nobody Else Will"?
- B 2** The Mint Julep is a whisky cocktail traditionally drunk at which American Horse Race Meeting?
- A 3** The show jumping venue 'Hickstead' is in which county?
- B 3** Who is the Roman Goddess of the dawn?
- A 4** Who was India's first Prime Minister?
- B 4** Which is the southernmost European Union capital city?

Round 5

- A 1** Which distillery is home to Bell's Whisky?
- B 1** What name is given to a straight line joining two points on the circumference of a circle?
- A 2** If the two shorter sides of a right-angled triangle are 5cm and 12cm, how long is the third side?
- B 2** Who wrote the novel, "A Woman of Substance"?
- A 3** Who wrote the novel "Chocolat"?
- B 3** Who is 7th in line to the UK throne?
- A 4** A **Pedestrian Light Controlled Crossing** is known as a 'Pelican'. What is the name of the similar crossing for pedestrians and cyclists?
- B 4** Who recently claimed that her youngest child was conceived during a stay at Balmoral castle?

Round 6

- A 1** In which city has an academy named after the Archbishop of York recently opened?
- B 1** On whose songs is the musical, "Can't Smile Without You" based?
- A 2** In the game of Cluedo how many different rooms are there?
- B 2** In a game of chess how many different first moves is it possible for White to make?
- A 3** In a single set of lawn tennis what is the minimum number of times a player could hit the ball to win the set?
- B 3** In the game of poker, after a royal flush and a straight flush what is the next highest ranking hand?
- A 4** What prize did Aravind Adiga recently win?
- B 4** Paul Krugman recently won which Nobel Prize?

Round 7

- A 1** The Barclaycard was the UK's first credit card in 1966. The second did not appear until 6 years later. What was its name?
- B 1** How many General Election victories did Harold Wilson achieve as leader of the Labour Party?
- A 2** Which Parliamentary constituency does David Cameron represent?
- B 2** What colloquial name is often given to the 5 city universities of the UK founded between 1900 and 1909?
- A 3** Who said: 'Tis better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all'?
- B 3** In which book would you find the exceedingly strong drink called the 'Pan-galactic Gargle Blaster'?
- A 4** The river Rhone rises in which country?
- B 4** 'Universal Exports' is the fictional employer providing cover for the work of which film character?

Round 8

- A 1** In which film did John Travolta play the character 'Vincent Vega'?
- B 1** Mercury was the USA's first space programme and Apollo the third. What was the second?
- A 2** What, in economics, is a Monopsony?
- B 2** The Christmas tree in Trafalgar Square in London is a gift from which country?
- A 3** What does the Latin word 'alibi' literally mean?
- B 3** Of which Prime Minister did Jeremy Thorpe say, "Greater love hath no man than this, that he should lay down his friends for his life."?
- A 4** In Japan, it is the Shinkansen, what do we call it?
- B 4** What is the name of the mascot on the bonnet of a UK sold Rolls Royce?

Spares

- 1** Which multinational chain is named after Captain Ahab's first mate in Moby Dick
- 2** What is Paul McCartney's middle name?
- 3** In which sport would you go to a Basho?
- 4** What is indicated by the clothing care symbol showing an empty circle inside a square surmounted by a diagonal cross?
- 5** Which foodstuff do the French call 'creme Anglaise'?
- 6** Against which team was David Beckham sent off in the 1998 World Cup Finals?
- 7** In the sitcom 'Dad's Army', what was Private Fraser's occupation?
- 8** Which item of dress was launched by Mr. Fish, a fashion entrepreneur in the 1960s?
- 9** In which city would you find Snow Hill railway station?
- 10** From which plant is the bitter extract absinthe derived?