

# Derwent League Quiz Questions

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Questions set by St. Vincent B

## Round 1

- A 1** How much is does a first class stamp cost? 36p
- B 1** What is the fictional island on which 'Thomas the Tank Engine' is set? Sodor
- A 2** One end of the 'Wolds Way' is at Hessle. In which town is the other end? Filey
- B 2** What is the capital of Croatia? Zagreb
- A 3** Who is the Chancellor of Germany? Angela Merkel
- B 3** What is the Joule the SI unit of ? Energy
- A 4** What is the capital of Macedonia? Skopje
- B 4** What is the collective name for a group of finches? A Charm

## Round 2

- A 1** What is the Ampere the SI unit of? Current
- B 1** One end of the 'Wilberforce Way' is in Hull. Where is the other end? Pocklington
- A 2** Who is the Roman Goddess of wisdom and war? Minerva
- B 2** Nancy Pelosi holds which position in the US political system? Speaker of the House of Representatives
- A 3** What is the name of the soft leather used in bookbinding as a substitute for Morocco leather? Roan
- B 3** How much does a second class stamp cost? 27p
- A 4** During World War I the British soldier's nickname was the 'Tommy', what was the French nickname for their soldiers? Poilu (pwa lo'o), plural poilus
- B 4** Who was the first cricketer to be knighted whilst still playing professionally? Sir Richard Hadlee

## Round 3

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

## Round 4

- A 1** Name either presenter of BBC1's "The One Show" Adrian Chiles or Christine Bleakley
- B 1** Who wrote the book, "Lord of the Flies"? William Golding
- 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"? Eric Sykes
- B 2** The Mint Julep is a whisky cocktail traditionally drunk at which American Horse Race Meeting? Kentucky Derby
- A 3** The show jumping venue 'Hickstead' is in which county? West Sussex
- B 3** Who is the Roman Goddess of the dawn? Aurora
- A 4** Who was India's first Prime Minister? Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru (1947)
- B 4** Which is the southernmost European Union capital city? Nicosia (Cyprus)

## Round 5

- A 1** Which distillery is home to Bell's Whisky? Blair Atholl
- B 1** What name is given to a straight line joining two points on the circumference of a circle? Chord
- A 2** If the two shorter sides of a right-angled triangle are 5cm and 12cm, how long is the third side? 13cm
- B 2** Who wrote the novel, "A Woman of Substance"? Barbara Taylor Bradford
- A 3** Who wrote the novel "Chocolat"? Joanne Harris
- B 3** Who is 7<sup>th</sup> in line to the UK throne? Prince Edward or Earl of Wessex
- A 4** A **Pedestrian Light Controlled Crossing** is known as a 'Pelican'. What is the name of the similar crossing for pedestrians and cyclists? Toucan
- B 4** Who recently claimed that her youngest child was conceived during a stay at Balmoral castle? Cherie Blair

## Round 6

- A 1** In which city has an academy named after the Archbishop of York recently opened? Hull
- B 1** On whose songs is the musical, "Can't smile without you" based? Barry Manilow
- A 2** In the game of Cluedo how many different rooms are there? 9
- B 2** In a game of chess how many different first moves is it possible for White to make? 20
- 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? 12 (Three service games won with aces and the other three games all double faulted!)
- B 3** In the game of poker, after a royal flush and a straight flush what is the next highest ranking hand? Four of a kind
- A 4** What prize did Aravind Adiga recently win? Man Booker Prize
- B 4** Paul Krugman recently won which Nobel Prize? Economics

## 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? Access
- B 1** How many General Election victories did Harold Wilson achieve as leader of the Labour Party? 4 (64,66,74,74)
- A 2** Which Parliamentary constituency does David Cameron represent? Witney
- B 2** What colloquial name is often given to the 5 city universities of the UK founded between 1900 and 1909? Red Brick
- A 3** Who said: 'Tis better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all'? Alfred Lord Tennyson
- B 3** In which book would you find the exceedingly strong drink called the 'Pan-galactic Gargle Blaster'? Hitch-Hikers Guide to the Galaxy
- A 4** The river Rhone rises in which country? Switzerland
- B 4** 'Universal Exports' is the fictional employer providing cover for the work of which film character? James Bond or 007

## Round 8

- A 1** In which film did John Travolta play the character 'Vincent Vega'? Pulp Fiction
- B 1** Mercury was the USA's first space programme and Apollo the third. What was the second? Gemini (reflecting that they were two-man craft)
- A 2** What, in economics, is a Monopsony? A single buyer (c/w monopoly – single seller)
- B 2** The Christmas tree in Trafalgar Square in London is a gift from which country? Norway
- A 3** What does the Latin word 'alibi' literally mean? Somewhere else
- 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."? Harold Macmillan (1962)
- A 4** In Japan, it is the Shinkansen, what do we call it? Bullet Train
- B 4** What is the name of the mascot on the bonnet of a UK sold Rolls Royce? Spirit of Ecstasy (US calls it 'Flying Lady')

# Spares

- 1 Which multinational chain is named after Captain Ahab's first mate in Moby Dick Starbucks
- 2 What is Paul McCartney's middle name? Paul ! (James Paul McCartney)
- 3 In which sport would you go to a Basho? Sumo Wrestling
- 4 What is indicated by the clothing care symbol showing an empty circle inside a square surmounted by a diagonal cross? Do not tumble dry
- 5 Which foodstuff do the French call 'creme Anglaise'? Custard
- 6 Against which team was David Beckham sent off in the 1998 World Cup Finals? Argentina
- 7 In the sitcom 'Dad's Army', what was Private Fraser's occupation? Undertaker
- 8 Which item of dress was launched by Mr. Fish, a fashion entrepreneur in the 1960s? The 'Kipper' Tie
- 9 In which city would you find Snow Hill railway station? Birmingham
- 10 From which plant is the bitter extract absinthe derived? Wormwood