



Round 1 – On This Day – 29th February

1. Born on this day in 1792, which Italian composer's operas include *William Tell* and *The Barber of Seville*?
2. Who opened his first Playboy Club in Chicago on this day in 1960?
3. After more than 15 years in office, which Canadian Prime Minister announced his resignation on this day in 1984?
4. Hattie McDaniel became the first black woman to win an Oscar on this day in 1940. She received the Best Supporting Actress Award for her role in which film?
5. Which tunnel providing a rail link between Switzerland and Italy was completed on this day in 1880?
6. Which Roman Emperor proclaimed the first Leap Day on this day in 46 B.C.?
7. Which Australian swimmer set a new world record in the 100 metre freestyle competition in Sydney on this day in 1964?
8. Which song was at the top of the U.K. singles chart on this day in 1964 for Cilla Black?
9. Serial killer Richard Ramirez was born in El Paso, Texas on this day in 1960. What nickname was he given by the media as he terrorised California with a series of abductions, rapes and murders in the mid 1980s?
10. On this day in 1996, which British actress and novelist won a judgement against Random House publishers for \$1 million after they welched on a two book deal claiming that the first manuscript was "unreadable"?

1. (**Gioacchino**) Rossini
2. Hugh Hefner
3. Pierre Trudeau
4. *Gone With The Wind*
5. St. Gotthard Tunnel
6. Julius Caesar
7. Dawn Fraser
8. *Anyone Who Had A Heart*
9. 'The Night Stalker'
10. Joan Collins



Round 2 – 1940s

1. In which country was Leon Trotsky murdered in 1940?
2. Which classic 1941 Oscar winning film featured the line, "I think it would be fun to run a newspaper"?
3. Which charity organisation did Canon Theodore Milford found in 1942?
4. Which British actor was born Krishna Bhanji in North Yorkshire in 1943?
5. Which heavyweight boxer famous for his trilogy of fights with Muhammad Ali was born in January 1944?
6. Upon which ship did the Japanese surrender on September 2, 1945?
7. Which financial institution was nationalised in February 1946, 272 years after it was first set up?
8. Which Norwegian explorer led a 1947 expedition on a balsawood raft named *Kon -Tiki*?
9. What politician announced the creation of an independent State of Israel in 1948?
10. Which agreement, reached in 1949, protects the rights of prisoners of war?

1. Mexico
2. *Citizen Kane*
3. Oxfam
4. Ben Kingsley
5. Joe Frazier
6. *U.S.S. Missouri*
7. Bank of England
8. Thor Heyerdahl
9. David Ben-Gurion
10. Geneva Convention



Round 3 – Blockbusters

1. What 'H.D.S.' is credited as being the discoverer of the Mississippi River?
2. What 'B.B.' is a type of jazz of which Charlie Parker was a founder?
3. What 'M.D.' is the real name of actor Michael Keaton?
4. What 'L.P.' is the capital city located at the highest altitude above sea level?
5. What 'R.W.' was the first Prime Minister of the United Kingdom?
6. What 'L.L.' was the name under which Freddie Mercury released an unsuccessful single in 1973?
7. What 'R.T.' was the last Englishman to reach the Wimbledon men's semi-final prior to Tim Henman in 1998?
8. What 'H.B.' are boiled potatoes made into a rectangular shape and fried until the outside is crisp?
9. What 'I.S.' designed the first practical helicopter?
10. What 'O.H.' was the nickname of President Andrew Jackson?

1. Hernando De Soto
2. Be Bop
3. Michael Douglas
4. La Paz
5. Robert Walpole
6. Larry Lurex
7. Roger Taylor
8. Hash Browns
9. Igor Sikorsky
10. 'Old Hickory'



Round 4 – Trivia Trail

In this round the last two letters of one answer become the first two letters of the next and so on....

1. Who was the first Englishman to sail around the world?
2. Who in the last century managed both Liverpool and Blackburn to the football league title?
3. Which artist had a U.K. top ten album in 2002 with *Laundry Service*?
4. The American musician Scott Joplin is credited with creating which particular style of music?
5. In Islam, what was the birthplace of the prophet Mohammed?
6. Which city is served by Dum Dum Airport?
7. What was the scene of an 1879 railway disaster that claimed 78 lives?
8. Which famous Apache chief surrendered in 1886 after years of fighting for his people's rights?
9. By what name was French dramatist Jean Baptiste Poquelin better known?
10. Which news agency was first to use pigeon post?

1. Francis Drake
2. Kenny Dalglish
3. Shakira
4. Ragtime
5. Mecca
6. Calcutta
7. Tay Bridge
8. Geronimo
9. Moliere
10. Reuters



Round 5 – Connections

1. Which 1951 Oscar winning film featured the character Charlie Allnut?
2. Which English poet wrote the work *The Tyger*?
3. Who was the first actor to win two consecutive Academy Awards for Best Actor?
4. Harry Flashman was the childhood enemy of which 19th century literary character?
5. Which oriental actor, known for his martial arts skill, was the star of the 1985 action film *Police Story*?
6. Which world heavyweight boxing champion had the nickname 'The Easton Assassin'?
7. What was the name of the lead character in the 1978 TV sitcom *Going Straight*, the sequel to *Porridge*?
8. Which Czech instrumentalist had a 1987 U.K. top ten single hit with *Crockett's Theme*?
9. In which 1973 film did Clint Eastwood utter the line, "A man's got to know his limitations"?
10. What is the connection between all, or part of each answer?

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| 1. <i>The African <u>Queen</u></i> | Ellery Queen |
| 2. William <u>Blake</u> | Sexton Blake |
| 3. Spencer <u>Tracy</u> | Dick Tracy |
| 4. Tom <u>Brown</u> | Father Brown |
| 5. Jackie <u>Chan</u> | Charlie Chan |
| 6. Larry <u>Holmes</u> | Sherlock Holmes |
| 7. Norman Stanley <u>Fletcher</u> | Jessica Fletcher |
| 8. Jan <u>Hammer</u> | Mike Hammer |
| 9. <u>Magnum</u> Force | Thomas Magnum |
| 10. Surnames of Fictional Detectives | |



Final Round – Wipeout

10 questions – answer as many as you like – you'll receive 1 point for each correct answer but remember – if you get any wrong in this round, you are wiped out and get 0 points. Teams who get full marks on this round receive 5 bonus points giving them 15/10.

1. Which actress was featured in the 1964 James Bond movie *Goldfinger*, covered in gold paint?
2. For what is Ar the symbol in the Periodic Table of Elements?
3. Who did Sirhan Sirhan assassinate?
4. Which English Queen was nicknamed 'Brandy Nan'?
5. In which television sitcom did Captain Peacock appear?
6. What does a Demographer study?
7. What is the currency in Thailand?
8. Margaret Thatcher was made Baroness of where?
9. Aside from rooftop concerts and bogus reunion tours, the Beatles and the Sex Pistols had their last concerts in which U.S. city?
10. In Binary values, how many Bytes make up a Kilobyte?

Tiebreaker (Closest answer wins or first correct answer handed in): In which year was the Great Auk declared extinct?

1. Shirley Eaton
2. Argon
3. Robert Kennedy
4. Queen Anne
5. *Are You Being Served?*
6. Populations
7. Baht
8. Kesteven
9. San Francisco
10. 1024

Any wrong and the team receives 0 points for this round.

Tiebreaker – 1844

