U3A QUIZ 19 OCTOBER 2026

1. Which country has the largest oil reserves in the world, totalling over 300 billion barrels?

2. Built in 1939, which Odeon Cinema had the largest ever number of seats ?

3. How many seats did it have? For comparison, the Odeon flagship cinema in Leicester Square had 2116 when it was built in 1937. *(10% either way OK.)*

4. What is the title of the Science Fiction novel by Ray Bradbury which is the approximate temperature at which paper will spontaneously combust?

5. How many General Elections did the Labour Party win with Harold Wilson as its leader?

6. What is the first prime number with 2 digits?

7. How many red balloons did Nena sing about?

8. How many hours from Tulsa was Gene Pitney in his 1963 song?

9. What is 88 in Roman Numerals?

10. What is the value of a neutral PH reading?

11. What do the letters PH stand for?

12. On which famous US highway would you “Get your kicks”?

13. According to the Paul Simon song, how many ways are there to leave your lover?

14. Assuming Prince William uses that name when he becomes King, which (numbered) King William will he be?

15. From which platform in King’s Cross does the Hogwarts Express depart?

16. How many should you “Take”, according to the Dave Brubeck song, usually played as an instrumental?

17. What size paper is 4 times the size of an A4 (not dimensions)?

18. In “The Hitch-hikers’ Guide to the Galaxy” what is “The Answer to the Ultimate Question of Life, the Universe, and Everything”?

19. What number laid on its side resembles the sign for infinity?

20. How many “leagues” are in the title of the nautical novel by Jules Verne?

21. Approximately, in Imperial Measurement, how far is a league?

22. In the pavement at the Whitchurch Bull Ring, near the Joyce clock, there is a circle showing various destinations in different directions and how far away they are. What is the distance shown to Neufchatel-en-Bray, the town twinned with Whitchurch?

23. What is 2 cubed?

24. In the song by The Proclaimers how many miles would the man walk “to fall down at your door”? (Be careful!)

25. If the last answer (24) is treated as separate digits (e.g. 1256 is read as 1,2,5,6) , how are the answers to Nos. 23 & 24 connected?

RUNNING LINKS

26. Which guitarist with “twangy” sounds had hits with "Rebel-'Rouser" and "Peter Gunn"?

27. Which British born film actor was born Archibald Alec Leach and was known for playing debonair leading man roles (Surname Only)?

28. Who wrote “Gone with the Wind” (Surname Only)?

29. Who (born in Dawley, Shropshire) was the first person to swim the English Channel unaided (Surname Only) ? His image appeared on boxes of matches in the first half of the 20th century.

30. Who was the last woman to be executed by hanging in UK (Surname Only)?

31. The last two answers together form the name of a sporting trophy. Which sport?

ANSWERS

1. Venezuela
2. Blackpool
3. 3088
4. Fahrenheit 451
5. 4
6. 11
7. 99
8. 24
9. LXXXVIII
10. 7
11. Potential (or Power) of Hydrogen
12. 66
13. 50
14. King William V
15. 9 3/4
16. 5
17. A2
18. 42
19. 8
20. 20,000
21. 3 miles
22. 315
23. 8
24. 1000
25. 8 in binary is 1000
26. Duane Eddy
27. Grant (Cary)
28. Mitchell (Margaret)
29. Webb (Captain Matthew)
30. Ellis (Ruth)
31. Men’s Rugby Union World Cup (Webb Ellis Cup)