

# Champion of the Thames Quiz: 25/09/2018

## Round 1: Sports

1. What is the highest technically possible break in snooker?

*155*

2. Name the three footballers who have been in England World Cup squads in the 21<sup>st</sup> century while playing for a club outside England. (One point for each.)

*David Beckham, Fraser Forster, and Owen Hargreaves*

3. Who won her first Grand Slam singles title at the French Open this year?

*Simona Halep*

4. Not counting substitutes, how many players are there on a basketball team?

*5*

5. Who are the current holders of the Women's Cricket World Cup?

*England*

6. In swimming, what is the order of the four strokes in the individual medley? (One point.)

*Butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke, freestyle*

(8 points)

## Round 2: Connections

1. What film series, starring O. J. Simpson, was created by that makers of *Airplane!* and based on their short-running TV series *Police Squad!*?

*The Naked Gun*

2. Which novel was originally intended by its author to be part of a two-volume set, alongside *The Silmarillion*?

*The Lord of the Rings*

3. What is the common name given to copies of technical drawings and architectural plans that are produced by the cyanotype process?

*Blueprints*

4. The opening sequence of which film features an overfull bowl of dog food, a stolen case of plutonium, and a seventeen-year-old boy with a guitar?

*Back to the Future*

5. Which 2008 dystopian novel opens with “When I wake up, the other side of the bed is cold. My fingers stretch out, seeking Prim’s warmth but finding only the rough canvas cover of the mattress.”?

*The Hunger Games*

6. Which city hosted the Games of the XI Olympiad? (Bonus point: how many modern Summer Olympic Games were held prior to this Olympiad?)

*Berlin—9*

7. What is the connection between the answers to the above questions?

*Trilogies*

(8 points)

**Round 3: Geography.**

1. A country is called *doubly landlocked* if it is completely surrounded by landlocked countries. Name the two countries which are *doubly landlocked*. (One point for each.)

*Liechtenstein; Uzbekistan*

2. How far is the Champion of the Thames from the River Thames in miles? (Accept 10% either way.)

*48 miles (accept 43–53 miles)*

3. The eruption of which volcano in 1815 caused the following year to be known as the *Year Without a Summer*?

*Tambora*

4. What percentage of the world’s population lives in Asia? (Accept 5% either way.)

*60% (accept 55–65%)*

5. Which South American country comes within 3 miles of the equator without reaching it?

*Peru*

6. When all of the world’s capital cities are listed in alphabetical order, which comes first and which comes last?

*Abu Dhabi; Zagreb*

(8 points)

**Round 4: Musicals.** Name the song from the lyrics, and the musical in which the song features. (Half a point for each.)

1. “Why should I save his hide? Why should I right this wrong?”  
*Les Misérables—Who am I?*
2. “After the war I went back to New York.”  
*Hamilton—Non-stop*
3. “I’ve been so lucky. I am the girl with golden hair.”  
*Mamma Mia—Thank You for the Music*
4. “I believe that God lives on a planet called Kolob. I believe that Jesus has his own planet as well.”  
*Book of Mormon—I Believe*
5. “Pop. Six. Squish. Uh uh. Cicero. Lipschitz.”  
*Chicago—Cell Block Tango*
6. “I should tell you that I think of you each night. I rub my nipples and start moaning with delight.”  
*Dear Evan Hansen—Sincerely, Me*

(6 points)

**Round 5: When was I?** Give the year in which the following events occurred. Each year from 2011 to 2018 features exactly once.

1. Salvador Mundi is sold for \$450.3 million, the highest price at which a painting has ever been sold.  
*2017*
2. Peter Higgs wins the Nobel Prize for Physics.  
*2013*
3. Hurricane Sandy becomes the largest Atlantic hurricane on record, by diameter.  
*2012*
4. Boris Johnson reportedly proposes the building of a road bridge across the English Channel.  
*2018*
5. The Rosetta probe lands on a comet.

2016

6. The World Health Organisation declares a Public Health Emergency of International Concern in response to the outbreak of Ebola in West Africa.

2014

7. S&P downgrade the United States' credit rating from AAA to AA-plus.

2011

8. *Je suis Charlie* becomes the top trending Twitter hashtag.

2015

(8 points)

### Round 6: General Knowledge

1. What is the largest religious structure, by area, in the world, and which country is it in? (One point for each.)

*Angkor Wat—Cambodia*

2. What is the population of Bath, to the nearest 50,000?

*100,000*

3. How many Nobel prizes have been won by members of Trinity? (Accept 2 either way.)

*32 (accept 30–34)*

4. How many types of Blue Peter badge are currently available to win?

*Eight*

5. What is the common name for the marine animals, given by the genus *Hippocampus*, whose males give birth, rather than the females?

*Seahorse*

6. In which year was the first *Incredibles* film released?

*2004*

(7 points)

### Round 7: Picture Round. Half a point for each.

1. Doc Hudson

*Paul Newman*

2. Itchy

*Dan Castellaneta*

3. Roger (Smith)

*Seth MacFarlane*

4. Fred Jones

*Frank Welker*

5. Danger Mouse

*Alexander Armstrong*

6. Meg Griffin

*Mila Kunis*

(6 points)