**Round 1: Mistakes**

1. The Titanic was mistakenly thought to be unsinkable. In what year did it sink? ***1912 (exact only)***
2. Which band did Decca records reject, saying “Guitar groups are on the way out?” ***The Beatles***
3. How many publishing houses turned down JK Rowling’s *Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone* before Bloomsbury took it on? ***12 (exact only)***
4. Brian Acton and Jan Koum were both turned down for jobs at Facebook. What would Facebook later buy off the pair for $19.3 billion in 2014? ***WhatsApp***
5. In 1867, Russia sold Alaska to the United States, in a move which some view as a huge mistake, considering large oil and natural gas reserves would later be discovered there. How much did they sell it for, in unadjusted dollars? ***$7.2 million (5% either way: £6,840,000 - £7,560,000)***
6. Which 20th century disaster was recorded on newsreel footage, with the commentator famously crying out “Oh, the humanity!” ***Hindenburg airship disaster***

**Round 2: TV**

1. What is the first name of the title character, Dr House, in the medical drama *House*, starring Hugh Laurie? ***Gregory***
2. Often described as one of the greatest TV shows of all time, *The Wire*, is set in which US city? ***Baltimore***
3. In what year did *Doctor Who* first air? ***1963 (1 either way: 1962 – 1964)***
4. How many times has the adult cartoon show *Family Guy* been cancelled? ***Twice, once in 2000 and once in 2002***
5. What is the world’s longest-running soap opera, and for a bonus half point, what is the exact year it started? ***Coronation Street, 1960***
6. Which country was the first to broadcast colour TV? Was it the USA, the UK or Japan? ***UK***

**Round 3: What’s in a name?**

1. What do Mark Twain, EL James and John le Carre all have in common? ***They’re all pen names: Samuel Clemens, Erika Leonard & David Cornwell (no points for just saying they’re all authors!)***
2. Before being renamed to *Return of the Jedi*, what was the third *Star Wars* film originally titled? *Victory of the Jedi,* *Revenge of the Jedi* or *Conquest of the Jedi?* ***Revenge of the Jedi***
3. What is Queen Elizabeth II’s full name? ***Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor (1 point for full name, ½ point as long as they have Elizabeth Windsor or Elizabeth Windsor with either correct middle name)***
4. “A rose by any other name would still smell as sweet” is a line from Shakespeare’s *Romeo and Juliet*. Name the character that says it. ***Juliet***
5. The adult comedy cartoon show *Archer* initially centred on characters working at a privately-owned spy agency. However, when the fifth season started in 2014, the spy agency angle was dropped from the plot, partly due to its very unfortunate choice of name. What was its name? ***ISIS***
6. In 2016 a public poll was held to decide the name of a new polar research vessel. The name that won the poll, however, was not chosen for the ship. What was the name the that won the poll and what was the alternate name that was eventually used instead? ***Boaty McBoatface, David Attenborough***

**Round 4: Music**

1. What was Madonna’s first UK top 10 single? ***Holiday***
2. What was the name of Cliff Richard’s backing group through the 60s? ***The Shadows***
3. Who made the highly acclaimed 1959 jazz album *Kind of Blue*? ***Miles Davis***
4. American singer Michael Lee Aday is better known by what stage name? ***Meatloaf***
5. *I Will Always Love You* was a huge hit for Whitney Houston when she covered it in 1992. Who recorded it initially? ***Dolly Parton***
6. Which female singer, born in 1988, appeared in the sci-fi film *Battleship*? **Rihanna**

**Round 5: Royalty**

1. How many King Henrys have there been in England? ***8***
2. Who was the first Roman Emperor? ***Augustus***
3. Which English royal is the rather painful-sounding male piercing named after? ***Prince Albert***
4. The 2006 James Bond film, *Casino Royale*, features Bond competing in a high-stakes poker game. However, which other card game was used in the original novel? ***Baccarat***
5. Who was the last English monarch to be executed? ***Charles I***
6. According to Wikipedia, how much money does Sting make in royalties per day from the song *Every Breath You Take*, in US dollars? 5% either way. ***$2,000 ($1,900 - $2,100)***

**Round 6: Random Trivia**

1. How many stars were there on the American confederate flag? ***13***
2. Which was developed first; the hydrogen bomb or the atom bomb? ***Atom bomb***
3. Name all the *Terminator* films that have been released thus far. ***(half a point for each, order doesn’t matter, names have to be exact!) The Terminator, Terminator 2: Judgement Day, Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines: Terminator Salvation, Terminator Genisys***
4. The historic boxing match between Muhammed Ali and George Foreman, known as the “rumble in the jungle”, took place in what was then called Zaire. In what year did it take place and (for a bonus ½ point) what is Zaire now known as? ***1974 (1 either way: 1973 – 75), Democratic Republic of Congo***
5. In the book *Jurassic Park*, dinosaurs are cloned from blood contained in mosquitoes, which are themselves preserved in what substance? ***Amber***
6. Where are you likely to see the font called *Mandatory*, itself developed from the font called *Charles Wright*, on any given day in the UK, and you’ll probably see it many times? ***On UK number plates***

**Round 7: Film Title Anagrams**

1. HEY! WARMLY ENTHRALS – 1989
   1. ***WHEN HARRY MET SALLY***
2. CLOVEN HOOF ‘N’ SWEET TOE-SUCKER – 1975
   1. ***ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO’S NEXT***
3. RAZED LOON – 2001
   1. ***ZOOLANDER***
4. IS TOOTHLIKE ME – 1959
   1. ***SOME LIKE IT HOT***
5. VANITY ARRANGES VIP – 1998
   1. ***SAVING PRIVATE RYAN***
6. RAT FAT, SNAKIEST BAFFY – 1961
   1. ***BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY’S***
7. UP IF NOT CLIP – 1994
   1. ***PULP FICTION***
8. JAM CUTE FLAK TELL – 1987
   1. ***FULL METAL JACKET***
9. DELIRIUMS MALIGN LOO – 2008
   1. ***SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE***
10. IF FAIR NOBLE – 1979
    1. ***LIFE OF BRIAN***

**Jackpot:** How long, in DAYS, is a year on Saturn? (1%) either way

**Answer: 10,759 (10,651 – 10867)**