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A DJ - 'God is a DJ' was the 1998 hit for hip hop dance band 'Faithless' / The song featured on their second album 'Sunday 8pm' which led to the band's BRIT Award for Best British Act in 1999

Ob-la-di, Ob-la-da (life goes on bra) - By The Beatle's / Released in 1968 (album) & as a single in 1976 / According to McCartney Ob-la-di, Ob-la-da is a Yoruba phrase meaning 'life goes on' but Nigerian musician Jimmy Scott claimed it was his saying & sued McCartney who settled out of court

Melanie Chisholm / Mel C / Sporty Spice - No.1's with the Spice Girls before & after Geri Halliwell left (quintet & quartet) / She had a No.1 with Lisa "left eye" Lopez with 'Never Be The Same Again' in 2000 (duet) / And she had a solo hit with 'I Turn To You' in 2000

Grace Kelly - by Mika / Released for download in Jan 2007 it was No 1 for 5 weeks / Written as a mock satire of musicians who try to reinvent themselves to be popular & inspired by a bad experience Mika had with a record company executive

Journey through the Secret Life of Plants - the one before, his 1976 album was called Songs in the Key of Life, and the one after, his 1980 album was called 'Hotter than July'

One Foot In The Grave - although complaints were received at the time, the scenes were later cited as positive features of the programmes daring scripts / The show had strong overtone of black comedy & contained a few other controversial scenes

100 - resulting in a calculated average (and depressing) age being given to the participant

The Six Million Dollar Man - the lead role was played by Lee Majors who became a 70s pop culture icon because of it / The full narration was; 'Steve Austin: astronaut. A man barely alive. Gentleman, we can rebuild him. We have the technology. We have the capability to build the world's first bionic man. Steve Austin will be that man. Better than he was before. Better, stronger, faster'

Dylan - From The Magic Roundabout / The show was originally created in France by Serge Danot in 1963 & known as Le Manège enchanté / Dylan was called Flappy / The British version was 'inspired' by the original & gained cult status / The British 'Dylan' was a guitar playing hippy rabbit

Pushing Daises - The 2007 American off-the-wall 'dramedy' stars Lee Pace as Ned, and English actress Anna Frie as Charlotte 'Chuck' Charles, Ned's childhood sweetheart / Ned brings things back to life by touching them

Geography		
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12	What building was constructed in a circular shape to help it survive a nuclear strike and was officially a secret until 1993?	BT Tower - Also known as the Post Office Tower / Kate Hoey MP confirmed its existence in 1993 / Before then it did not appear on OS maps / The tower can survive a nuclear blast a mile away and can sway a metre in either direction in a shock blast, it was thought it could be used to transmit signals in a post nuclear strike Britain
13	Name the three main types of rock.	Sedimentary, Igneous & Metamorphic - Sedimentary are formed through gradual accumulation of sediment / Igneous are rocks which have crystallized from magma / Metamorphic were once one of the other two but have been unrecognisably changed by pressure & heat within the Earth's crust
14	What Chamber in Borneo was discovered in 1981 by three Englishmen?	The Sarawak Chamber - It is considered the world's largest cave / Located in dense forest within The Gunung Mulu National Park / It measures 700m long, 400m wide & at least 70m high, it could hold 10 jumbo jets nose to tail inside it / To reach it involves some up stream travelling and a <u>traverse along a dodgy ledge</u>
15	In WWI there were soldiers the Germans called 'Die Damen aus der Hölle' - where were they actually from?	Scotland - The nickname translated as 'Ladies from Hell' & referred to the Scottish infantry battalion 'The Black Watch' who proud in their kilts, had such a fearsome reputation, German soldiers were even known to retreat before battle on hearing the pipes
Literature		
16	What was it called, and who wrote the poem that opens; 'Sexual intercourse began in 1963 (which was rather late for me) - between the end of the Chatterley ban and the Beatles first LP'?	Annus Mirabilis by Philip Larkin - One of the English poet's best known poems that looks at the onset of more relaxed sexual morals in 1960s Britain / The Chatterley ban refers to the banning of the novel 'Lady Chatterley's Lover' / The Latin name translates 'Wonderful Year', 'Year of Wonders' or 'Year of Miracles'
17	Who disappeared for 10 days in 1926?	Agatha Christie - Crime novelist Christie gave no account of her disappearance / She was found on day 11 having checked into the Swan Hydropathic Hotel in Harrogate (now the Old Swan Hotel) under a false name / Her husband had revealed he was in love with another woman, Nancy Neele, and she had lost her mother that year as well / Some speculated a nervous breakdown, others thought it was a <u>publicity stunt</u>
18	Apart from James bond novels, which other book by the same author was made into a successful film?	Chitty Chitty Bang Bang - written by Ian Fleming for his son Caspar and first published in 1964 / The film was produced by Albert R Broccoli, co-producer of the James Bond films / It was received well everywhere except Hollywood, apparently because Broccoli, as well as using his James Bond team, lured all other behind-the-scenes talent away from the big Hollywood musicals of the 60s
19	What is the name of the series of novels that began in 2005 written by Stephenie Meyer?	Twilight - Gained worldwide recognition, won multiple literary awards and sold over 85 million copies worldwide / However, Stephen King when comparing her to J K Rowling said "Jo Rowling is a terrific writer and Stephanie Meyer can't write worth a darn -she's not very good"
20	What two words form the shortest verse in the bible (John 11:35)?	"Jesus wept" - The shortest verse in most English translations of the Christian New Testament that is / The phrase occurs in John's narrative of the death of Lazarus
Who Am !?		
21	I've been missing since 1937. The Navy launched an air & sea search that cost a record 4 million dollars. My husband then financed a private attempt but never found me, or Noonan, or Electra.	Amelia Earhart - the acclaimed American aviation pioneer, author & women's rights advocate / She was the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic / Disappeared over the central Pacific, along with crew member Fred Noonan & the plane Electra, during an attempt to make a circumnavigation flight
22	My father was Aethelwulf and my mother, Osburga. I am famed for fighting Vikings and I'm the only person to have been given such a grand title.	Alfred the Great - King of the Southern Anglo-Saxon Kingdom of Wessex from 871 to 899 / Defended the Kingdom against Danish Vikings and became the only English King to be awarded the epithet 'The Great' (Canute the Great was not English) / In 2002, he was ranked fourteenth in the 100 Greatest Britons poll
23	I am best known for my rambling style of stand up, where I often take notes on my hand, such as 'should be funnier' or 'lost them there.'	Eddie Izzard - Born in 1962 Izzard is a stand up comedian & actor also known for his cross dressing / In 2009 he ran 43 marathons in 51 days to raise money for Sports Relief
24	I was born Priscilla White in 1942. I was the only female client of Brian Epstein.	Cilla Black - starting out as a cloakroom attendant at the famous Cavern Club in Liverpool, she met The Beatles who introduced her to their manager Brian Epstein / Named Cilla Black after the local music paper 'Mersey Beat' misprinted her name & it stuck
25	During WWII, allied soldiers named their life jackets after me, partly due to the resemblance of my curvaceous torso.	Mae West - American actress, playwright, screenwriter & sex symbol / The nickname for the life jacket was also partly due to the Cockney rhyming slang for 'life vest.'

Blockbusters NINE SPELL TEN - The first letters of the first nine answers = the final answer in this round		
26	Who is the first character to speak in the original 1977 'Star Wars' film (Episode IV)?	C3PO - his lines were 'Did you hear that? They've shut down the main reactor. We'll be destroyed for sure! This is madness.'
27	What triatomic molecule is O ₃ ?	Ozone - It consists of three oxygen atoms / It is an allotrope of oxygen that is much less stable than the diatomic O ₂ / The first allotrope of a chemical element to be recognised by science / On ground level it is an air pollutant with harmful effects on the respiratory systems of animals.
28	According to popular myth, a different half of what recipe is held by only two people, who never fly on the same plane?	Coca Cola - The truth is the original copy of the formula is held in SanTrust's main vault in Atlanta and although there is a rule restricting access to only two executives, each knows the entire formula, and others in addition to the prescribed duo, have known the formulation process
29	What sport is often confused with Muay Thai, also known as Thai Boxing?	Kickboxing - the full-contact sport that uses martial-arts type kicks & boxing-style punches / Often practised for general keep fit / The two sports are similar except in Thai Boxing kicks below the belt are allowed, as are strikes with knees & elbows
30	Of what art movement was Gustave Courbet the innovator?	Realism - He is credited with coining the term 'realism' & led the movement in 19th Century French painting / Realists tend to discard theatrical drama, lofty subjects and classical forms in favor of everyday characters, situations, dilemmas & objects, all depicted as the eye can see
31	Who stars as Balian of Ibelin in the 2005 film 'Kingdom of Heaven'?	Orlando Bloom - Set during the Crusades of the 12th century, Ridley Scott's epic tells the story of a group of crusaders who go to the aid of Jerusalem in its defense against the Muslim leader Saladin, who is battling to reclaim the city from the Christians
32	What gang member lives with his Grandmother in a semi-detached house, in the heart of the 'Staines Ghetto'?	Ali G - The satirical fictional character invented & played by comedian Sacha Baron Cohen / Staines is a middle-class commuter town to the west of London that has been the butt of jokes for many years, and is far different from the inner city ghetto that Ali G claims / The house they share is No. 36 Cherry Blossom Close
33	What is the name of the photosynthetic pigment that makes carrots orange?	Carotene - The photosynthetic pigment can be found in many other fruits & vegetables / As a general rule of thumb, the greater the intensity of orange, the more β-carotene it contains / Contributes to photosynthesis by transmitting the light energy it absorbs to chlorophyll
34	What company is the largest engine maker in the world?	Honda - It produces more than 14 million internal combustion engines each year & is the 5th largest automobile manufacturer / Their slogan is 'The Power of Dreams' though this is not used to sell their products because of Mr. Honda's belief that well built products will sell themselves
35	Taking the first letter of each answer above, what resilient pest have you got?	Cockroach - one of the hardiest insects on earth, so much so it is popularly suggested they would 'inherit the earth' if humanity destroyed itself in a nuclear war / They are 6 to 15 times more resistant to radiation than us but as proved in 2008 on the TV show 'MythBusters' fruit flies have a greater resistance than them!

Miscellaneous		
36	True or false; A chromosome is smaller than a gene	False - It is a very long, continuous piece of DNA (a single DNA molecule), which contains many genes
37	What does the King Cobra feed almost exclusively on?	Snakes - Its scientific name 'ophiophagus hannah' literally means 'snake eater' & the snakes it eats include sizeable pythons and even smaller members of its own species / When food is scarce, they may also feed on other small vertebrates such as lizards, birds & rodents
38	Which player was fined for his bad acting in the 2002 World Cup?	Rivaldo - In the closing stages of the match against Turkey, with the ball out of play, Turkish defender Hakan Unsal kicked a ball towards Rivaldo, who was waiting at the corner flag. The ball struck his thigh, but Rivaldo fell to the ground clutching his face. The referee sent the Turkish player off with a second yellow card. After a video review, Rivaldo was fined 11,670 Swiss Francs
39	What was advertised with the slogan 'Hurt me - you slag!', until it was stopped because of objections?	Pot Noodles - The 2002 advertising slogan was withdrawn after 286 complaints about it having sado-masochist overtones / Unilever Bestfoods, the makers of Pot Noodle, said it had not intended to encourage personal violence and maintained that its campaign was meant to be humorous
40	What 2007 film ran with the tagline 'Remember everything, forgive nothing'?	The Bourne Ultimatum - the conclusion to the much acclaimed trilogy starring Matt Damon / The two previous films were The Bourne Identity (1980) & The Bourne Supremacy (1986) / All were based on the novels by Robert Ludlum / The final film took \$69.3 million on its first weekend's release in the USA, the highest takings in history at that point for a first weekend, (and it was the only one of the three to be nominated for & win Academy Awards)
41	What is the basic currency of Vietnam; A) The Ding, B) The Deng, C) The Dong or D) The Dung?	The Dong (đồng) - Introduced in May 1978, it is subdivided into 10 hào. However, the hào is now worth so little that it is no longer issued
42	According to a report by the University of Paris in 1348, what was caused by 'a celestial conjunction of Saturn, Jupiter & Mars in Aquarius at 1pm on 20th March 1345'?	The Black Death / Plague - The report was dated 1348 / The Black Death began in Asia & spread to Europe by the 1340s, probably via Mongols & merchant caravans / The total number of deaths worldwide from the pandemic is estimated at 75 million people, with 20 million in Europe alone
43	If you were a bit odd, to what note may you be compared?	A nine bob note - As per the expression 'As queer as a nine bob note' / The UK's ten shilling note was popularly called a 'ten bob note' & there was no such thing as a nine bob note, hence it being odd or unusual
44	Solve the following riddle; Without using the digit 4, use three identical digits in a simple addition sum so that the total is 12.	11 + 1 = 12 - It wasn't specified whether you could put the digits together or not!
45	The name of which Labour politician is an anagram of I'M LIVID AND BAD?	David Miliband - Secretary of State for Foreign & Commonwealth Affairs (Foreign Secretary) / His younger brother Ed Miliband, is Secretary for Energy & Climate Change / They are the first siblings to serve together in Cabinet since Edward, Lord Stanley & his brother Oliver in 1938
Tiebreak Questions		
1	In meters, how far can a very active mole burrow in one day?	20 meters - They leave behind the characteristic mounds of earth as they excavate
2	How many accidents were there in UK homes in 1994 involving slippers?	1303 - According to the 1997 'Book of Numbers' by William Hartston



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