

Manchester Congress Quiz

Welcome to the 7th annual Manchester Congress Quiz! This year we continue the trend started 6 years ago and have a special quiz in which anyone can take part. The questions are totally unrelated to bridge, and can be entered by anyone, whether bridge player or non! Make sure you have handed in your filled-in answer sheet by the end of the teams (session 2) on Sunday so that they can be marked and the winner be presented with their prizes at the prize giving. Since the quiz is both long and difficult, you are welcome to consult with your friends, family, and anyone else you can find. Entries can also be emailed to abbot_hugo@hotmail.com by 7pm on Sunday.

DO NOT BE PUT OFF BY HOW DIFFICULT IT IS – REMEMBER YOU ARE COMPETING AGAINST EACH OTHER, NOT THE QUIZ ITSELF

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F. Ditloids

Each of the clues below make up a well-known phrase, fact, or other bit of information. For example "24 H in a D" would be 24 hours in a day. Some of the harder ones have clues in brackets to help you.

Q41. 1812 O by PIT

Q42. 37DC is NBT (Science)

Q43. 60YM=DA

Q44. 10P and 3T in C

Q45. K3T on the C if YWM (Music)

Q46. 22P+4RS+2U on a MB (Games)

Q47. 118E in the PT

Q48. 1952=HH The SOG

G. Science and Nature

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Q50. What is the highest numbered atomic element whose chemical symbol is only one letter?

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Q55. What colloquial name is given to the sound caused by objects that travel through the air faster than the speed of sound?

Q56. Its habitat consisting of wetlands, bogs and swamps, what is the only country in the world where Venus Fly Traps occur naturally?

H. Lyrical Challenge

Below are a few lines of several well-known pop songs, with a final missing line. All you have to do is complete the missing line, which is also the title of the song.

Q57. Used to feel we had it made. Used to feel we could sail away,
Can you imagine how I feel today? Well it seems a long time ago you were the lonely one, now it comes to letting go you are the only one,
Do you know what you've done?....._____

Q58. It's the same old theme since nineteen sixteen, in your head, in your head they're still fighting, With their tanks and their bombs, and their bombs and their guns. In your head, in your head, they are dying...In your head, in your head_____

Q59. I went down, down, down as the flames went higher, And it burns, burns, burns_____

Q60. That is all I'm taking with me, so good-bye.
Please don't cry - We both know I'm not what you, you need and _____

Q61. Now there's no tenderness in your eyes when I reach for you
And girl you're starting to criticize little things I do
It makes me just feel like crying baby 'cause baby
Something beautiful's dying_____

Q62. The courtroom was adjourned, no verdict was returned.
And while Lenin read a book on Marx, a quartet practiced in the park
And we sang dirges in the dark. The day the music died we were singing_____

Q63. Tender love is blind, it requires a dedication
All this love we feel, needs no conversation
We can ride it together, ah-ha, Making love with each other, ah-ha_____

Q64. Two drifters, off to see the world, there's such a lot of world to see.
We're after the same rainbow's end, waiting, round the bend
My Huckleberry Friend_____

Q65. Where troubles melt like lemon drops, high above the chimney tops, that's where you'll find me_____

Q66 I'll be here every day, waiting for your love to show, Yes it's true what they say_____

Q67. Don't carry the world upon your shoulders For well you know that it's a fool who plays it cool - By making his world a little colder
Nah nah nah nah nah nah nah nah nah_____

Q68. I, I love the colourful clothes she wears, and the way the sunlight plays upon her hair, I hear the sound of a gentle word, on the wind that lifts her perfume through the air. I'm picking up _____

Q69. Our cheeks are nice and rosy, And comfy cozy are we,
We're snuggled up together like two birds of a feather would be,
Let's take that road before us and sing a chorus or two,
Come on, it's lovely weather for _____

Name and Telephone Number (or email address):

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Manchester Congress Quiz - Answers

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Become Pope – *His papal number was Adrian IV*

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Spanish Inquisition

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Field Marshal Erwin Rommel – *he was forced to choose between suicide and execution following involvement in the July 20th Plot.*

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Mary Queen of Scots – *executed at Fotheringay Castle in Northamptonshire*

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Richard Cromwell - *Son of Oliver, who ruled England as Lord Protector 1653-1659*

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5 – Laura Bush, Hilary Clinton, Barbara Bush, Nancy Regan, Rosalyn Carter.
Not including Michelle Obama, the current incumbent

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Yangtze – *in Hubei province in Western China*

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New (York, Jersey, Hampshire, Mexico), **West** (Virginia), **North**(Dakota, Carolina) **South** (Dakota, Carolina) and **Island** (Rhode)

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New York, Los Angeles, Mexico City, Buenos Aires, Sao Paulo, Rio De Janeiro

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Iraq – *The other 6 are in Egypt (Pyramids of Giza and Lighthouse of Alexandria), Turkey (Temple of Artemis and Helicarnossis) and Greece (Colossus of Rhodes and Statue of Zeus)*

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Arctic Circle, Antarctic Circle, Tropic of Cancer, Tropic of Capricorn, Equator

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Pacific Ocean

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U2 – Mount Temple Comprehensive School is found in Dublin

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Always a Woman – the cover version was recorded by Guillemots lead singer Fyfe Dangerfield

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The Bee Gees – brothers Maurice, Robin and Barry Gibb

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Opera

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All About Eve – *The first film to receive 14 Oscar nominations*

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Alan Partridge

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Dirty Den / Angie Watts – *Eastenders famous warring couple came to a head when he served her with divorce papers after Christmas lunch*

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Jean Valjean – *the lead character in Les Miserables portrayed by Hugh Jackman*

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Sinking of the Titanic

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The Two Ronnies – *the now legendary "Fork Handles/Four Candles" sketch*

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The Krypton Factor – presented by Gordon Burns for all of its 18 year run before being revived for two series in 2008.

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Tuesday – *Named after Tyr*

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George – *one a boy one a girl*

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Gateshead

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Catherine Cookson – *her most famous novel The Fifteen Streets was the first to be made into a television film starring Sean Bean*

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Vincent Van Gogh

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George Bernard Shaw – *born in Dublin in 1856 he is the only person to have won a Nobel prize for literature and an Oscar*

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Q43. 60 Years Married=Diamond Anniversary

Q44. 10 Provinces and 3 Territories in Canada

Q45. Knock 3 Times on the Ceiling if You Want Me

Q46. 22 Properties+4 Railway Stations+2 Utilities on a Monopoly Board

Q47. 118 Elements in the Periodic Table

Q48. 1952=Helsinki Hosts The Summer Olympic Games

G. Science and Nature

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William Shakespeare - *Portia, Cressida and Bianca being some of the lesser known ones*

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Uranium – *Number 92, U*

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Mars

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Apex Predator

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Solid – *mostly a Nickel/Iron alloy*

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Sonic Boom

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United States of America – *mostly the east coast*

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Cliff Richard 1979

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The Cranberries 1994; the 1916 referring to the Easter Rising

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The Ring of Fire

Johnny Cash 1963

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Please don't cry - We both know I'm not what you, you need and **I will always love you**

Witney Houston 1992, Dolly Parton 1973

Q61. Now there's no tenderness in your eyes when I reach for you
And girl you're starting to criticize little things I do
It makes me just feel like crying baby 'cause baby
Something beautiful's dying - **You've lost that loving Feeling**

The Righteous Brothers 1964

Q62. The courtroom was adjourned, no verdict was returned.
And while Lenin read a book on Marx, a quartet practiced in the park
And we sang dirges in the dark. The day the music died we were singing (Bye Bye Miss) **American Pie**

Don Maclean 1972

Q63. Tender love is blind, it requires a dedication
All this love we feel, needs no conversation
We can ride it together, ah-ha, Making love with each other, ah-ha, **Islands in the Stream**

Kenny Rogers and Dolly Parton 1983, written by the Bee Gees

Q64. Two drifters, off to see the world, there's such a lot of world to see.
We're after the same rainbow's end, waiting, round the bend
My Huckleberry Friend **Moon River**

Andy Williams 1961, from the film Breakfast at Tiffanys where it won an Oscar for best song as sung by Audrey Hepburn

Q65. Where troubles melt like lemon drops, high above the chimney tops, that's where you'll find me **Somewhere over the rainbow**

Judy Garland 1939, from the Wizard of Oz

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better the Devil you know

Kylie Minogue 1990, Steps 1999

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plays it cool - By making his world a little colder
Nah nah nah nah nah nah nah nah nah **Hey Jude**

*The Beatles 1968 Originally written to comfort Julian Lennon over his parents break
up, it was originally called "Hey Jules"*

Q68. I, I love the colourful clothes she wears, and the way the sunlight plays upon
her hair, I hear the sound of a gentle word, on the wind that lifts her perfume through
the air. I'm picking up **Good Vibrations**

The Beach Boys 1966

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We're snuggled up together like two birds of a feather would be,
Let's take that road before us and sing a chorus or two,
Come on, it's lovely weather for a **sleigh ride** (together with you)

Multiple artists including The Ronettes 1963