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| **LITERATURE** | | |
| **Questions** | | **Answers** |
| 1. | Who Created Jemima Puddleduck? | Beatrix Potter |
| 2. | What is the Capital City in the ‘Chronicles of Narnia’? | Cair Paraval |
| 3. | What did Samuel Pepys bury, to save it from The Great Fire of London | A Cheese |
| 4. | Who was the author of ‘The Female Eunuch’ in 1970? | Germaine Greer |
| 5. | Which poem ends with the words  ‘Yours is the Earth and all that's in it - and, which is more, you'll be a man my son’? | If |
| 6. | The character of Becky Sharp appears in which novel? | Vanity Fair |
| 7. | Who wrote the poem *Ode on a Grecian Urn?* | Keats |
| 8. | What is the name of the lioness in ‘Born Free’? | Elsa |
| 9. | Tom Cruise starred in a 1993 film adaptation of which John Grisham novel? | The Firm |
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| 11. | Which TV personality wrote the novel ‘Popcorn’? | Ben Elton |
| 12. | Shakespeare’s King Lear had three daughters. Name the ‘pretty one’ | Cordelia |
| 13. | Who wrote ‘The life and Loves of a She-Devil’? | Fay Weldon |
| 14. | Mrs Bardell is a character from which Dickens Novel? | Pickwick Papers |
| 15. | What type of creature was Napoleon, leader of the animals in Animal Farm? | A Pig |

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| **HISTORY** | | |
| **Questions** | | **Answers** |
| 1. | How many members of the Pierrepoint family held the post of Public Hangman? | Three |
| 2. | In which year was the Battle of Culloden fought? (allow 3 either way) | 1743 – **1746**  - 1749 |
| 3. | In which decade did British Rule in India come to an end? | 1960s |
| 4. | When did the French last use the guillotine (allow 3 either way) | 1974 – **1977** - 1981 |
| 5. | In which year, during the Croatian War of Independence, did the bombardment of Dubrovnik take place | 1991 |
| 6. | Which spacecraft took the first men to the moon? | Apollo 11 |
| 7. | Which home of the Duke of Beaufort became famous for horse trials? | Badminton |
| 8. | What was the main profession of Lancelot Brown? | Landscape Gardening (His more familiar nickname was Capability Brown) |
| 9. | Who was the first man to wear shorts on Centre Court at Wimbledon in 1933? | Bunny Austin |
| 10. | In which country was the first purpose-built cinema opened in 1906? | France |
| 11. | Which Bible-based religion did Mary Baker Eddy found in 1879? | Christian Scientists |
| 12. | What was the name of King Arthur’s horse? | Lamri |
| 13. | What did the LDV change its name to during WW2 at the suggestion of Winston Churchill? | The Home Guard |
| 14. | Which monarch did Queen Victoria succeed? | William IV |
| 15. | Who twice contested the Tory leadership against John Major? | John Redwood |

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| **U.K. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE** | | |
| **Questions** | | **Answers** |
| 1. | During which decade did Neon advertising make its first UK appearance? | 1920s |
| 2. | What is the most common animal phobia in the U.K. | Arachnophobia |
| 3. | Before turning to cookery what was Delia Smith’s profession? | Hairdresser |
| 4. | What are released from a ‘Low House’ and a ‘High House’? | Racing pigeons |
| 5. | What is the most common house name in the UK? | The Cottage |
| 6. | What form of transport is a ‘Silver Cross’ | A pram |
| 7. | If you were shopping in London's Hatton Gardner, what are you looking to buy? | Jewellery |
| 8. | What is the Christian name of Dr Harold Shipman’s wife? | Primrose |
| 9. | How many British Servicemen have lost their lives in active service since the end of WW2? (allow 1000 either way) | 15k, **16k** 17k |
| 10. | What is the highest-ranking medal awarded to a civilian in Britain? | The George Cross |
| 11. | On the London Underground map, what colour is the Hammersmith and City line? | Pink |
| 12. | What part of Nelson’s attire is missing from his Trafalgar Square monument? | His eyepatch |
| 13. | Billy the Fish and Johnny Fatpants are characters from which adult comic? | Viz |
| 14. | What were seen for the last time on the streets of London on 8th May 1962? | Trams |
| 15. | Colin Cowdrey played first class cricket for which English County? | Kent |
| 16. | Which seaside town links John Cleese, Jill Dando and Jeffrey Archer? | Weston Super Mare |
| 17. | How many years younger than Prince Charles was Princess Diana? | 12 |
| 18. | Which of the Queen’s grandchildren was born in 1990 | Eugenie |
| 19. | In cockney rhyming slang, what are "Almond Rocks”? | Socks |
| 20. | Which was the first British bank to install an ATM? | Barclays |