

1. Who had trouble with their O-ring in January 1986?  
**NASA. (A failed O-ring seal caused of the Challenger disaster.)**
2. Where would you find an F-hole?  
**On a stringed musical instrument. (Specifically, the the violin family, archtop mandolins and archtop guitars.) [Accept violin etc.]**
3. In which country might you get a stifado?  
**Greece [accept Cyprus]**
4. An 'aficionado' originally referred to a fan of which sport?  
**Bullfighting**
5. According to the Roman Catholic doctrine of the Immaculated Conception who was born without original sin?  
**Mary the mother of Jesus [Virgin Mary; BVM]**
6. What is the name of the infamous herbicide and defoliant used by US forces in the Vietnam War?  
**Agent Orange (Super Orange)**
7. Which bone connects the scapula to the sternum?  
**Clavicle (accept collarbone)**
8. In which game might an American use a bit of English?  
**Pool [accept similar] ['English' is the American term for spin, especially side-spin.]**
9. Which multi-award winning university campus was designed in the 60s by Sir Basil Spense, and includes Falmer House which is now a Grade I listed building?  
**University of Sussex**
10. In insects, what are elytra?  
**Modified, hardened forewings, especially in beetles (Coleoptera).**
11. What name is prophesied in the Old Testament for the Messiah?  
**Immanuel (accept Emmanuel)**
12. What is the provocatively performed Spanish courtship dance in triple time with gradually increasing tempo, which is also one of the main folk dances in Portugal?  
**Fandango (not Bolero, which is not Portuguese)**
13. In which 1974 film about a New York subway hostage ransom, does the police lieutenant say "The guy who's talking's got a heavy English accent. He could be a fruitcake"?  
**The Taking of Pelham One Two Three**
14. What kind of animal is Ratty in The Wind in the Willows?  
**Water Vole [European Water Vole; Northern Water Vole; Arvicola amphibius]**
15. Why weren't the Duke of Edinburgh's three surviving sisters at his wedding in 1947?  
**They weren't invited because they had all married German princes (some with Nazi connections). [None of his Germen relations were invited.]**
16. Which African coutry consists of one single land mass with two distinct Atlantic coastlines?  
**Senegal (surrounds Gambia)**
17. Who was the Irish-born C20th British figurative painter who produced nightmarish reworkings of Velázquez's 'Portrait of Pope Innocent X'?  
**Francis Bacon**

18. The colours of the Indian flag were unofficially patterned on which other country's flag?  
**Ireland (because of its struggle against British imperialism)**
19. The character Sweeney, representing materialism and shallowness, appears several times in which C20th poet's works?  
**T S Eliot**
20. Kansas City, the central city of the Kansas City metropolitan area, is the largest city in which US state?  
**Missouri**
21. Which French word for the untying of a knot is used in English for the unravelling of a theatrical plot?  
**Denouement**
22. What do we call a virus that attacks bacteria?  
**Bacteriophage**
23. Which 1973 hit was inspired by Don McLean's American Pie?  
**Killing Me Softly With His Song, sung by Roberta Flack**
24. Santa Claus refers to Saint Nicholas who was a celebrated bishop in which modern day country?  
**Turkey**
25. Which food crop is currently being severely affected by the bacterium *Xylella fastidiosa* in South-East Italy?  
**Olive [causing 'olive quick decline syndrome']**
26. Bourbon whiskey is required to be made from a grain mixture that is at least 51% what?  
**Maize [accept corn] [Zea mays]**
27. Which piece of DNA does a man always inherit from his father, making it important in anthropological research?  
**Y chromosome [Strictly speaking, the non-pseudoautosomal regions of the Y chromosome]**
28. Who believe that God's throne is near a heavenly body called Kolob?  
**Mormons [accept Latter Day Saint movement, which is strictly more accurate] [They have a hymn called 'If you could hie to Kolob' (hie=hurry).]**
29. Cahors, the capital of the Lot department, is the French spiritual home of which grape variety, now more associated with South America?  
**Malbec**
30. Who did River Song shoot three times on the shores of Lake Silencio?  
**Doctor Who [Series 6 episode 1, 'The Impossible Astronaut'.]**
31. What hill does St Paul's cathedral stand on?  
**Ludgate Hill**
32. Which kind of hat, worn by Gene Kelly in Singin' in the Rain, takes its name from the title of a play written for Sarah Bernhardt?  
**Fedora**
33. What was the name of the British airship that crashed on its maiden overseas voyage in 1930?  
**R101**
34. How is "young Rosie McCann from the banks of the Bann" described in the title of a well known song?  
**The Star of the County Down**
35. Which British New Wave band formed in 1977 was named after characters from Hergé's Adventures of Tintin?  
**Thompson Twins [Bumbling detectives Thomson and Thompson]**

36. Which pairs of ligaments in the body are named after the cross shape they form?  
**Cruciate ligaments [cruciform ligaments; particularly in the knee, but also elsewhere]**
37. What kind of confectionary is known in Yorkshire and Lancashire as 'Spanish'?  
**Liquorice (candy)**
38. Which legendary English folk musician is Eliza Carthy's mother?  
**Norma Waterson**
39. What is the popular name for the dance near the climax of Richard Strauss' opera Salome?  
**The dance of the seven veils**
40. Which disease became known in France as 'la maladie de Bradford', in reference to the West Yorkshire town?  
**Anthrax [It was spread from the imported fleeces of the wool trade.]**
41. Who wrote the narrative poems known collectively as the Lays of Ancient Rome, which were standard reading in British public schools for more than a century?  
**Thomas Macaulay**
42. What was the capital of Scotland until the mid 15th century?  
**Perth**
43. In which famous book is Private Major Major Major promoted to Major Major Major Major?  
**Catch-22 (Joseph Heller)**
44. Which chemical element derives its name from the Spanish word for silver?  
**Platinum**
45. What caused the British car ferry Herald of Free Enterprise to sink off Zeebrugge in March 1987 with 193 deaths?  
**The bow doors were left open**
46. Who was the prominent English nurse who emphasized the importance of palliative care, and who almost single handedly invented the hospice movement?  
**Dame Cicely Saunders OM DBE**
47. Which grass has a tensile strength similar to that of mild steel?  
**Bamboo**
48. What did the ancient Greeks call the vast dark void before existence?  
**Chaos**
49. In Tennyson's Lady of Shalott, what does the lady do to unleash the curse upon herself?  
**She looks down to Camelot**
50. What is usually quoted in kilometers per second per megaparsec?  
**The Hubble constant. [About 70 (km/s)/Mpc.]**