



BBC RADIO 4 NEWS
Thursday, 6th December 2012
10.00am

ELEMENTARY: QUESTIONS

1. What is the chancellor's first name?
2. Who will be hit hardest by Mr Osborne's austerity drive, according to Labour?
3. Which statement did Mr Osborne give yesterday? *his _____ Statement*
4. How long will the Government's austerity drive continue? *for another _____*
5. Which radio programme did Mr Osborne appear on? *the _____ programme*
6. Who are paying proportionately more of their incomes in tax, according to Mr Osborne? *the _____-paying earners*

7. What is the name of the leader of Northern Ireland's Alliance Party?
8. What were attacked by loyalists last night? *the Alliance Party's _____*
9. How many people were hurt in the attacks?
10. What is the Union flag no longer flown from all year round? *Belfast's _____*

11. What is Virgin Rail going to continue running trains on? *the _____ _____ Mainline*
12. How long for?
13. Which company had the contract been awarded to, due to a faulty bidding process?

14. Which departments were the patients in the survey attending? *NHS _____ and Emergency departments in England*
15. What are getting longer? *_____ times*
16. What is the Care Quality Commission? *It's a health service _____.*
17. How long did a third of people spend in A&E? *more than _____*

18. What is Alistair Cook's position in the England cricket team?
19. Where has he scored a century (i.e. 100 runs)? *in the _____ Test in _____*
20. How many times has Alistair Cook scored centuries in Test matches?
21. How many other England batsmen have done this?
22. Can you fill in any of the missing words?

'Cook on _____. Ashwin moves in, bowls _____. There's a _____ sweep. And down to far _____ it goes. This'll be it. It's gone for _____. They'll come back for two. The fielder slides _____ there. They might in _____ come back for _____ if they want it. And they do. And Alistair Cook is England's _____ centurion. That's his 23rd Test hundred and he _____ it.'
23. England are currently _____ for one.
24. Nick Compton made _____.



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ELEMENTARY: ANSWERS

1. What is the chancellor's first name? **George**
2. Who will be hit hardest by Mr Osborne's austerity drive, according to Labour? **the poorest**
3. Which statement did Mr Osborne give yesterday? **his Autumn Statement**
4. How long will the Government's austerity drive continue? **for another five years**
5. Which radio programme did Mr Osborne appear on? **the Today programme**
6. Who are paying proportionately more of their incomes in tax, according to Mr Osborne? **the highest-paying earners**

7. What is the name of the leader of Northern Ireland's Alliance Party? **David Ford**
8. What were attacked by loyalists last night? **the Alliance Party's buildings**
9. How many people were hurt in the attacks? **four**
10. What is the Union flag no longer flown from all year round? **Belfast's City Hall**

11. What is Virgin Rail going to continue running trains on? **the West Coast Mainline**
12. How long for? **23 months**
13. Which company had the contract been awarded to, due to a faulty bidding process? **First Group**

14. Which departments were the patients in the survey attending? **NHS Accident and Emergency departments in England**
15. What are getting longer? **waiting times**
16. What is the Care Quality Commission? **It's a health service watchdog.**
17. How long did a third of people spend in A&E? **more than four hours**

18. What is Alistair Cook's position in the England cricket team? **captain**
19. Where has he scored a century (i.e. 100 runs)? **in the Third Test in India**
20. How many times has Alistair Cook scored centuries in Test matches? **23**
21. How many other England batsmen have done this? **none ('which is a record number for an English batsman')**
22. Can you fill in any of the missing words?

'Cook on **98**. Ashwin moves in, bowls **him**. There's a **little** sweep. And down to far **leg** it goes. This'll be it. It's gone for **one**. They'll come back for two. The fielder slides **down** there. They might in **fact** come back for **three** if they want it. And they do. And Alistair Cook is England's **highest** centurion. That's his 23rd Test hundred and he **knows** it.'
23. England are currently **208** for one.
24. Nick Compton made **57**.



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INTERMEDIATE: TRUE/FALSE

1. The chancellor is George Osborne.
2. Labour says his prolonged austerity drive will hit the richest hardest.
3. Mr Osborne gave his Austerity Statement yesterday.
4. There has been a squeeze on welfare benefits.
5. Mr Osborne appeared on the Tonight programme.

6. David Vord is the leader of the Alliance Party in Northern Ireland.
7. He has demanded the recall of the Northern Ireland Assembly.
8. This follows a night of attacks by loyalists on his party's supporters.
9. Four people were hurt.
10. On Monday the Alliance Party backed a motion which means the Union flag is no longer flown all year round from Belfast's Seedy Hall.

11. Virgin Rail is going to continue running trains on the West Coast Mainline for almost two years.
12. The franchise process is going to be re-run.
13. The previous bidding process collapsed.
14. The bidding process had awarded the contract to Thirst Group.

15. A survey of patients attending NHS Accident and Emergency departments in England shows that waiting times are improving.
16. Half the people questioned by the Care Quality Commission said they had spent more than four hours in A&E.

17. The England cricket captain Alistair Cook has scored a century in the Hughada Test in India.
18. This is the 23rd time he's scored a century in a Test match.
19. No other English batsman has scored such a large number of centuries.
20. England are currently 208 for 1. Mick Compton made 57.



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INTERMEDIATE: ANSWERS

1. The chancellor is George Osborne. (T)
2. Labour says his prolonged austerity drive will hit the richest hardest. (F 'will hit the poorest hardest')
3. Mr Osborne gave his Austerity Statement yesterday. (F 'In his Autumn Statement yesterday...')
4. There has been a squeeze on welfare benefits. (T 'including a squeeze on welfare benefits')
5. Mr Osborne appeared on the Tonight programme. (F 'Speaking on Today...')

6. David Vord is the leader of the Alliance Party in Northern Ireland. (F David Ford)
7. He has demanded the recall of the Northern Ireland Assembly. (T)
8. This follows a night of attacks by loyalists on his party's supporters. (F 'on his party's buildings')
9. Four people were hurt. (T 'injured' = hurt)
10. On Monday the Alliance Party backed a motion which means the Union flag is no longer flown all year round from Belfast's Seedy Hall. (F 'Belfast's City Hall')

11. Virgin Rail is going to continue running trains on the West Coast Mainline for almost two years. (T 'for the next 23 months')
12. The franchise process is going to be re-run. (T 'to allow time for the re-running of the franchise process')
13. The previous bidding process collapsed. (T 'the collapse of the original bidding process')
14. The bidding process had awarded the contract to Thirst Group. (F First Group)

15. A survey of patients attending NHS Accident and Emergency departments in England shows that waiting times are improving. (F 'waiting times are getting longer')
16. Half the people questioned by the Care Quality Commission said they had spent more than four hours in A&E. (F 'A third', not a half)

17. The England cricket captain Alistair Cook has scored a century in the Hughada Test in India. (F 'in the Third Test in India')
18. This is the 23rd time he's scored a century in a Test match. (T)
19. No other English batsman has scored such a large number of centuries. (T 'which is a record number for an English batsman')
20. England are currently 208 for 1. Mick Compton made 57. (F Nick Compton)



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ADVANCED: GAP-FILL

1. The chancellor George Osborne has _____ Labour accusations that his prolonged austerity _____ will hit the _____.
2. Ms Osborne gave his _____ Statement to the House of Commons yesterday.
3. There has been a _____ on welfare benefits and other things.
4. Mr Osborne appeared on the _____ programme this morning.
5. He insisted that the _____ - _____ earners were paying proportionately more of their incomes in tax.

6. The leader of Northern Ireland's _____ Party, _____, has demanded the _____ of the Northern Ireland Assembly.
7. This follows a _____ of attacks by loyalists on his party's _____ in _____ four people were hurt.
8. On Monday the Alliance Party _____ a motion which means the _____ is no longer _____ all year round from Belfast _____.

9. Virgin Rail is going to continue _____ trains on the _____ Mainline for the next 23 _____.
10. This will _____ time for the franchise process to be re-run.
11. The Government will probably be _____ criticised in a report this morning into the collapse of the original _____ process.
12. This had _____ the _____ to _____ Group.

13. A survey of _____ attending _____ Accident and Emergency _____ in England has revealed that _____ times are getting _____.
14. A _____ of people questioned by the health service _____ the Care Quality Commission said they had _____ more than _____ in A&E.

15. The England cricket _____ Alistair Cook has _____ a _____ in the _____ in India.
16. This is Alistair Cook's _____ Test century - a _____ number for an England _____.
17. Cook had been on _____ runs, but then he got _____ more.
18. The commentator says 'Alistair Cook is England's _____ centurion. That's his 23rd Test hundred and _____.'
19. England are _____ 208 for 1.
20. _____ Compton _____ 57.



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1. The chancellor George Osborne has rejected Labour accusations that his prolonged austerity drive will hit the poorest hardest.
2. Ms Osborne gave his Autumn Statement to the House of Commons yesterday.
3. There has been a squeeze on welfare benefits and other things.
4. Mr Osborne appeared on the Today programme this morning.
5. He insisted that the highest-paying earners were paying proportionately more of their incomes in tax.

6. The leader of Northern Ireland's Alliance Party, David Ford, has demanded the recall of the Northern Ireland Assembly.
7. This follows a night of attacks by loyalists on his party's buildings in which four people were hurt.
8. On Monday the Alliance Party backed a motion which means the Union flag is no longer flown all year round from Belfast City Hall.

9. Virgin Rail is going to continue running trains on the West Coast Mainline for the next 23 months.
10. This will allow time for the franchise process to be re-run.
11. The Government will probably be heavily criticised in a report this morning into the collapse of the original bidding process.
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13. A survey of patients attending NHS Accident and Emergency departments in England has revealed that waiting times are getting longer.
14. A third of people questioned by the health service watchdog the Care Quality Commission said they had spent more than four hours in A&E.

15. The England cricket captain Alistair Cook has scored a century in the Third Test in India.
16. This is Alistair Cook's 23rd Test century - a record number for an England batsman.
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