LITERARY LOCKDOWN QUIZ 1

Here are 15 questions, plus a bonus question which is knowing or guessing a number.  Some are fairly easy, some a lot more testing.  You are free to discuss the answers with a partner, relative or friend.  For the avoidance of doubt, Mr Google is not a friend. Send answers please to tonylawton107@gmail.com before 10.00 next Thursday morning, 16 April 2020.

This is just fun. Here we go:

1. Who became poet laureate in 2019?

.2. Tom Joad is a character in which famous book by John Steinbeck?

3. Which Russian novel begins “All happy families are alike;  each unhappy family is unhappy in its own way.”

4. “It was love at first sight” -  the opening sentence of which American novel set in World War II?

5. Red Right Hand is a song by Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds, and is the theme music of the British TV series Peaky Blinders. The song title is taken from a verse in which epic poem published in 1667?

6. Four Walls (The Ballad of Perry Smith), by the band Bastille, is based on what book by Truman Capote?

7. Let's talk of graves, of worms and epitaphs, make dust our paper, and with rainy eyes write sorrow on the bosom of the earth. Let's choose executors and talk of wills.” Which of Shakespeare's English kings is feeling very sorry for himself?

8. Peter Carey won the 1988 Booker Prize with a novel about the two people named in the title leaving Victorian England for Australia.  What is the name of the novel?

9. Which English premiership football team is named after a character in a Shakespeare history play?

10. Hilary Mantel's trilogy of novels starting with Wolf Hall follows the history of which English political character?

11. “To begin at the beginning: it is a spring moonless night in the small town,starless and bible-black”  The opening of which play, and name of playwright please.

12. Waiting for Godot by Samuel Beckett was premiered in 1953.  Can you name the two main characters?

13. Erich Maria Remarque wrote a classic novel about World War I.  What is its title?

14. Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep by Philip K Dick was made into a very successful and award-winning film.  What is its title?

15. Who wrote The Handmaid's Tale?