We ask a celebrity a set of devilishly probing questions – and only accept THE definitive answer. This week it’s England cricketer James Anderson

The prized possession you value above all others... My OBE for services to cricket, which was given to me by Prince Charles in February. We had a chat and he said, ‘Are you still going?’ because I’ve been playing for so long.

The biggest regret you wish you could amend... Not going to university. I’d like to have studied architecture, but my life was dedicated to cricket.

The book that holds an everlasting resonance... To Kill A Mockingbird by Harper Lee. We were reading it at school when I was 12. It sparked my interest in reading.

The priority activity if you were the Invisible Man for a day... I’d sit in at a selection meeting for the England team. It’s all cloaked in secrecy, so it would be fascinating to hear what’s said – especially about me!

The pet hate that makes your hackles rise... Bad driving. I get frustrated by middle-lane hoggers, people on their phones, even people doing their hair.

The film you can watch time and time again... Dumb And Dumber. I know it’s totally silly but it makes me laugh. Ben Stokes and Alex Hales are the Dumb And Dumber of the England team – a bit daft and clumsy.

The figure from history for whom you’d most like to buy a pie and a pint... Madam Clicquot, the woman behind the great champagne Veuve Clicquot. She was widowed, then turned her husband’s wine business into a success. It’s a fascinating story.

The misapprehension about yourself you wish you could erase... That I’m competitive. I’m really quite laid-back.

The event that altered the course of your life and character... Meeting my wife Daniella in 2004. I’ve always been quiet but she brought me out of my shell. We got married in 2006.

The song that means most to you... Sometimes by James. I was a very shy kid so I’d shut myself in my bedroom and listen to music. This song reminds me of being 14-16 – it was a lonely time but things turned out all right.

The treasured item you lost and wish you could have again... Wine. A few years ago I didn’t think beyond a £5 supermarket bottle. Now I’m learning all about it and I plan to start a cellar soon.

The philosophy that underpins your life... Strive for constant improvement. That goes for being a dad and a husband, not just cricket.

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The misapprehension about yourself you wish you could erase... That I’m grumpy. My teammate Joe Root even said – especially about me!

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The way you want to be remembered... As a cricketer people would pay to watch. And a good bloke and friend.

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As told to Rob McGibbon

Right: Jim Carrey and Jeff Daniels in Dumb And Dumber. Above right: wine. Far right: a boat in Barbados

PS... Susan Sarandon and Rose Byrne play mother and daughter in The Meddler – in cinemas Friday. Tara Fitzgerald is Lady Macbeth at Shakespeare’s Globe from today. And The Stone Roses are at Manchester’s Etihad Stadium this weekend

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