We ask a celebrity a set of devilishly probing questions – and only accept THE definitive answer. This week it’s cricket commentator Jonathan Agnew

The prized possession you value above all others... My England cricket cap I was given before my Test debut against the West Indies in 1984. It’s priceless and sits in a frame on my wall at home in Leicester.

The biggest regret you wish you could amend... I wish I’d done better for Brian Johnston [the cricket commentator who died in 1994]. I worked with him from 1991-93 and he gave me confidence. I punch the air whenever his son Barry calls me to say I sounded just like his dad during a programme.

The film you can watch time and time again... For a soppy old so-and-so like me – I’m 57 – Love Actually is fantastic.

The book that holds an everlasting resonance... City Of Joy by Dominique Lapierre, which I read while I was with the England squad in India in 1984. It taught me about extreme poverty and made me appreciate life far more.

The pet hate that makes your hackles rise... When I hear bad grammar, especially on the radio. The most annoying is the wrong pronunciation of harassment – emphasis is on the first ‘a’!

Right: Rod Stewart. Above right: After Eight mints. Far right: a tiger in India

The temptation you wish you could resist... After Eights. They’re so moreish I can eat a whole box.

The priority activity if you were the Invisible Man for a day... I’d sit in the cockpit of a space shuttle on a mission.

The person who has influenced you most... Brian Johnston [the cricket commentator who died in 1994]. I worked with him from 1991-93 and he gave me confidence. I punch the air whenever his son Barry calls me to say I sounded just like his dad during a programme.

The song that means most to you... Have I Told You Lately by Rod Stewart. My wife Emma and I saw him perform years ago and that’s our song.

The figure from history for whom you’d most like to buy a pie and a pint... Cricketer legend WG Grace. I’d ask if the rumours about him cheating are true.

The piece of wisdom you would pass on to a child... It takes very little effort to make someone happy.

The unlikely interest that engages your curiosity... Flying my own small plane is my escape. I learnt to fly in 2006 and share ownership of a Socata TB10 I love to take it from Nottingham to Skegness with my cocker spaniel Tino for a walk on the beach.

The treasured item you lost and wish you could have again... Perfectly working hands. I have suffered from Dupuytren’s contracture (thickening of tissue that makes fingers curl) since 2000 and have had 11 operations.

The unending quest that drives you on... To engage people in cricket, it’s the most wonderful sport.

The event that altered the course of your life and character... Marrying Emma in 1996. She’s changed my life in so many ways. More than anything, she’s helped give me focus.

The philosophy that underpins your life... Fairness matters. My dad, Philip, who’s 88, rammed that into me as a kid.

The order of service at your funeral... I was a choirboy so I want a big choir with uplifting choral music. I want plenty of humour, with outtakes from funny commentary moments. I want to be carried out to Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer.

The way you want to be remembered... As a kind person who put a smile on faces.

The Plug... Jonathan returns to Tests Match Special on BBC Radio 4 and 5Live Sports Extra for the two New Zealand v England Test matches. The first begins on Thursday... As told to Rob McCallion

Claire Foy is a woman trapped in an asylum in Unsane – in cinemas Friday. Jessie Ware’s live tour starts in Glasgow on Tuesday. And Ruthless! The Musical, featuring Dancing On Ice judge Jason Gardiner, is previewing at London’s Arts Theatre now

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