

Christmas Quiz 2013 Answers

1	A is Alpha, B is Bravo so what is F?	Foxtrot, as in the NATO phonetic alphabet
2	Who is the only obviously unmarried character in <i>Cluedo</i> ?	Miss Scarlet. The other characters are Dr Black, Rev Green, Colonel Mustard, Mrs Peacock, Professor Plum, and Mrs White
3	How high is a table tennis net? 5", 5½", or 6"	6"
4	Which claim to fame does Valentina Tereshkova have?	First woman in space. She piloted the Russian Vostok 6 on 16 June 1963, orbiting the earth 48 times and spending almost three days in space
5	What was the short title of the film 'How I Learned To Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb'	Dr Strangelove (1964) directed by Stanley Kubrick
6	What is the only metal element that is in liquid form at room temperature?	Mercury, commonly known as quicksilver. The chemical symbol for mercury is Hg for hydrargyrum (from the Greek 'hydr-' water and 'argyros' silver)
7	The Panama Canal connects which two oceans? (2 Qs, 2 marks)	The Atlantic & the Pacific. Curiously, although the Pacific Ocean is west of the Atlantic Ocean on the other side of the American continents, the Pacific end of the canal is further east than the Atlantic end.
8	The Great Sphinx of Giza in Egypt has the head of a human and the body of a what?	A lion. The face of the Sphinx is generally believed to represent the face of the Pharaoh Khafra who reigned from c. 2558–2532 BC
9	Name two of the Telly Tubbies (2 Qs, 2 marks)	Dipsy, Laa-Laa, Po, Tinky-Winky
10	What is the only word in English ending in the letters 'mt'?	Dreamt, though there is a Scots word fremt (usually fremd or fremmit) meaning 'foreign' or 'estranged'
11	When there are two full moons in the same month, what is the second called?	Blue Moon. The phrase has nothing to do with the actual colour of the moon
12	Which Beatle had a girlfriend named Thelma Pickles?	John Lennon. They met when they were students at the Liverpool College of Art in 1957
13	What is Triskadekaphobia?	Fear of the number 13
14	Only one word in English rhymes with 'orange'. True or False?	False. No word rhymes with orange, though there is a hill in Wales called Blorenge
15	How many teaspoons are there to one tablespoon, and what are the common abbreviations for these measurements? (2 Qs, 2 marks)	Three. Tsp (or t) for teaspoon, and tbsp (or T, tbs, and tb) for tablespoon
16	What is the business term for assets which can be quickly	Liquid Assets

	turned into cash?	
17	What country shows its name as Helvetia on its postal stamps?	Switzerland. Helvetia is the female national personification of Switzerland, officially Confederation Helvetica, the Swiss Confederation
18	Which Russian city has been known as Petrograd and Leningrad: St Petersburg, Stalingrad, Moscow or Volgograd?	St Petersburg, founded in 1703. It was named Petrograd from 1914 to 1924, and Leningrad from 1924 to 1991
19	-273.15 degrees (or absolute zero) is the lowest temperature on the Celsius scale. What scale starts at absolute 0 and goes upwards?	Kelvin. Named after the Belfast-born, Glasgow University engineer and physicist William Thomson, 1st Baron Kelvin (1824–1907)
20	On the ninth day of Christmas, what did my true love send to me?	Nine ladies dancing
21	What did Magnus Volk open in Brighton in 1883: the first leisure pier, an electric railway, the first open-air lido, or a funicular railway?	The Volks Railway on the seafront, the world's oldest still operational electric railway
22	With which style of painting were Manet and Monet associated?	Impressionism
23	What pet-name for a dog is taken from the Latin for 'I trust'?	Fido
24	What is the second line of the song <i>White Christmas</i> , and who sang the best selling version of the song? (2 Qs, 2 marks)	'Just like the ones I used to know'. The 1942 version sung by Bing Crosby is the best-selling single of all time
25	When milk curdles, the solid part is called curd. What is the liquid part called?	Whey
26	Which orchestral instrument plays a note before a concert to which the other instruments are tuned?	Oboe, on an A note. The oboe leads the tuning because the pitch of the oboe is stable and it has a penetrating sound
27	How many cubes are there in a Rubik's Cube: 25, 26, or 27?	26 visible cubes, and a spindle in the centre holding the pieces together
28	In <i>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</i> , what is Charlie's surname? Which child is judged a bad nut and thrown down a garbage chute: Violet Beauregarde, Augustus Gloop, Veruca Salt, or Mike Teevee? (2 Qs, 2 marks)	Bucket, Veruca Salt; having been refused a squirrel by Willy Wonka, she goes into the Nut Room to get one, but the squirrels think she is a bad nut and throw her away
29	Rutland, being the smallest historic English county, adopted what Latin motto in 1950?	<i>Multum in Parvo</i> , meaning 'much in little'
30	The letters YKK frequently appear on one part of many items of clothing. Which part?	The zip. YKK (or Yoshida Kōgyō Kabushiki Gaisha) is a Japanese manufacturing group, and it is the world's largest zip maker
31	Which is the world's largest landlocked country? Afghanistan, Bolivia, Chad, or Mongolia?	Mongolia is 1.56m sq kms in area. Chad is 1.28m sq kms, Bolivia is 1.1m sq kms, and Afghanistan is 0.65 sq kms
32	In the song <i>Waltzing Matilda</i> , what is waltzing and what is a matilda? (2 Qs, 2 marks)	'Waltzing' was to take to the road, and a matilda was one's belongings slung over the back in a bundle or swag

33	<p>(a) The letter "t" is the second most common letter used in the English language. True or False? (1 mark)</p> <p>(b) 'Copyrightable' is the longest word in the English language that can be written without repeating a letter. True or False? (1 mark)</p> <p>(c) 'hippopotomonstrosesquipedaliophobia' means the fear of long words. True or False? (1 mark)</p>	<p>(1) True</p> <p>(2) False, it's 'uncopyrightable'</p> <p>(3) True, but as 'sesquipedaliophobia' means the same thing, this 15-syllable word seems to be a contrivance</p>
34	Who never sleeps <i>In the Night Garden</i> itself? What is the name of Makka Pakka's trolley? (2 Qs, 2 marks)	Iggle Piggle, Og-Pog
35	<p>What fraction of the UK could be suitable for fracking according to a recent report: 25%, 33%, 40%, 50%, 60% or 75%? (1 mark)</p> <p>At what two sites has drilling been ongoing or attempted: Balcombe, Blackpool, Keynsham, Longannet, Maesteg, or Woodnesborough? (2 marks)</p>	40% or 50% was both reported. Blackpool (ongoing) and Balcombe (attempted). The other sites are some of the locations for which fracking applications have been submitted.
36	To what animal was Robert Burns referring in his poem with the lines 'Wee, sleekit, cow'rin, tim'rous beastie'?	A mouse, in his 1785 poem 'To a Mouse, on Turning Her Up in Her Nest with the Plough'
37	Name the two London Underground stations from these cryptic clues? (1) Bigger Than Big (2) Clerical Envy (2 Qs, 2 marks)	Wapping, Parson's Green
38	<p>The abbreviations below (called ditloids) relate to what phrases? eg. 12 S of the Z is the Twelve signs of the Zodiac</p> <p>(a) 6 W of H T E (b) 12 D of C</p> <p>(c) 57 H V (d) 200 P for P G in M (4 Qs 4 marks)</p>	<p>(a) Six wives of Henry the Eighth</p> <p>(b) 12 days of Christmas (c) 57 Heinz varieties (d) 200 pounds for passing Go in Monopoly</p>
39	What is Sutton Hoo in east Suffolk best known for historically: Neolithic flint mines, a 12th century fortress, a 14th century Premonstratensian abbey, an Anglo-Saxon burial ship, or a Medieval Benedictine monastery?	The ship-burial, excavated in 1939, probably dates from the 7th century and is one of the most important archaeological finds in England for its size and completeness.
40	The Nursery End and St John's Road are linked with which sporting ground: Craven Cottage, Elland Road, Lord's, Murrayfield, Old Trafford, The Oval, or St James' Park? What is the name of the famous room at this ground? (2 Qs, 2 marks)	<p>Lord's Cricket Ground, St John's Wood, London</p> <p>The Long Room in the Pavilion at Lord's. The room is lined with paintings of famous cricketers, and players have to pass through the room on their way from the dressing rooms to the cricket field</p>