



# Christmas Quiz

## 2015 Answers

One point for each question except where stated otherwise

Score for 30 Qs

/63

Score for 40 Qs

/84



	Questions	Answers
1	In the novel <i>A Christmas Carol</i> by Charles Dickens who is the first ghost to visit Scrooge?	Jacob Marley
2	What was photographed for the first time in October 1959?	The dark side of the moon
3	What type of bear featured in the book <i>The Christmas Bear</i> by Henrietta Stickland? In what part of the world is this bear found? (2 points)	A Polar Bear Arctic
4	On the TV programme <i>Top Gear</i> what is the nickname of James May? Which car was named Car of the Decade for the 2000s by the <i>Top Gear</i> hosts? Was it (a) the Bugatti Veyron (b) the Rolls-Royce Phantom (c) the Lamborghini Aventador, or (d) the Aston Martin Vanquish. (2 points)	Captain Slow Bugatti Veyron
5	Which three of these ten words are misspelt? accommodate, Caribbean, disappear, embarrass, fluorescent liaison, necessary, pharaoh, separate, wierd (3 points)	Caribbean pharaoh weird
6	What is the smallest historic county in England? Was the name first mentioned in (a) the Domesday book (b) the Magna Carta, or (c) Edward the Confessor's will? (2 points)	Rutland Edward the Confessor's Will
7	In what TV programme is there an Og-Pog? What is it and who uses it? (3 points)	In the Night Garden A trolley Makka-Packa
8	What objects are hidden in these anagrams (a) MUDDLING PUP (4,7) (b) SMART HERETICS (9,4) (2 points)	Plum Pudding Christmas Tree
9	A pentagon has five sides, a hexagon six. How many sides does a decagon and an icositetragon have? (2 points)	10 sides and 24 sides
10	What is the name of one of Santa's reindeer that shares its name with an object named after Edmund Halley?	Comet. The others are Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, and Blitzen.
11	Twenty actresses have been made Dames since 1980. Can you name four of them? (4 points)	Julie Andrews, Eileen Atkins, Gwen Ffrangcon Davies, Judi Dench, Doris Fitton, Pat Evison, Thora Hird, Celia Johnson, Angelina Jolie, Penelope Keith, Angela Lansbury, Helen Mirren, Joan Plowright, Diana Rigg, Janet Suzman, Elizabeth Taylor, Kristin Scott Thomas, Maggie Smith, Dorothy Tutin, Harriet Walter
12	What word links each of these pair of words eg. BLUE and BANK is linked by BOTTLE (a) PRIVET and FUND (b) FUNNY and CHINA (c) TIMES and CLOTH (3 points)	Hedge Bone Table

13	<p>What authors, books, radio or TV programmes are associated with these places (a) Ambridge (b) Barchester (c) Isle of Sodor (d) Llanddewi Brefi (e) Tannochbrae?</p> <p>Which of these is a real place? (6 points)</p>	<p>The Archers Anthony Trollope Thomas the Tank Engine / Rev Awdry Little Britain Dr Finley's Casebook <u>Llanddewi Brefi</u></p>
14	<p>What is pencil lead usually made of? The symbol for the element lead is not L, Le or Ld, but Pb. Where does this come from? (2 points)</p>	<p>Graphite The Latin name for lead is plumbum</p>
15	<p>On which Caribbean island did Columbus' ship <i>Santa Maria</i> run aground on Christmas Day 1492? Was it (a) San Salvador (now The Bahamas) (2) Hispaniola (now Haiti) or (3) San Juan Bautista (now Puerto Rico)?</p>	<p>Hispaniola</p>
16	<p>If a dish is described as being 'a la Florentine' what vegetable would it contain? What cartoon character created in the 1930s ate this vegetable to give him strength? (2 points)</p>	<p>Spinach Popeye</p>
17	<p>Which four events make up the tennis Grand Slam? (4 points)</p>	<p>Australian Open, French Open, US Open, Wimbledon</p>
18	<p>What is the green colouring found in plants? Is it (a) chlorophyll, (b) chloroform, or (c) chloride?</p>	<p>Chlorophyll</p>
19	<p>Who was the poet and what was the title of the poem that starts 'Under the spreading chestnut tree'? (2 points)</p>	<p>The Village Blacksmith Henry Longfellow</p>
20	<p>What fruit(s) are used to make (a) Christingle? (b) Plum Duff (2 points)</p>	<p>Orange Currants, raisins and/or sultanas</p>
21	<p>Name the two films from these cryptic clues? (a) Australia's top magician (b) Celestial battles? (2 points)</p>	<p>The Wizard of Oz Star Wars</p>
22	<p>How many daughters did the Bennett family have in the novel <i>Pride and Prejudice</i>? What was the name of Jane Austen's only sister? (2 points)</p>	<p>Five Cassandra</p>
23	<p>Where are the bog snorkelling world championships held each year? Are they held in (a) Llandrindod Wells, (b) Builth Wells, or (c) Llanwrtyd Wells?</p>	<p>Llanwrtyd Wells, in Powys, Wales</p>
24	<p>Which city in Scotland has the nickname 'Auld Reekie'? What is the name of the city's main station? (2 points)</p>	<p>Edinburgh Waverley</p>
25	<p>How long is a chukka in a game of polo? Is it (a) 5 minutes, (b) 6 minutes, (c) 7 minutes, or (d) 8 minutes?</p>	<p>7 minutes</p>
26	<p>Which Christmas dessert features in the song <i>We Wish You a Merry Christmas</i>?</p>	<p>Figgy pudding, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> verse</p>
27	<p>Which English leader banned Christmas in 1647?</p>	<p>Oliver Cromwell</p>

28	Identify the object or phrase from the following visual clues (called dingbats) eg. Mail Male would be Postman (a) PotOOOOOOOO (b) You Just Me (c) <b>PINNACLES</b> (d) stel (4 points)	(a) Potatoes (b) Just between you and me (c) Friends in high places (d) Tinsel (t in sel)
29	What was the name of the slave played by Frankie Howard in <i>Up Pompeii</i> ? Who wrote the 2003 novel <i>Pompeii</i> (2 points)	Lurcio Robert Harris
30	Which nations will host the 2017 Rugby League World Cup?	Australia, New Zealand & Papua New Guinea (1 mark for any two nations)
31	In which county is the Giant's Causeway? Is it (a) Antrim (b) Derry or (c) Donegal? Name one feature of the rocks there. (2 points)	Antrim <u>Hexagonal</u> or <u>Polygonal Basalt Lava Columns</u>
32	Name the two London Underground stations from these cryptic clues? (a) Irate Monarch (b) Red Rose Entrance (2 points)	Kings Cross Lancaster Gate
33	Ian Fleming, the author of the James Bond spy novels also wrote a children's story. Was it (a) <i>The Tiger Who Came to Tea</i> (b) <i>The Railway Children</i> (c) <i>Chitty Chitty Bang Bang</i> , or (d) <i>Mary Poppins</i> ?	Chitty Chitty Bang Bang
34	What links FAROES, TRAFALGAR, FISHER, MALIN? In what compass direction roughly is each from Britain (5 points)	Shipping Forecast Areas North, South, East, and West (1 mark for each correct answer)
35	Alphabetically what is the last sign of the zodiac?	Virgo
36	What two groups of people clashed on Brighton Beach in the 1960s What was the Brighton Belle? (2 points)	Mods and Rockers A luxury Pullman train that ran between Brighton and Victoria from 1933 until 1972
37	According to the British Kennel club, which is the most popular breed of dog?	Labrador Retriever
38	The abbreviations below (called ditloids) relate to what phrases? eg. 12 S of the Z is the Twelve signs of the Zodiac (a) 26 = L in the A (b) 13 = BD (c) 147= MB in S (d) 7 = S on a FPP (4 points)	(a) 26 Letters in the Alphabet (b) Thirteen, a Bakers Dozen (c) 147, Maximum Break in Snooker (d) Seven sides on a Fifty Pence Piece
39	What in 1902 was the first ready-to-eat breakfast cereal to be introduced into the UK (and it wasn't Corn Flakes)?	Force Wheat Flakes
40	Which British physicist was born on Christmas Day 1642? In which county was he born? (2 points)	Sir Isaac Newton Lincolnshire, in Woolsthorpe-by-Colsterworth near Grantham