



Christmas Quiz

2015 Questions

One point for each question except where stated otherwise

Score for 30 Qs

/63

Score for 40 Qs

/84



	Questions	Answers	Points
1	In the novel <i>A Christmas Carol</i> by Charles Dickens who is the first ghost to visit Scrooge?		
2	What was photographed for the first time in October 1959?		
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)		
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)		
5	Which three of these ten words are misspelt? accommodate, Caribbean, disappear, embarrass, fluorescent liaison, necessary, pharoah, separate, wierd (3 points)		
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)		
7	In what TV programme is there an Og-Pog? What is it and who uses it? (3 points)		
8	What objects are hidden in these anagrams (a) MUDDLING PUP (4,7) (b) SMART HERETICS (9,4) (2 points)		
9	A pentagon has five sides, a hexagon six. How many sides does a decagon and an icositetragon have? (2 points)		
10	What is the name of one of Santa's reindeer that shares its name with an object named after Edmund Halley?		
11	Twenty actresses have been made Dames since 1980. Can you name four of them? (4 points)		
12	What word links each of these pair of words eg. BLUE and BANK is linked by BOTTLE (a) PRIVET and FUNN (b) FUNNY and CHINA (c) TIMES and CLOTH (3 points)		
13	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? Which of these is a real place? (6 points)		

14	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)		
15	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)?		
16	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)		
17	Which four events make up the tennis Grand Slam? (4 points)		
18	What is the green colouring found in plants? Is it (a) chlorophyll, (b) choloform, or (c) chloride?		
19	Who was the poet and what was the title of the poem that starts 'Under the spreading chestnut tree'? (2 points)		
20	What fruit(s) are used to make (a) Christingle? (b) Plum Duff (2 points)		
21	Name the two films from these cryptic clues? (a) Australia's top magician (b) Celestial battles? (2 points)		
22	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)		
23	Where are the bog snorkelling world championships held each year? Are they held in (a) Llandrindod Wells, (b) Builth Wells, or (c) Llanwrtyd Wells?		
24	Which city in Scotland has the nickname 'Auld Reekie'? What is the name of the city's main station? (2 points)		
25	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?		
26	Which Christmas dessert features in the song <i>We Wish You a Merry Christmas</i> ?		
27	Which English leader banned Christmas in 1647?		
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) PINNACLES (d) stel (4 points)		
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)		
30	Which nations will host the 2017 Rugby League World Cup?		
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)		
32	Name the two London Underground stations from these cryptic clues? (a) Irate Monarch (b) Red Rose Entrance (2 points)		
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> ?		
34	What links FAROES, TRAFALGAR, FISHER, MALIN? In what compass direction roughly is each from Britain (5 points)		
35	Alphabetically what is the last sign of the zodiac?		
36	What two groups of people clashed on Brighton Beach in the 1960s What was the Brighton Belle? (2 points)		
37	According to the British Kennel club, which is the most popular breed of dog?		
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)		
39	What in 1902 was the first ready-to-eat breakfast cereal to be introduced into the UK (and it wasn't Corn Flakes)?		
40	Which British physicist was born on Christmas Day 1642? In which county was he born? (2 points)		