

Brain of Derbyshire 2011: Written Quiz Questions

1.	Today (18th May 2011) is the centenary of the death of which Austrian composer of classical music?	Gustav Mahler
2.	Which Web site, now wholly owned by eBay, allows users to make and receive payments by electronic transfer?	Paypal
3.	The Rokeby Venus, now in the National Gallery, is the only surviving nude by which artist?	<i>(Diego) Velázquez</i>
4.	At whose memorial service in Westminster Abbey in March 2006 was the abbey's golden cross carried in procession accompanied by four candles?	Ronnie Barker
5.	Which contains the most Calories: a pint of skimmed milk, a pint of orange juice, or a pint of Guinness?	Orange Juice (220–250), skimmed milk 185; Guinness 170
6.	Simon Cowell was a winning contestant on Sky's revival of which game show, originally introduced with the phrase: "And now from Norwich, it's the quiz of the week!"?	Sale of the Century
7.	The World War II Ardennes Offensive is also known by what other name, referring to the wedge driven by German forces into Allied lines?	The Battle of the Bulge
8.	BBC Radio 7 has recently been rebranded with what name?	Radio 4 Extra
9.	A 7 foot 6 inch-tall statue of which figure was unveiled at Fulham's Craven Cottage ground in April?	Michael Jackson
10.	Which country is named after the second highest mountain in Africa?	Kenya <i>(named after Mount Kenya)</i>
11.	Invented by Art Fry, what were first marketed in 1977 under the name "Press 'n Peel"?	Post-It Notes/Sticky notes
12.	Now a successful solo act, singer Cee Lo Green was previously half of which chart-topping duo?	Gnarls Barkley
13.	Which two-word rhyming phrase, coined in 1992, describes a novel of middle-class country or village life?	Aga Saga
14.	Which British motorway is sometimes known as "the Ross Spur"?	M50
15.	Who will Justine Thornton marry on the 27th of May at Langar Hall, Nottinghamshire?	Ed Miliband
16.	Which British actor and comedian recently released <i>Let Them Talk</i> , an album of New Orleans-style blues?	Hugh Laurie
17.	What word might be spelled out by <i>Pisum sativum</i> , <i>Taxus baccata</i> , and <i>Camilla sinensis</i> ?	(Pea Yew Tea) spells "put".
18.	In the musical <i>Priscilla, Queen of the Desert</i> , who or what is Priscilla?	<i>(Tour) Bus</i>
19.	<i>Blue Peter</i> dog Mabel recently died after a fourteen-year screen career, beaten only by which other <i>Blue Peter</i> dog, who appeared for fifteen years?	Petra
20.	Which group of people rule in a stratocracy?	Army/Military
21.	The wonderfully named Goodluck Jonathan was recently elected president of which African state?	Nigeria
22.	Who holds the title "First Commoner of the Land"?	The Speaker of the House of Commons
23.	In heraldry, what sort of creature is a talbot?	Dog
24.	Which 144-year-old record in English first-class cricket was broken by Yorkshire wicketkeeper Barney Gibson on 28th April 2011?	Youngest Player <i>(15y 27d)</i>
25.	Which service area on the M5 shares its name with the historian and broadcaster who presented the 2010 BBC series <i>The Story of England</i> ?	Michaelwood
26.	Who was the last person to be President of the USA at a time when no former President remained alive? (In other words, all his predecessors had died.)	Richard Nixon

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27.	After 14 years and involvement in more than 250 suspicious deaths, who recently retired to be replaced by his cousin John?	DCI (Tom) Barnaby
28.	Which tennis player had a cameo role in the 2003 comedy film <i>Anger Management</i> ?	John McEnroe
29.	The wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton took place on the 66th anniversary of the wedding of which other couple whose marriage lasted only one day?	Adolf Hitler and Eva Braun
30.	What song links John Ford, Bobby Darin, and Huckleberry Hound?	My Darling Clementine
31.	Which group visited Smuggler's Top, Mystery Moor, Finniston Farm, Demon's Rocks, Billycock Hill, and Kirrin Island, among other places?	The Famous Five
32.	Queen Anne's Lace is a wild variety of which garden vegetable?	Carrot
33.	Set largely in Derbyshire, <i>Pevenil of the Peak</i> is the longest novel by which nineteenth-century author?	Sir Walter Scott
34.	What was the name of Henry VIII's elder brother whose early death prevented him from succeeding to the throne?	Arthur (Tudor)
35.	Formed by one of the biggest volcanic eruptions of historical times, Lake Taupo is the largest lake in which Commonwealth country?	New Zealand
36.	Who recently became the first living artist since The Beatles in 1964 to have two top-five hits in both the UK singles charts and the UK albums charts simultaneously?	Adele
37.	Which supermarket chain owns and retails the "Florence and Fred" fashion brand?	Tesco
38.	Which Derbyshire town was known to the Romans as <i>Aquae Arnemetiae</i> ?	Buxton
39.	To the disgust of conservative commentators, which Kryptonian has stated an intention to renounce his adopted US citizenship?	Superman
40.	Which weapon is claimed to have made its first appearance on English soil at the Battle of Hastings?	Crossbow
41.	Which is the only US state capital that contains a royal palace?	Honolulu
42.	Raised to the peerage in 1991, under what name is former civil servant Phyllis Dorothy White better known?	P. D. James
43.	Standing on the River Eden, which city claims to be England's largest <i>by area</i> ?	Carlisle
44.	True or False? British Rail patented a nuclear-powered flying saucer in 1973.	True! (Patent No. GB131099A)
45.	What is the name of BBC Scotland's Gaelic-language television service?	BBC Alba
46.	In which landlocked former Soviet republic would you find Mount Lenin, Mount Yeltsin, Mount Putin and, more surprisingly, Mount Santa Claus?	Kyrgyzstan
47.	In 2010, Mary McKillop became the first Australian to achieve which distinction?	Sainthood/Canonisation
48.	Which malt whisky is produced by 'sixteen men of Tain'?	Glenmorangie
49.	Which racehorse won fourteen and finished second in the remainder of his first twenty-one starts, but collapsed, later to die, during his 22nd race at Exeter in November 2005?	Best Mate
50.	Who is the current question master of Radio 4's <i>Brain of Britain</i> ?	Russell Davies
	Tie Breaker	
	On what date was the clipper <i>The Cutty Sark</i> launched?	22 November 1869