

Individual Round 1

Some fairly gentle general knowledge questions to start.

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| 1. Who was Chairman of the P.L.O. from 1969 until just before his death in 2004? | YASSER ARAFAT |
| 2. What name was given to the hereditary military governors of Japan from 1192 to 1867? | SHOGUN |
| 3. What is the name of the O'Haras' plantation in 'Gone with the Wind'? | TARA |
| 4. Which chemical acid makes up around 0.5% of what is called gastric acid? | HYDROCHLORIC |
| 5. Anatomy. What can be true, false, or floating? | RIBS |
| 6. What were built on the south-east coastline as a defence against a possible Napoleonic invasion? (Two words.) | MARTELLO TOWERS |
| 7. In the Just William stories by Richmal Crompton, what is the name of William's gang? | OUTLAWS |
| 8. "Just take what you need and leave the rest."
Lyrics from which 1971 Top 10 hit? | THE NIGHT THEY DROVE OLD
DIXIE DOWN |
| 9. Who was President of the USA in 1976? | GERALD FORD |
| 10. What British unit of currency ceased to be legal tender on June 30 th , 1980? | SIXPENCE (<i>accept sixpenny
piece</i>) |

Team Round 2

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| 1. FIRSTS. | |
| a) Who was the first British Prime Minister to serve a term of office that both started and finished in the 20 th century? | Arthur BALFOUR (<i>1902-05</i>) |
| b) A player from which Yorkshire soccer team scored the first-ever goal in the English Premiership? | SHEFFIELD UNITED |
| c) Who was the first of the regular cast of 'Dad's Army' to die? | JAMES BECK |
| 2. LITERATURE – CRIME AND DETECTION. | |
| a) The 2012 novel 'Standing in Another Man's Grave' marks the return of which detective, five years after he was said to have retired? | John REBUS |
| b) What nationality is Agatha Christie's Hercule Poirot? | BELGIAN |
| c) Sax Rohmer created which notorious, fictional criminal? | Dr. FU MANCHU |
| 3. THREE INITIALS. <i>Each answer can be given in the form of three initials.</i> | |
| a) Angela Merkel is the leader of which political party in Germany? | CDU |
| b) Which consecutive letters of the alphabet make up the name of an airline? | KLM |
| c) In 1996, which New Zealand group got to no. 5 in the UK charts with 'How Bizarre'? | OMC |
| 4. TELEVISION AND SPORT COMBINED. | |
| a) Which 'Eastenders' character carried the Olympic torch on the programme? | BILLY MITCHELL |
| b) At which indoor sport was TV presenter Matt Baker talented in his younger days? | GYMNASTICS |
| c) Which former TV commentator, ninety last October, created the slogan 'Trill makes budgies bounce with health'? | MURRAY WALKER |
| 5. PINK POP. | |
| a) "Pink - it was love at first sight / Yeah, Pink - when I turn out the light / And Pink gets me high as a kite ..." An extract from the 1997 song 'Pink' – by which group? | AEROSMITH |
| b) In The Scaffold's 'Lily the Pink', which young lady "had terrible freckles"? | JENNIFER ECCLES |
| c) The cover of which of Pink Floyd's LP covers features Battersea Power Station? | ANIMALS |
| 6. RELIGION. | |
| a) What Islamic religious title was given to General Gordon's nemesis? | MAHDI |
| b) What long, loose over-garment was the distinctive garb of Jews in the Middle Ages? | GABERDINE |
| c) "One who is sceptical about the existence of God but does not profess true atheism."
One possible definition of a what? | AGNOSTIC |
| 7. HISTORY – THE 1960s. | |
| a) In which number Gipsy Moth did Sir Francis Chichester circumnavigate the world? | FOUR |
| b) On June 5 th , 1963, who resigned as a member of the cabinet, as well as his Privy Council and Parliamentary membership? | JOHN PROFUMO |
| c) In 1966, what replaced the Aust ferry? | SEVERN BRIDGE |
| 8. LASTS. | |
| a) Born in 1934, which antipodean's farewell tour began in Cardiff on the 30 th of October? | BARRY HUMPHRIES |
| b) What is the last book in the Old Testament of the Bible? | MALACHI |
| c) Why do Gwynne Evans and Peter Allen feature in this set? | LAST MEN TO BE HANGED IN
BRITAIN |

Individual Round 3

All ten questions have a Christmas theme.

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| 1. How many different ghosts visit Scrooge in 'A Christmas Carol'? | FOUR |
| 2. If Jesus was born on December 25 th , what was his star sign? | CAPRICORN |
| 3. At what time is the Queen's Christmas Day speech first broadcast on the major channels? | 3.00 PM |
| 4. In a classic Xmas TV show from 1971, who was called 'Mr. Preview' by one of his hosts? | ANDRE PREVIN |
| 5. In which country is the cake known as 'stollen' traditionally eaten at Christmas? | GERMANY |
| 6. On what day of the year did the events described in 'Good King Wenceslas' occur? | BOXING DAY/DECEMBER 26th |
| 7. Where in London do some swimmers take a bracing dip on Christmas Day? | SERPENTINE, Hyde Park |
| 8. Spell 'myrrh', as in the name of the essential oil. | MYRRH |
| 9. According to a survey by American Express, nine out of ten men are satisfied with their Christmas presents. How many women out of ten are? | FOUR |
| 10. Which species of bird was traditionally hunted and killed in Britain on Boxing Day? | WREN |

Team Round 4

This round also has a Christmas theme.

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| 1. CHRISTMAS POP MUSIC. | |
| a) In Slade's 'Merry Xmas, Everybody', which member of the family is of the opinion "that the old songs are the best"? | GRANNY |
| b) "Her name is 'X'. I have a dream about her – she rings my bell." Lyrics from 'Teenage Dirtbag', by Wheatus – but what name is missing at 'X'? | NOELLE |
| c) His big hit (no.3 in 1980) is still played regularly at Christmas today, but his 'You'll Always Find Me in the Kitchen at Parties' is hardly ever heard. Who is he? | JONA LEWIE |
| 2. BORN OR DIED ON CHRISTMAS DAY. | |
| a) Which British physicist and mathematician was born on 25/12/1642? | Sir ISAAC NEWTON |
| b) Which statesman, Egypt's third President, was born on 25/12/1918? | ANWAR EL SADAT |
| c) Which former dictator was executed on 25/12/1989? | Nicolae CEAUSESCU |
| 3. CHRISTMAS 'DOUBLE TROUBLE'. | |
| a) In 'Pickwick Papers', where did Mr. Pickwick and friends have a fine time at Christmas? | DINGLEY DELL |
| b) Michael Barratt was born in Cardiff in 1948, and topped the charts with a festive song in 1985. By what name is he better known? | SHAKIN' STEVENS |
| c) In the lyrics of 'Hark, the Herald Angels Sing', what two words precede "God and sinners reconciled"? | MERCY MILD |
| 4. CHRISTMAS TELEVISION. | |
| a) Which popular sitcom ended on Christmas Eve 1998, after a nine-year run? | BIRDS OF A FEATHER |
| b) 'Hollyoaks' is set in which English town or city? | CHESTER |
| c) An incriminating DVD (that was supposed to have been binned) resurfaced at Christmas 2007 to cause mayhem in which soap? | EASTENDERS |
| 5. CHRISTMAS IN LITERATURE. | |
| a) What was the name of Scrooge's late partner? (Both names needed.) | JACOB MARLEY |
| b) Who wrote the poem 'A Visit From St. Nicholas', aka 'The Night Before Christmas'? | CLEMENT C. MOORE |
| c) "And sleepless children's hearts are glad,/And Christmas morning bells say 'Come!'/ Even to shining ones who dwell/Safe in the Dorchester Hotel." From 'Christmas 1954', by whom? | JOHN BETJEMAN |
| 6. CHRISTMAS CAROLS. <i>From which carols do these extracts come?</i> | |
| a) "He was little, weak and helpless; / Tears and smiles like us he knew." | ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY |
| b) "No ear may hear his coming; / But in this world of sin / Where meek souls ..." | O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM |
| c) "From God our heavenly Father/ A blessed angel came, / And unto certain shepherds / Brought tidings of the same ..." | GOD REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN |
| 7. CHRISTMAS ANAGRAMS. <i>What seasonal anagrams can be made from the following? One answer is two words.</i> | |
| a) ME INTO MAP. | PANTOMIME |
| b) STEVIE IS FIT. | FESTIVITIES |
| c) IN LIGHT NEST. | SILENT NIGHT |
| 8. CHRISTMAS BLOCKBUSTERS. | |
| a) O.F.A.H. This programme was often granted a Christmas special. | ONLY FOOLS AND CORPSES |
| b) C.P.C. Heanor is often referred to as the *** of the world. What are the missing words? | CHRISTMAS PUDDING CAPITAL |
| c) S.P. Who informed us that he was late for communion on Christmas Day 1662? | SAMUEL PEPYS |

A.Q.S.

Individual Round 5

Real names. How are/were these people better known? Their various fields of human activity are provided as further clues.

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| 1. Harold J. Smith. (Television) | JAY SILVERHEELS (<i>Tonto</i>) |
| 2. Francois-Marie Arouet. (Writer and philosopher) | VOLTAIRE |
| 3. Roy Scherer Junior. (Actor) | ROCK HUDSON |
| 4. Jan Ludvik Hoch. (Entrepreneur and M.P.) | ROBERT MAXWELL |
| 5. Norma Egstrom. (Singer) | PEGGY LEE |
| 6. Cyril Mead. (Television) | SYD LITTLE |
| 7. Charles Westover. (60s pop music) | DEL SHANNON |
| 8. Edris Stannus. (dancer) | Ninette de Valois |
| 9. Emmanuel Goldenberg. (Actor) | EDWARD G. ROBINSON |
| 10. Amandine Dupin. (Writer) | GEORGE SAND |

Team Round 6

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| 1. NOT THE CRICKET SET! | |
| a) Which English surrealist, comedian, actor, artist, DJ and musician is known for his role as Vince Noir in 'The Mighty Boosh'? (Both names needed.) | NOEL FIELDING |
| b) Where has Baroness Royall of Blaisdon led the opposition since May 2010? | House of LORDS |
| c) In 'Neighbours', what was the name of the labrador retriever who featured in the programme from 1987 to 1993? | BOUNCER |
| 2. RUNNERS-UP. | |
| a) When Margaret Thatcher won the Tory leadership ballot on Feb. 11 th 1975, who was runner up? | WILLIAM/WILLIE WHITELAW |
| b) Who were the runners up in the men's rugby union 2012-13 Six Nations competition? | ENGLAND |
| c) Which 29-year-old from Essex was runner up to Joe McElderry in the 2009 series of 'The X Factor'? | OLLY MURS |
| 3. OLD SONGS. | |
| a) Which 1939 song includes the line – "Will you please say 'Hello' to the folks that I know ..." | WE'LL MEET AGAIN |
| b) According to the old song, which room in the house did father decide to paper himself, to save money on a decorator? | PARLOUR |
| c) "It shot up like a rocket till it nearly touched the sky. / We couldn't see the top of it – it got so bloomin' high." Back in 1938, what was the plant being thus described? | ASPIDISTRA |
| 4. ON THAT TINTERNET. | |
| a) Which Facebook app. lets anyone make their own one-panel comic, featuring themselves and a friend? | BITSTRIPS |
| b) On selling sites online, what does the acronym 'BUMP' represent? | BRING UP MY POST |
| c) On Twitter, Facebook, etc., what icon denotes a 'like'? | THUMBS UP |
| 5. GEOGRAPHY. | |
| a) Which B is the main river that runs through Damascus? | BARADA |
| b) What is the name of the major seaport which serves Mexico City? | Veracruz |
| c) Which African country was known as South-West Africa, prior to 1968? | NAMIBIA |
| 6. GEORGE ORWELL – NOT '1984' NOR 'ANIMAL FARM'. | |
| a) Complete the rather sweeping title of a book of essays, 'All xxx is Propaganda'. | ART |
| b) From his essay on Dickens: "Rotten architecture but wonderful ..." – what? | GARGOYLES |
| c) Which book recounts his experiences in the Spanish Civil War? | HOMAGE TO CATALONIA |
| 7. THE PERIODIC TABLE OF THE ELEMENTS – BUT NOT A SCIENCE SET! <i>All three answers are, or contain, chemical elements.</i> | |
| a) The 9-inch tall pyramid at the top of the Washington Monument is made of what? | ALUMINIUM |
| b) Below the 'out' line, what is the only part of a squash court that is out of bounds? | The TIN |
| c) Which Liverpool-based reference in The Scaffold's 'Thank U Very Much' has caused a great deal of inconclusive debate over the years? | AINTREE IRON |
| 8. SPORT. | |
| a) His first names were Juan Manuel, and he died in July 1995. What was his surname? | FANGIO |
| b) What was the first name of the man who invented the Fosbury Flop technique? | RICHARD/DICK |
| c) On Sept. 20th 2013, who were runners-up to Nottinghamshire in the YB40 final at Lords? | GLAMORGAN |

Individual Round 7

No theme – mixed bag.

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| 1. What was the surname of Allan (1819-1894), who was born in Glasgow but achieved fame as a detective and spy in the USA? | PINKERTON |
| 2. One of the two types of corgi is the Cardigan. What is the other? | PEMBROKE |
| 3. In 1967, who became the first recipient of a human heart transplant? | LOUIS WASHKANSKY |
| 4. Who was the Greek equivalent of the Roman god Mercury? | HERMES |
| 5. Who wrote the series of children's books about Dr. Dolittle? | HUGH LOFTING |
| 6. What eight-letter word is the Japanese for 'goodbye'? | SAYONARA |
| 7. The European prince Henry the Navigator was born in 1394 in which country? | PORTUGAL |
| 8. Which element in the periodic table has the chemical symbol W? | TUNGSTEN |
| 9. Which sport was played at Wimbledon prior to lawn tennis? | CROQUET |
| 10. Who composed 'The William Tell Overture' (1829)? | Gioachino ROSSINI |

Team Round 8

The (50%) 'Christmas Alphabet' round! Twelve of the questions have a Christmas theme, twelve do not. In each set of three answers, the three initial letters are provided, but the answers are not necessarily in alphabetical order, eg the ABC set might have the answers **C**alifornium, **a**lgebra and **b**ismuth. As there are 26 letters and only 24 questions, there is no X or Z question.

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| 1. D.E.F. | |
| a) Who wrote the 1927 poem 'The Journey of the Magi'? | T.S. ELIOT |
| b) The Bible. What is the fifth book of the Old Testament? | DEUTERONOMY |
| c) "A large leaf (especially of a palm or fern) usually with many divisions." A definition of which one-syllable botanical word? | FROND |
| 2. A.B.C | |
| a) Muscles that cause movement of a limb away from the midplane of the body, or away from a neighbouring part or limb, are known as what? | ABDUCTORS |
| b) According to tradition in Syria, who or what deliver the Christmas presents? | CAMELS |
| c) Which of Santa's seven reindeer comes first in the alphabet? | BLITZEN |
| 3. S.T.U. | |
| a) Last month, what word was named by Oxford Dictionaries as the word of the year? | SELFIE |
| b) A rudolph is a term used in what sport? | TRAMPOLINING |
| c) What Latin phrase is used to refer to the Pope's Christmas blessing (also used on other occasions)? | URBI ET ORBI |
| 4. J.K.L. | |
| a) What is the surname of Dr. Christmas, a character in the Bond film 'The World is Not Enough'? | JONES |
| b) Whose radio show can be heard on Radio 1 Mondays to Thursdays, 7-00 to 9-00 pm? | Zane LOWE |
| c) Which Scottish Premiership association football club has Rugby Park for its home ground? | KILMARNOCK |
| 5. G.H.I. | |
| a) What is the name for the playing area in American football? | GRIDIRON |
| b) "An atom or molecule in which the total number of electrons is not equal to the total number of protons". A definition of what two-syllable word? | ION |
| c) Because of its supposed curative qualities, what is the alternative name for mistletoe? | HEAL-ALL |
| 6. V.W.Y. | |
| a) Which star of the future was only eight when she starred in the 1947 version of 'Miracle on 34 th St.'? | NATALIE WOOD |
| b) The 1954 film 'White Christmas' is set in which state of the USA? | VERMONT |
| c) When gambling on horse-racing, what term is used for a bet on four selections and consisting of eleven separate bets? | YANKEE |
| 7. P.Q.R. | |
| a) Who painted 'The Adoration of the Magi' (1624)? | Peter Paul RUBENS |
| b) To mash foods until perfectly smooth by hand, by rubbing through a sieve or food mill, or by whirling in a blender or food processor. | PUREE |
| c) In the Billy Bunter stories, what is the surname of Bunter's form teacher? | QUELCH |
| 8. M.N.O. | |
| a) What is the name of the dog in 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas' (2000)? | MAX |
| b) In maths, the point on a graph that represents the point where the x and y axes meet. | ORIGIN |
| c) In Britain, a Christmas tree is traditionally of what species? (Two words.) | NORWAY SPRUCE |

A.Q.S.

Beer Round

Topics: History, classical music, medical conditions.

1. SET 'A'.

- a) The largest ethnic group (16 in all) of the American Declaration of Independence were from which European principality?
- b) Who composed 'A Sea Symphony' between 1903 and 1909?
- c) *Herpes labialis* is more commonly known by what two-word phrase?

WALES

**Ralph VAUGHAN WILLIAMS
COLD SORE(S)**

2. SET 'B'.

- a) In what year did King Edward VIII's abdication crisis occur?
- b) What nationality is violinist Andre Rieu?
- c) *Strabismus* is more commonly known by which one-syllable word?

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DUTCH

SQUINT

Spare Questions

1. Which king of England had the nickname 'Beauclerc'?
2. Who is the patron saint of physicians and surgeons?
3. What coin of the realm ceased to be legal tender in Britain at the end of 1960?

HENRY I

Saint **LUKE**

FARTHING