

FREE SAMPLE QUIZ (*FreePubQuiz.co.uk*)

Nicknames, Television, Pot Luck, Where in the World, True or False, In the Pub, Languages and Words, and Compass Points.

Extra Rounds: Christmas Trivia, Colours, and tiebreaker questions.

Nicknames (Round 1)

- 1) Stefani Germanotta is better known by what stage name? **ANSWER: *Lady Gaga***
- 2) People from which English county are sometimes known as 'Clangers'?
ANSWER: *Bedfordshire*
- 3) What is the nickname of professional quizzer Mark Labbett in television's *The Chase*?
ANSWER: *The Beast*
- 4) What is the last name of the character called 'Fatboy' in *Eastenders*? **ANSWER: *Chubb***
- 5) Which sportswoman's nicknames include 'The Arm Collector' and the 'Baddest Woman on the Planet'? **ANSWER: *Ronda Rousey***
- 6) Which number is called 'Dancing Queen' in bingo? **ANSWER: *17***
- 7) Which former English rugby union player is known as 'The Fun Bus'? **ANSWER: *Jason Leonard***
- 8) By what name is Manfred von Richthofen better known? **ANSWER: *The Red Baron***
- 9) During the Napoleonic wars the citizens of which town allegedly hanged a monkey believing it to be a French spy resulting in their modern day football club being known as 'Monkey Hangers'?
ANSWER: *Hartlepool*
- 10) Which American city has been called 'The City on a Hill', 'The Athens of America' and 'America's Walking City'? **ANSWER: *Boston***

Television (Round 2)

- 1) What is the UK's second longest running television soap opera after *Coronation Street*?
ANSWER: *Emmerdale*
- 2) Actress Edie Falco plays the title character in which American satirical comedy-drama series?
ANSWER: *Nurse Jackie*
- 3) Which actor is 'made to look so fine' in the theme song lyrics of the 1980s TV hit *The Fall Guy*?
ANSWER: *Clint Eastwood*
- 4) In *Dad's Army*, name the local widow whom Lance-Corporal Jones finally marries in the last episode? **ANSWER: *Mrs. Fox***
- 5) 'Infamy, infamy, they've all got it in for me' is a classic line by Kenneth Williams from which *Carry On* film? **ANSWER: *Carry On Cleo***

6) Who presented the first ever National Lottery draw in November 1994?

ANSWER: Noel Edmonds

7) Norma Jean Speakman is a character in which television series? **ANSWER: The Royle Family**

8) In which American television series does beautician Peggy Blumquist and her husband, butcher Ed, cover up a hit-and-run and killing? **ANSWER: Fargo**

9) The first film version of which sitcom was the biggest hit at the British cinema box office in 1971? **ANSWER: On the Buses**

10) In the British television medical comedy drama *Doc Martin*, what is Doctor Martin's last name? **ANSWER: Ellingham**

Pot Luck (Round 3)

1) David Quayle and Richard Block were the founders of which company? **ANSWER: B&Q**

2) My average speed was 25.7 miles per hour in 2005 and in 1919 my average speed was just 14.9 miles per hour. I was created in 1903 to boost the sales of a newspaper; what am I?

ANSWER: Tour de France

3) What is the name of the company set up by Carole Middleton that sells party supplies by mail order? **ANSWER: Party Pieces**

4) With which group would you associate the Great Architect of the Universe?

ANSWER: Freemasons

5) The alligator pear is botanically a large berry that contains a single seed, what is its better known name? **ANSWER: Avocado**

6) How many funnels did the *RMS Titanic* have? **ANSWER: Four**

7) Which athlete once said that he started his races not merely at the 'bang' of the starting pistol, but at 'the B of the Bang'? **ANSWER: Linford Christie**

8) Docked in Portland Harbour in Dorset until 2006, what was the specific purpose of the ship called *Weare*? **ANSWER: A prison ship**

9) Who married Slovenian former model Melanie Knauss in 2005? **ANSWER: Donald Trump**

10) Which construction has been referred to as a 'tear drop on the cheek of time' and was once launched as *Lego's* biggest model in its 74-year history? **ANSWER: The Taj Mahal**

Where in the World (Round 4)

1) If I was on the third-largest island in the world taking photos of orang-utans, where would I be?

ANSWER: Borneo

2) Daytona Beach is a city in which American state? **ANSWER: Florida**

- 3) The *Angel of the North* is a massive sculpture located near which large town in Tyne and Wear? **ANSWER: Gateshead**
- 4) Napoleon Bonaparte Airport is located in which French city? **ANSWER: Ajaccio (in Corsica)**
- 5) Caracas is the capital city of which country? **ANSWER: Venezuela**
- 6) The *Tivoli Gardens* can be found in which European capital city? **ANSWER: Copenhagen**
- 7) Which state in India, with its largest city being Vasco Da Gama, is visited by large numbers of international tourists each year for its beaches and architecture? **ANSWER: Goa**
- 8) If you were visiting the second-largest city in Portugal, where would you be?
ANSWER: Oporto or Porto
- 9) Pristina is the capital city of which European disputed territory and partially recognised state?
ANSWER: Kosovo
- 10) The Reichenbach Falls, famous in literature as the location where Sherlock Holmes fights to the death with Professor Moriarty, are in which country? **ANSWER: Switzerland**

True or False (Round 5)

- 1) Anne Frank's diaries were originally written in German? **ANSWER: False (written in Dutch)**
- 2) Ringo Starr was the oldest member of the Beatles? **ANSWER: True**
- 3) Terrestrial tortoises are able to swim? **ANSWER: False**
- 4) Cheryl Fernandez-Versini was the first British female to have five number ones in the UK?
ANSWER: True
- 5) *The Turner Prize* is only awarded to artists younger than 50 years of age? **ANSWER: True**
- 6) Elizabeth Taylor has won two Oscars for Best Actress?
ANSWER: True (for *Butterfield 8* and *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*)
- 7) Adolf Hitler was 62 when he committed suicide? **ANSWER: False (he was 56)**
- 8) The Robert Gordon University is in Edinburgh? **ANSWER: False (Aberdeen)**
- 9) New York's Central Park is larger than the principality of Monaco? **ANSWER: True**
- 10) Mars is the nearest planet to earth? **ANSWER: False (Venus)**

In the Pub (Round 6)

- 1) Who wrote *The Moon Under Water*, a 1946 essay giving a detailed description of the ideal public house? **ANSWER: George Orwell**
- 2) *Jamaica Inn* is associated with which English county? **ANSWER: Cornwall**
- 3) *The Spouter Inn* can be found in which famous novel? **ANSWER: Moby Dick**
- 4) The Rose Street Pub Crawl is a famous pub crawl in which city? **ANSWER: Edinburgh**

- 5) 'Work is the curse of the drinking classes' is a quote by whom? **ANSWER: Oscar Wilde**
- 6) In which pub was George Cornell shot by Ronnie Kray? **ANSWER: The Blind Beggar**
- 7) Name the pub in the radio soap, *The Archers*? **ANSWER: The Bull**
- 8) The Mumbles Mile is a famous pub crawl in which British city? **ANSWER: Swansea**
- 9) In his autobiography, *Humble Pie*, who described an early life marked by abuse and neglect from his 'hard-drinking womanising' father? **ANSWER: Gordon Ramsey**
- 10) *Ye Olde Trip to Jerusalem*, one of the claimants to the title of oldest British pub, is in which city? **ANSWER: Nottingham**

Languages and Words (Round 7)

- 1) What word is the only anagram of the word 'shingle'? **ANSWER: English**
- 2) What short word do you compose by placing in order the chemical symbols for tungsten, aluminium and potassium? **ANSWER: Walk (W, AL, and K)**
- 3) Which author invented the words chortle, boojum and snark? **ANSWER: Lewis Carroll**
- 4) What letter of the alphabet is called the 'dog's letter'? **ANSWER: R (from its snarling sound)**
- 5) From which European language does the word 'marmalade' originate? **ANSWER: Portuguese**
- 6) There are only four words in common use ending in 'dous', three are *tremendous*, *horrendous* and *hazardous*, what is the remaining one? **ANSWER: Stupendous**
- 7) What new word was created in 1841 by English scientist Richard Owen? **ANSWER: Dinosaur**
- 8) What does the word 'pont' mean in both French and Welsh? **ANSWER: Bridge**
- 9) What is the Arabic word for desert? **ANSWER: Sahara**
- 10) By removing the first two letters of which US state do you get the name of another state?
ANSWER: Arkansas

Compass Points (Round 8)

- 1) Which author wrote the line 'East is East and West is West'? **ANSWER: Rudyard Kipling**
- 2) Which African country is directly north of Namibia? **ANSWER: Angola**
- 3) Name the only property on a British monopoly board that is south of the river Thames?
ANSWER: Old Kent Road
- 4) George North currently plays club rugby for which Aviva Premiership team?
ANSWER: Northampton Saints
- 5) What name is given to the sea area directly south of Ireland? **ANSWER: Fastnet**

- 6) What common name did allied aircrews give their yellow inflatable life preserver jackets in World War II? **ANSWER: Mae Wests**
- 7) In which 1981 film does a Louisiana Army National Guard squad on weekend manoeuvres become hunted by local Cajun people? **ANSWER: Southern Comfort**
- 8) West End Girls was a debut hit for which 1980s pop duo? **ANSWER: Pet Shop Boys**
- 9) What was the name given to the hoax that ruined many British investors in 1720?
ANSWER: The South Sea Bubble
- 10) In the *Great North Run* half marathon, participants run between Newcastle upon Tyne and which coastal town? **ANSWER: South Shields**

BONUS ROUNDS:

Christmas Trivia (Round 9)

- 1) Which former Spice Girl gained a fourth Christmas number one in 2012?
ANSWER: Melanie Chisholm (as a member of The Justice Collective)
- 2) In 2004, the Royal Mail managed to send all the Christmas post intended for Ascension Island to another country entirely; which country? **ANSWER: Paraguay (Asuncion in Paraguay)**
- 3) Which American composer and lyricist wrote the song White Christmas?
ANSWER: Irving Berlin
- 4) Which Hollywood star features in the 2015 *Currys PC World* Christmas advert?
ANSWER: Jeff Goldblum
- 5) From which country does the poinsettia plant originate? **ANSWER: Mexico**
- 6) Which English rock band had a 1974 Christmas number one with *Lonely This Christmas*?
ANSWER: Mud
- 7) Who played Ebenezer Scrooge in the 1992 film *The Muppet Christmas Carol*?
ANSWER: Michael Caine
- 8) Which 2015 contestant of *I'm a Celebrity...Get Me Out of Here!* was born on Christmas Day 1987? **ANSWER: Jorgie Porter**
- 9) Which pantomime character marries Alice Fitzwarren? **ANSWER: Dick Whittington**
- 10) *The Jolly Boys' Outing*, the eighth Christmas special of *Only Fools and Horses*, sees Del and the gang go on their annual coach trip to which seaside town? **ANSWER: Margate**

Colours (Round 10)

- 1) What colour are the spots on a common ladybird? **ANSWER: Black**

- 2) What colour is the letter 'a' in the ebay logo? **ANSWER: Yellow**
- 3) Which author's fictional works have been turned into commercially successful films including *The Hunt for Red October*? **ANSWER: Tom Clancy**
- 4) What colour are gliders almost always painted? **ANSWER: White (to reduce solar heating)**
- 5) What colour are the berries of the mistletoe plant? **ANSWER: White**
- 6) Which historical event was referred to as 'Black 47'? **ANSWER: The Irish Potato Famine**
- 7) Which entertainment, social networking, and news website was set-up by University of Virginia roommates in 2005? **ANSWER: Reddit**
- 8) What is the name of the flag that is hoisted to mean that 'all persons should report on board as the vessel is about to proceed to sea'? **ANSWER: Blue Peter**
- 9) In the board game *Cluedo*, who is the victim? **ANSWER: Doctor Black**
- 10) In 1967, which television channel became Europe's first to broadcast regularly in colour?
ANSWER: BBC 2

Tiebreakers

- 1) In feet, how tall was the 2015 Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree - a large Christmas tree placed annually in Rockefeller Center, New York City? **ANSWER: 78 feet**
- 2) What is the running time in minutes of the 1963 British World War II film *The Great Escape*?
ANSWER: 172 minutes

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