

Round 1 – Quizmaster’s choice - ‘A Bit of Culture at Christmas’

8 questions about art, literature and music, all with Festive associations

- 1 Which famous Christmas ballet features the ‘Sugar Plum Fairy’?

The Nutcracker (suite)

- 2 Which famous song did St Paul’s Cathedral choirboy Peter Auty sing in a film but not on the subsequently released single where it was sung by Aled Jones?

Walking in the Air

- 3 Multiple choice for you: On the 17th December of which year was Charles Dicken’s famous story *A Christmas Carol* first published. Was it 1843, 1863 or 1883?

1843

- 4 What is the surname of the family in Charles Dickens’s *A Christmas Carol*?

Cratchit

- 5 In *A Christmas Carol* what is the Christian name of Scrooge’s nephew?

FRED

- 6 Which famous writer wrote ‘A Letter From Santa Claus’, which he sent to his daughter, Susy Clemens? (Big clue in the question)

Mark Twain (real name Samuel Langhorn Clemens)

- 7 Which famous composer is generally credited with writing the basic tune for the famous hymn *Joy to the World*?

HANDEL

- 8 What type of logs did Good King Wenceslas ask to be brought to him?

PINE – *bring me pine logs hither*

Round 2 – CHRISTMAS SUM TOTAL = 1470

8 questions where each of your answers will either be a number or contain some reference to a number. Where required, e.g. the title of a monarch, you need to write the answer out in full. The sum total of your 8 answers should be **1,470**

- 1 In 1932, which King George was the first to broadcast a Christmas message to the Nation?
KING GEORGE V
- 2 On which date in January is Epiphany celebrated in the traditional western calendar?
6th JANUARY
- 3 How many ghosts appear to Ebenezer Scrooge in Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*?
4 (Christmas Past, Christmas Present, Christmas Yet to Come and Jacob Marley)
- 4 How many gifts are given *in total* in the song *The Twelve Days of Christmas*? (to be clear, 'gifts' are given each day including things like the pipers & drummers so, for instance, overall 12 partridges in pear trees are given and so on)
364
- 5 On Christmas Day of which year was William the Conqueror crowned King of England at Westminster Abbey?
1066
- 6 According to the Bible, how many angels spoke to the shepherds?
1 (an angel of the Lord came down)
- 7 Bearing in mind this is a numbers round, on the 21st December 1937, what was the title of the first ever full length animated talking film to be shown in a cinema?
SNOW WHITE & THE SEVEN DWARFS
- 8 Which band, with a number in their name, were at the top of the singles chart in 1994 with the song *Stay Another Day*? (name & number required)
EAST 17 – accept E17

Round 3 - Festive letter link

8 general Festive related questions where the final letter of the answer to question 1 will be the same as the first letter of the answer to question 2 and so on through to question 8 where the final letter of that answer will be the same as the initial letter of the answer to question number 1, to complete the link

- 1 What is glogg, traditionally served at Christmas in Sweden?
MULLED WINE

- 2 The song *What do you want to make those eyes at me for* was the 1959 Christmas number 1. Which artist, whose backing group were The Checkmates, sang the song? (first name & surname required)
EMILE FORD

- 3 Who wrote the children's fantasy *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*?
DOCTOR SEUSS

- 4 Remembering the Christmas theme, what is the capital of the American state of New Mexico?
SANTA FE

- 5 Alistair Sim, George C.Scott and Michael Caine have all played which famous Christmas character on film? (first name and surname required to fit the letter link)
EBENEZER SCROOGE

- 6 On which day of the Christmas festival do most Europeans put up their Christmas tree? (one-word answer required)
EVE

- 7 On which day of Christmas did my true love send to me a number of pipers piping?
ELEVENTH

- 8 Instead of celebrating Christmas, the followers of which religion hold a 5-day festival called *Pancha Ganapati* between the 21st and the 25th December each year
HINDUISM

Round 4 – Next three words

Quiz master says: *In a change to our normal format, instead of this round being a 'connection' round I've opted for a festive theme, so if you re-arrange your answers, you should find that you have the opening seven words of a well-known carol. For the answer to question 8 write down the next three words of this carol.....*

- 1 What does the French word *dans* mean in English?
IN
- 2 In Morse code, which letter is represented by a single dot followed by a single dash?
A
- 3 Prior to Leicester City's triumph in season 2015-16, how many times had the English Premier football league championship been won by a team not from either Manchester or London since its inception in 1993?
ONCE – in 1995 by Blackburn Rovers
- 4 What kind of 'dweller' was the subject of the song *Country House*, a 1995 number 1 hit for Blur?
CITY
- 5 In poker, what kind of flush contains the ten, jack, queen, king and ace of the same suit?
ROYAL
- 6 Which word precedes the expression 'stock-still' to mean 'completely motionless'?
STOOD
- 7 Complete the title of this west country railway station, Exeter Saint *what*?
DAVID'S
- 8 Now, if you re-arrange your answers, you should find that you have the opening seven words of a well-known carol. What are the next three words of this Carol?
.... LOWLY CATTLE SHED