

Pub Quiz Questions I

Please write your answers clearly in the right-hand margin

ROUND 1 - Halloween

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- 1 What is the term for a genre of fiction in which society collapses due to massive hordes of zombies?
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- 2 Which phrase was first recorded in a 1917 issue of the Canadian newspaper *The Sault Star*?
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- 3 In which city did the infamous grave robbers Burke and Hare carry out sixteen murders?
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- 4 Bram Stoker's *Dracula* is said to have been inspired by which historical figure?
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- 5 On which continent are vampire bats naturally found?
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- 6 In which century did the Salem witch trials take place?
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- 7 From the folklore of which country does the term "zombie" originate?
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- 8 What creature is referred to as a lycanthrope?
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- 9 What is the name of the legendary ghost ship said to be cursed to sail the seas forever without reaching port?
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- 10 Who is the author of *The Worst Witch* children's book series?
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ROUND 2 - Numbers

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- 1 How many British Tudor monarchs have there been?
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- 2 Fifty-one centimetres equals how many inches?
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- 3 A baker's dozen is a group of how many items?
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- 4 How many rings are there on the Olympic flag?
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- 5 Which British actress said, "Age is just a number. It's totally irrelevant unless, of course, you happen to be a bottle of wine"?
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- 6 Wa', cha', wej, loS, and vagh are the first five numbers in which language, designed by American linguist Marc Okrand?
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- 7 What is the lowest impossible score to obtain in a game of darts by throwing just one dart?
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- 8 On a standard six-sided die, what number is always on the face directly opposite the number 3?
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- 9 How many spaces are there on a standard Monopoly board?
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- 10 The world's population reached how many billion people on November 15, 2022?
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ROUND 3 - Weather

- 1 What do Americans call autumn?
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- 2 To figure out how far away a storm is, you can count the seconds between seeing the lightning and hearing the thunder. How many seconds equals one mile?
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- 3 True or false? The North Pole is much warmer than the South Pole.
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- 4 Which strong wind, often referred to in nautical contexts, does the U.S. National Weather Service define as 34 to 47 knots?
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- 5 What word means the amount of water vapour in the air?
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- 6 What term is given to a period of unseasonably warm weather in mid to late autumn?
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- 7 What name is given to all forms of water, liquid or solid, that fall from clouds and reach the ground?
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- 8 Which popular nautical term refers to the belt near the equator where sailing ships sometimes become stuck in windless waters?
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- 9 What does an anemometer measure?
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- 10 What is the common name for the atmospheric phenomenon *Aurora Borealis*?
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ROUND 4 - England

- 1 Who was the first sovereign to reside in Buckingham Palace?

- 2 In which year did Sylvia Diggory, aged 13, become the NHS's first patient?

- 3 Which city, developed from the Roman town of Venta Belgarum, was the first capital of England?

- 4 Which area in England became the first national park in 1951?

- 5 The very first census of Great Britain in 1801 estimated the population of England and Wales to be which of the following: 9 million, 19 million, or 29 million?

- 6 Eighteenth-century potter Josiah Wedgwood was the grandfather of which famous Englishman?

- 7 What is the name of the largest natural lake in England?

- 8 In which English city would you find the Radcliffe Camera?

- 9 Which ancient county, now part of Cumbria, is famous for its long sausage?

- 10 Since 1997, every Prime Minister has lived at which address?

ROUND 5 - Geography

- 1 In which country can you visit Angel Falls?

- 2 In which region of Spain is Barcelona located?

- 3 What is the northernmost national capital city in the world?

- 4 Timbuktu is an ancient city in which African country?

- 5 Montreal is in which Canadian province?

- 6 Can you name the highest mountain in South America?

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- 7 The Beaufort Sea is a marginal sea of which ocean?
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- 8 Are there more countries in Africa, Europe, or Asia?
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- 9 Which 21st-century UK Prime Minister has a degree in geography?
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- 10 Which English County is known as the Garden of England?
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ROUND 6 – General Knowledge

- 1 Where does a football team traditionally line up in a 1-2-5-3 formation?
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- 2 At whose wedding was Elizabeth Taylor the maid of honour and Michael Jackson the best man?
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- 3 What is the common name of the carnivorous plant *Dionaea muscipula*, native to subtropical wetlands in North and South Carolina?
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- 4 Which gland produces the hormones that control the body's metabolism?
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- 5 The term "tricoteuse" was given to women who sat and did what while attending public executions during the French Revolution?
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- 6 Google was founded by two PhD students at which California university?
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- 7 What does the Pashto word "Taliban" mean?
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- 8 Which toy is inspired by a weapon used by sixteenth-century Filipino hunters?
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- 9 In which English town centre is there an 8-foot bronze statue of steeplejack and television personality Fred Dibnah?
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- 10 What was the first full programme to air on BBC Two on April 21, 1964, at 11 a.m.?
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