Christmas Quiz

60 PUB QUIZ QUESTIONS • SIX FESTIVE ROUNDS

Round 1 – Christmas Trivia

1. Which American department store was the first to sell commercially manufactured Christmas tree ornaments?
   ANSWER – Woolworth's

2. Which toy takes its name from three Greek words meaning 'beautiful', 'that which is seen' and 'to look'?
   ANSWER - Kaleidoscope

3. What biblical word is given to refer to the Three Wise Men?
   ANSWER - Magi

4. What, traditionally credited to Yorkshire merchant William Strickland, was first imported into Britain from North America in the 1520s?
   ANSWER - Turkeys

5. "The Man Who Invented Christmas" is a 2017 biographical film about who?
   ANSWER - Charles Dickens

6. Which raisin or plum pudding is in the lyrics of the Christmas carol "We Wish You a Merry Christmas?
   ANSWER - Figgy pudding

7. Will Ferrell reprised his role as Buddy the Elf in Christmas 2022 for which company's advert?
   ANSWER - Asda

8. What did the British Toy Retailers Association name as toy of the Year in both 1980 and 1981?
   ANSWER - Rubik's Cube

9. What Christmassy item was accidentally invented by Austrian Erwin Perzy while he was trying to improve the light bulb?
   ANSWER – The snow globe

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10. Muddles is a comic character in which pantomime?
    ANSWER – Snow White

Round 2 – Christmas Music

1. "Do the fairies keep him sober for a day" is a line about Santa from which popular Christmas song?
   ANSWER - Merry Christmas Everybody (by Slade)

2. In which year was Wham!'s "Last Christmas" first released?
   ANSWER - 1984

3. Which Christmas song was originally titled "One Horse Open Sleigh"?
   ANSWER - Jingle Bells

4. Which singer said: "I know that a Christmas tree farm in Pennsylvania is about the most random place for a country singer to come from, but I had an awesome childhood"?
   ANSWER - Taylor Swift

5. In "Do They Know It's Christmas?", what is said to be the greatest gift people will receive that year?
   ANSWER - Life

6. "Sleigh bells ring are you listening, in the lane, snow is glistening." is the first line of which song?
   ANSWER – Winter Wonderland

7. "Do They Know It's Christmas?" is a charity song written in 1984 by Bob Geldof and which other musician?
   ANSWER - Midge Ure

8. "Lonely This Christmas" is a song by which rock band?
   ANSWER - Mud

9. Which Christmas carol was originally written by Christina Rossetti as a poem titled "A Christmas Carol"?
   ANSWER – In the Bleak Midwinter

10. In 'The Twelve Days of Christmas', how many lords are leaping?
    ANSWER - Ten

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Round 3 – Christmas Films & Television

1. What was the name of the New York City police detective played by Bruce Willis in *Die Hard*?
   ANSWER - John (McClane)

2. Which fantasy film tells the tale of Jack Skellington, a resident of Halloween Town?
   ANSWER - The Nightmare Before Christmas

3. Which character was played by Boris Karloff in 1966 and Jim Carrey in 2000?
   ANSWER - The Grinch

4. Which fruit are Gonzo and Rizzo selling at the beginning of *The Muppet Christmas Carol*?
   ANSWER - Apples

5. In the *Royle Family* what instrument does Jim play on special occasions?
   ANSWER - The Banjo

6. The 2013 animated fantasy film *Frozen* was inspired by which Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale?
   ANSWER - The Snow Queen

7. Where is Kevin's family going on holiday in the film *Home Alone*?
   ANSWER - Paris (or France)

8. In *Gavin & Stacy* what's the last name of Gavin?
   ANSWER - Shipman

9. Who appeared in a live-action introduction for the 1982 animated short film *The Snowman*?
   ANSWER - David Bowie

10. "The Christmas Invasion" is a 60-minute special episode of which British television programme?
    ANSWER - Doctor Who

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Round 4 – Christmas Food, Drink & Shopping

1. Which German Christmas specialty is a fruit bread often filled with marzipan and covered in icing sugar?
   ANSWER: Stollen

2. According to the Royal Society of Chemistry, a Yorkshire pudding must be at least how many inches tall to be considered a true Yorkshire pudding?
   ANSWER: 4 inches

3. Which famous American department store features in the film *Miracle on 34th Street*?
   ANSWER: Macy's

4. What's the digital equivalent of Black Friday?
   ANSWER: Cyber Monday

5. What type of cherry is traditionally used to garnish cocktails?
   ANSWER: Maraschino cherry

6. How many ingredients did the Tudors put in their mince pies?
   ANSWER - 13 ingredients (they symbolised Jesus and his 12 apostles)

7. Which Oxford Street department store was the first in the UK to have window displays for Christmas?
   ANSWER - Selfridges

8. In which European country is carp traditionally served as part of the Christmas Eve meal?
   ANSWER - Poland

9. A snowball is a cocktail containing carbonated lemonade and which alcoholic beverage in equal parts?
   ANSWER - Advocaat

10. In Spain, what sort of confectionery is traditional Christmas turrón?
    ANSWER - Nougat

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Round 5 – Christmas Literature

1. Which classic novel opens with the words, “Christmas won't be Christmas without any presents”?
   ANSWER - Little Women

2. In which decade was Charles Dickens’s novella *A Christmas Carol* first published?
   ANSWER - 1840s (1843)

3. *A Child's Christmas in Wales* is a piece of prose by which poet?
   ANSWER - Dylan Thomas (in 1952)

4. John Grisham’s novel *Skipping Christmas* was adapted into which film?
   ANSWER - Christmas with the Kranks (2004)

5. Which fictional character first appeared in *Beeton's Christmas Annual* in 1887?
   ANSWER - Sherlock Holmes

6. Which American author helped reshape the American image of Christmas?
   ANSWER - Washington Irving

7. In which book did Mr Tumnus exclaim: “… always winter, but never Christmas”?
   ANSWER - The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe (by C. S. Lewis)

8. Which author created the fictional town of Whoville?
   ANSWER - Dr. Seuss (Theodor Seuss Geisel)

9. In Raymond Briggs' original 1978 picture book *The Snowman*, what happens to the Snowman at the end?
   ANSWER - He melts (in the morning sun)

10. In J.K. Rowling's *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*, what mysterious object does Harry receive as an anonymous Christmas present during his first year at Hogwarts?
    ANSWER - An Invisibility Cloak

Round 6 – The Christmas Cracker Round

1. What's the name of the carrot that features in Aldi's Christmas' campaigns?
   ANSWER - Kevin the Carrot

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2. Which chocolates are named after a 1901 comedy play written by J.M. Barrie?
   ANSWER - Quality Street

3. Which commercial and entertainment complex in New York City is famous for its large Christmas tree?
   ANSWER - The Rockefeller Center

4. With 'over 30 sayings', what was the must have toy for Christmas 1996?
   ANSWER - Buzz Lightyear

5. Who went to bed alone on Christmas Eve 1666 because his wife, Elizabeth, stayed up all night supervising the household baking?
   ANSWER - Samuel Pepys

6. What fruit when stored alongside Christmas cake helps keep it moist?
   ANSWER - An apple

7. In which country is Lapland's Santa Claus Village?
   ANSWER - Finland

8. What is the alternative name for the Pacific Ocean atoll also known as Christmas Island?
   ANSWER - Kiritimati

9. Which fictional creation of Robert L. May is a popular Christmas Jumper feature?
   ANSWER - Rudolph

10. Which famous scientist created the first rubber balloon in 1824?
    ANSWER – Michael Faraday

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