

Kam Tours Christmas Pub Quiz

Multiple Choice



1) The first commercial Christmas card is generally agreed to have appeared in 1843. (See picture above) Why did some people not like it?

- A) They felt Christmas was becoming too commercialised
- B) It depicted a family, children as well as adults, drinking wine
- C) The ivy leaves bordering the design were once a pagan symbol
- D) The card's popularity raised fears of a paper shortage

2) In the Ukraine, what does it mean if you find a spider web in the house on Christmas morning?

- A) Good luck
- B) Misfortune will strike in the coming year
- C) The winter will be unusually cold
- D) Your house needs cleaning!

3) Which of the following is from Angels from the Realms of Glory?

- A) "Join the Triumph of the skies"
- B) "Wing your flight o'er all the earth"
- C) "Echoing their joyous strains"
- D) "Strike the harp and join the chorus"

4) Reveillon is a meal eaten after ____ in France and Canada.

- A) Midnight Mass
- B) Sunday Sermon
- C) The Day of the Dead
- D) Boxing Day

5) All through the Christmas season in old England, "lambswool" could be found in the houses of the well-to-do. What was it?

- A) Imitation snow used in decorations
- B) A brew of hot ale with roast apples floating in it
- C) The material used for knitting Christmas gifts
- D) A fluffy confection made from almonds and sugar

6) Before Christmas, Turkeys in Norfolk would be given something. Was it:

- A) Butter to eat
- B) Herbs to keep them healthy for the trek down to London
- C) The Chop
- D) Little leather booties to wear

7) Whose patron saint is St. Nicholas?

- A) Children and scholars
- B) Merchants and sailors
- C) Women without dowries
- D) all of the above

8) In Victorian times, most Londoners would have been familiar with the "goose club". What was it?

- A) A pantomime troupe specializing in slapstick
- B) A stout stick used for slaughtering geese
- C) A banjo-like instrument used in door-to-door caroling
- D) A method of saving to buy a goose for Christmas

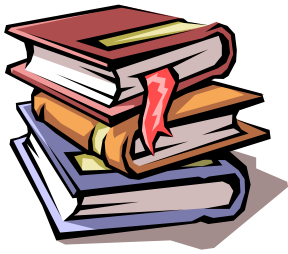
9) The first instrument on which the carol Silent Night was played was:

- A) A harp
- B) A pipe organ
- C) A guitar
- D) A kazoo



Popular Entertainment

- 10) In the film “It’s a Wonderful Life” how can you tell when an angel gets their wings?
- 11) What was Rudolph's punishment for his red nose?
- 12) Who lost the \$8,000 in It's A Wonderful Life?
- 13) In the film, Meet Me In St Louis, who does Judy Garland sing ‘Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas’ to?
- 14) When singing The Twelve Days of Christmas in its entirety, how many presents are actually received?
- 15) Name as many as you can of Santa’s reindeer! (Three points for the most correct)
- 16) What did Frosty the Snowman have for a nose?
- 17) What do some believe is the name of the horse in Jingle Bells?
- 18) What was Scrooge's first name?



History

- 19) Who wrote the music for "The Messiah"?
- 20) Why did Peter Auty not become as famous as Aled Jones?
- 21) What rather rotund figure had the UK Christmas number one song in 1993?
- 22) Child star Jimmy Boyd sang which hugely popular 1950's Christmas song, which was initially banned by the Catholic Church in Boston because it supposedly mixed sex and Christmas?
- 23) Which Christmas slogan was introduced by Clarissa Baldwin of Dogs Trust in 1978?
- 24) Which year was the Big Freeze?
- 25) Which group of invaders into Britain are responsible for adding the word Yuletide to the English language?
- 26) Who banned Christmas in England between 1647 and 1660?
- 27) The surname Chandler derives from the making or selling of what?



Miscellaneous and Religion

- 28) Name all the spirits by the names given in Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol?
- 29) Which British Royal is credited with having the first Christmas tree?
- 30) What were Frosty the Snowman's last words?
- 31) What is the name of the little girl in most versions of The Nutcracker?
- 32) Christmas Island, in the Indian Ocean, is a territory of which country?
- 33) How many sides does a snowflake have?
- 34) In *The Night Before Christmas*, what does St Nick do, to get back up the chimney
- 35) Why were Joseph and Mary in Bethlehem when Jesus was born?
- 36) According to the C of E calendar, what is the 12th day after Christmas called?
- 37) According to the bible, the Magi stopped off in Jerusalem to see the King - what was his name?
- 38) How many candles are on a Hanukkah Menorah (candelabra)?
- 39) What was the name of the angel who appeared to Mary?
- 40) Where did Joseph and Mary live after their marriage?
- 41) Who is asked to "look down from the sky and stay by my side"?
- 42) What Christmas tradition is believed to have been started in Italy by St Francis of Assisi to teach his people about Christmas?



Carols and Song

43) “And on every street corner you hear....” what?

44) Who kept time with the Little Drummer Boy?

45) Which carol ends with the following words?

*The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone him.*

46) What song demands ‘figgy pudding’?

47) In which carol are “*God and Sinners reconciled*”?

48) What are we doing “*among the leaves so green, Here we come a-wand'ring So fair as to be seen*”?

49) Where is the carol referring to, when it says “*the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee*”?

50) What did my true love give to me on the 12th day of Christmas and in the correct order?