

ET4Bs Christmas Quiz 2019

General knowledge

1. "It was always said of him, that he knew how to keep Christmas well, if any man alive possessed the knowledge" is part of the conclusion of which popular novel?
2. Americans are said to maximise their food consumption on Christmas Day as well as which other two recurring events (a point for each)?
3. The Stone of Scone was stolen from Westminster Abbey by Scottish students on 25th December in which 20th century year (accept 5 years either way)?
4. How is the chemical 'Silver Fulminate' often utilised during a typical Christmas Lunch?
5. A rare geography question; in which UK country can you find a small village called Bethlehem?
6. Pope Julius I (d. 352 AD) established which tradition during his lifetime? Was it (a) he harmonised the celebration of the First Day of Christmas (Dec 25th) (b) he released Two Turtle doves each Christmas as a sign of peace (c) he ordered Three French Hens (as symbols of faith hope and charity) to form the basis of Christmas lunch (in the days before turkeys were widely available to *Requiescant in Paxo*), (d) he used 4 nightingales (or 'Calling Birds') to accompany his minstrels on an annual Christmas morning service or (e) he put on Five Gold Rings, one on each finger so he could use them as knuckle-dusters if his in-laws came round at Christmas.
7. What is the traditional name for Santa's alter-ego, who punishes children for misbehaviour, according to central European folklore?
8. In Matthew's biblical description of the birth of Christ, what 4 letter word does he use to describe the visiting three wise men or kings?
9. What famous scientist born Christmas Day 1642 is credited by inventing (or significantly enhancing) the mathematical principles of calculus?
10. Which takeaway food is reportedly so popular in Japan at Christmas that it often has to be ordered many days or weeks in advance. Is it (a) Domino's Pizza (b) McDonald's (c) KFC or (d) Nando's?

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11. Who stars in the 1988 Christmas comedy film Scrooged?
12. Who was the male star of the 1989 film National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation?
13. Robin Hood and/or Maid Marion often appear in which traditional festive pantomime?
14. Which actress made her first official appearance as the Doctor in the 2017 Dr Who Christmas special?
15. Which 2003 Christmas-based film begins and ends with references and scenes of the Arrivals terminal at Heathrow Airport?
16. What is the name of the eponymous 'Elf' played by Will Ferrell in the 2003 film? Is it a) Barney b) Buddy c) Busby d) Smashie or e) Nicey?
17. Which Christmas dessert features in the song "We Wish You a Merry Christmas"?
18. What were there eight of in the song 'The Twelve Days Of Christmas'?
19. Actor Brian Hibbard who appeared in Coronation St as Doug Murray in the early 1990s had previously sung on which 1983 Christmas No 1 single?
20. Complete this title of a 1983 Eurythmics Top Ten hit featuring Annie Lennox, who was born 25th December 1954: Love is a....?
21. In the popular children's song 'When Santa got stuck up the chimney' what does Santa shout?
22. Complete the next line from Slade's classic Christmas No 1 Merry Xmas Everybody "Does your granny always tell you that the old songs are the best"....?

23. Put these 1970s Christmas records in the correct order they were hits (earliest first):
(a) Mary's Boy Child by Boney M (b) Lonely this Christmas by Mud (c) Wonderful Christmastime by Paul McCartney and (d) I wish it could be Christmas Everyday by Wizzard?
24. The Scaffold's novelty song Lily the Pink was the No 1 at Christmas 1968. According to the song's lyrics, what miracle cure had Lily invented? A bonus point if you can name (Scaffold singer) Mike McGear's very famous brother?
25. The promotional film for which 1971 Christmas chart topper featured Henry McGee as 'Two Ton Ted'?
26. 'December will be magic again' was a minor festive hit for which superstar female artist in 1980?
27. "So this is Christmas" are the first words to which 1972 festive hit?
28. Sergei Prokofiev's Troika movement from his Lieutenant Kije suite formed the backdrop to which classic 1975 Christmas hit?

'Ceased to be' in 2019

These are questions about famous people who sadly passed away in the last year or so.

29. Oscar winning composer Michel Legrand worked on many successful movie scores. Which tune, featured in The Thomas Crown Affair, won him an Oscar for best original song, in 1969?
30. Like most guests, Andre Previn was not afforded too much reverence in the 1971 Morecambe and Wise Christmas Special (with both Eric and Ernie calling him 'Andre Preview'). What was Eric's memorable response when Andre told him he was playing 'all the wrong notes' during a haphazard rendition of Grieg's Piano Concerto?
31. Peter Tork as part of The Monkees released a single in 1967 originally called 'Randy Scouse Git'. What was the single soon renamed as, to avoid offence at the (for that time) risqué original title?
32. Gordon Banks was of course the star goalkeeper in England's (one and only) World Cup win in 1966. What event in 1972 effectively ended his first-class career? (a) a car crash (b) a skiing accident (c) a fall down the stairs at home (d) a football injury to his right knee?
33. Salford born actor Albert Finney was Oscar nominated 5 times (sadly, winning none). For which of these film appearances was he NOT Oscar nominated? (a) Tom Jones (1963), (b) Scrooge (1970) (c) Murder on the Orient Express (1974), or (d) Erin Brockovich (2000)?.
34. Scott Walker lent his distinctively smooth baritone voice to memorable songs like 'The sun ain't gonna shine anymore' and 'No regrets'. How many brothers (including Scott) were included in The Walker Brothers' classic 1960s line up?
35. Twisted Firestarter Keith Flint died suddenly in March. With which band did he find fame?
36. The 2013 film 'Rush' focussed on the nail biting 1976 F1 motor racing championship conclusion between British playboy driver James Hunt and which legendary Austrian who died earlier this year?
37. Madcap comedian Freddie Starr was a TV regular from the 1970s through to the 1990s. Complete this famous tabloid journalism headline which cemented his infamy: Freddie Starr ate....?
38. Ric Ocasek was the singer, guitarist & main songwriter for US rock band The Cars. What unusual feature of their first hit single My Best Friend's Girl helped the song into the UK Top 3 in 1978?
39. Spiky haired celebrity chef Gary Rhodes, who was an active and successful promoter of modern British cuisine, died suddenly last month. Complete this title of his own TV series: Rhodes around....?
40. Renowned director and presenter Jonathan Miller first came to prominence in Beyond the Fringe, the Cambridge revue which included a stellar collection of

contemporary razor-sharp satirists. Name the three other main members of Beyond the Fringe, who also found national and international fame? For a bonus, in one of the show's sketches, which of the gang was turned down when applying for the role of Tarzan as he was found to have 'One Leg Too Few'?

41. Australian born raconteur and TV celebrity Clive James was much admired for his wit and verbal dexterity. Was his original first name, (a) Leslie (b) Glenn (c) Reagan (d) Vivian or (e) Clive?
42. In the 1980s TV series Tiswas, which comedian would deliver an amusing and affectionate parody of the late botanist David Bellamy, during his occasional feature in the show 'Compost Corner'?
43. Whilst the 1981 England-Australia series will forever be known as 'Botham's Ashes', his fellow cricketing legend (the recently deceased) Bob Willis also played a vital role. At which ground did Bob deliver a career-best 8-43, to skittle out the Aussies for just 111 in their second innings?
44. Legendary drummer Ginger Baker formed one third of the 'supergroup' Cream in the 1960s. Name the other two members of Cream (a point for each)?