

Set by The Eagle's Head

Required answers are in BOLD CAPITALS

Tonight's quiz is based on the novels of Agatha Christie

ROUND ONE: MURDER ON THE LINKS (1923)*Each question links to the answer to the previous one – except, obviously, Question 1A*

- 1A Which British links course has hosted the Open Golf Championship the most times (29) ? **ST ANDREWS**
- 1B On which day of the year is St Andrew's Day celebrated? **30th NOVEMBER**
- 2A On 30th November 1900 the Irish-born playwright Oscar Wilde died in a hotel in which European capital city? **PARIS**
- 2B Which Academy Award winning film was based on the Paris Olympic Games of 1924? **CHARIOTS OF FIRE**
- 3A Who had a Number One hit in 1968 with the song *Fire*? **The Crazy World of ARTHUR BROWN**
- 3B In the natural world what sort of creature is a Brown Argus? **BUTTERFLY**
- 4A What is the French word for butterfly? **PAPILLON**
- 4B Henri Charrière's book *Papillon* was set on Devil's Island, a penal colony off the coast of which South American country? **FRENCH GUIANA**
- Spare:* What is the capital of French Guiana? **CAYENNE**

ROUND TWO: THE MYSTERY OF THE BLUE TRAIN (1928)

- 1A Which English county is the only location in the UK of the semi-precious mineral called Blue John? **DERBYSHIRE**
- 1B Which long-running radio programme, now on Radio 5 Live, has the theme tune *Out of the Blue*? **SPORTS REPORT**
- 2A In which film was Signor Ferrari (played by Sydney Greenstreet), owner of the Blue Parrot nightclub, a friendly business rival of Rick Blaine? **CASABLANCA**
- 2B The world speed record for a steam train of 126 mph was set in 1938 by which locomotive? **MALLARD**
- 3A Who wrote the poem *Blue Remembered Hills*, one in a collection of poems published in 1896 with the title *A Shropshire Lad*? **(A.E.) HOUSMAN**
- 3B In which city in Sudan does the Blue Nile meet the White Nile? **KHARTOUM**
- 4A Operating in the South-East region, GTR has been castigated as one of the worst performing train franchises in the country over recent months. What do the initials GT stand for (the R being Railway)? **GOVIA-THAMESLINK**
- 4B The 1931 film *The Ghost Train*, about passengers stranded at a haunted railway station, was based on a play written by which *Dad's Army* actor? **ARNOLD RIDLEY**

Spare: In which country does the luxurious Blue Train operate?

SOUTH AFRICA

Which Scottish League Two football team, based in Fife and usually fighting relegation, is known for some perverse reason as 'The Blue Brazil'?

COWDENBEATH

ROUND THREE: CARDS ON THE TABLE (1936)

1A Which Russian composed the 1890 opera *The Queen of Spades* whose plot involves a secret three-card sequence guaranteeing success at the casino?

TCHAIKOVSKY

1B Which Post-Impressionist French artist, during the early 1890s, produced a series of paintings entitled *Card Players*?

Paul **CEZANNE**

2A In the Periodic Table which element follows Hydrogen (1) and Helium (2)?

LITHIUM

2B What name is given to a revolving stand on a dining table which enables everyone to reach all the items of food?

LAZY SUSAN

3A Who played the male lead opposite Andie MacDowell in the 1990 film *Green Card*?

GERARD DEPARDIEU

3B In the 2018 Football World Cup Finals which country was the first to have a player given a red card, the incident happening only three minutes into its opening match?

COLOMBIA

4A Which Welsh town gives its name to a small drop-leaf table often with one or more drawers?

PEMBROKE

4B In the medieval Great Hall of which English city is it possible to view a replica of King Arthur's round table?

WINCHESTER

Spare: Which English author wrote *The Card*, a comic novel published in 1911?

ARNOLD BENNETT

Who won the Academy Award for Best Actor in 1958 for his role in the film *Separate Tables*?

DAVID NIVEN

ROUND FOUR: THE ABC MURDERS (1936)

All answers begin with the letter A, B or C

1A What name was given to the German school of architecture and design founded by Walter Gropius in 1919?

BAUHAUS

1B What is the SI unit of luminous intensity?

CANDELA

2A Name the tall umbelliferous plant whose candied stems are used to decorate and flavour cakes and puddings.

ANGELICA

2B What is the deep-coloured brandy whose name comes from the district in Gascony, south-west France, where it is produced?

ARMAGNAC

3A Name the powerful duchy which was a rival to France before being largely absorbed by that country in the late 15th century.

BURGUNDY

3B In mythology which fire-breathing creature has a lion's head, a goat's body and a tail in the form of a snake?

CHIMERA

4A What name is given to the dry scrub country of the south-west USA dominated by thorny bushes?

CHAPPARAL

4B What is the first name of the player who won both the US Open Golf championship and the US PGA championship in 2018? **BROOKS** (Koepka)

Spare: What word can mean one of the upper chambers of the heart and in architecture an open inner courtyard? **ATRIUM**

ROUND FIVE: THEN THERE WERE NONE (1939)

1A Which flightless seabird of Arctic and Sub-Arctic regions became extinct in the middle of the 19th century? **GREAT AUK**

1B In which European country did the monarchy come to an end with the removal of King Michael in 1947? **ROMANIA**

2A A recent small poetry book by Pam Ayres describes in verse her concerns about the potential extinction of which British mammal? **HEDGEHOG**
(The Last Hedgehog)

2B In which year did the £1 note cease to be legal tender in England? (Allow one year either way) **1988 (1987 or 1989)**

3A Which discount retailer, founded in 1974 by Chris Edwards, went into administration in June and ceased trading in August? **POUNDWORLD**

3B The asteroid that is believed to have led to the extinction of the dinosaurs struck the earth in which modern-day country? **MEXICO**

4A Who was the last man to walk on the moon? Eugene **CERNAN**

4B On being told that President Calvin Coolidge had died (in January 1933), which female writer replied "How can you tell?" **DOROTHY PARKER**

Spare: The recently deceased soul singer Aretha Franklin was born in which state? **TENNESSEE**

ROUND SIX: CAT AMONG THE PIGEONS (1959)

1A Who played Catwoman in the 1992 film *Batman Returns*? **MICHELLE PFEIFFER**

1B What is the name of the marmalade cat in the children's books by Kathleen Hale? **ORLANDO**

2A *Pigeon Post* is the sixth book in a famous series of children's adventure stories by which writer? **ARTHUR RANSOME**
(Swallows and Amazons)

2B Disliked by many people because of its monotonous three-note call, which member of the pigeon family first colonised Britain in the 1950s? **COLLARED DOVE**

3A In a spin-off from the BBC cartoon series *Wacky Races* which duo spent most of their efforts trying to 'Stop that Pigeon!' Dick **DASTARDLY** and **MUTTLEY**

3B What name is given to a young pigeon? **SQUAB**

4A How many claws does an adult domestic cat have? **EIGHTEEN**

4B Which famous 18th century man of letters had pet cats called Hodge and Lily? **DR (or SAMUEL) JOHNSON**

Spare: A picture depicting Mr and Mrs Clark and their cat Percy was painted in 1971 by which artist? David **HOCKNEY**

With which record did the novelty group Lieutenant Pigeon have a Number One hit in 1972?

MOULDY OLD DOUGH

ROUND SEVEN: A CARIBBEAN MYSTERY (1964)

1A Who did Miguel Diaz-Canel succeed as President of Cuba in April this year?

RAUL CASTRO

1B Which British Overseas Territory was devastated by an eruption of the Soufrière Hills volcano in 1995, covering its capital Plymouth and the southern half of the island in a thick layer of ash?

MONTSERRAT

2A The city of Santo Domingo, founded in 1496, is the oldest settlement by Europeans in the Americas. Of which country is it the capital?

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

2B What is the name of the house in Oracabessa, Jamaica where Ian Fleming wrote most of the James Bond books?

GOLDENEYE

3A What is the unit of currency in Martinique?

EURO

3B Which Trinidad born author, winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature in 2001, died on August 11th this year?

(V.S.) NAIPAUL

4A The official hurricane season in the Caribbean begins in June. In which month does it end?

NOVEMBER

4B On which Caribbean island is the Kensington Oval cricket ground?

BARBADOS

Spare: Ackee and saltfish form the national food dish of which Caribbean country?

JAMAICA

ROUND EIGHT: THIRD GIRL (1966)

1A *Girl* was a weekly comic magazine for girls first published in 1951 by Hulton Press as a sister paper to the *Eagle*. Name either of the other two comics that Hulton Press produced for younger readers.

SWIFT or ROBIN

1B Jan Vermeer's painting *Girl with a Pearl Earring* can be seen in the Mauritshaus Museum in which Dutch city?

THE HAGUE

2A What type of girl provided a Number One hit in 1997 for the group Aqua?

BARBIE

2B Who succeeded Edward the Third as king of England?

RICHARD II

3A Which is the third book of the Old Testament?

LEVITICUS

3B What material is traditionally associated with gifts for a third wedding anniversary?

LEATHER

4A Which African capital city completes the title of the 1813 Rossini opera *The Italian Girl in.....*?

ALGIERS

4B The theme music for the 1949 film *The Third Man* was played by Anton Karas on which instrument?

ZITHER

Spare: What name is often used to identify Beethoven's Third Symphony?

EROICA

The best-selling 2015 novel *The Girl on the Train* was filmed the following year with which actress in the title role?

EMILY BLUNT

