

3rd February 2025 – This quiz is set by The Merchants – we do hope that it's enjoyable, balanced and not too annoying.

Required answers are in **BOLD CAPITALS**.

Round 1

Creators of musical or literary works with female names as their titles:

(note for pedants: other people may have written songs or books with these titles, but we're looking for the famous one)

The 1a to 2b are songs:

1a. Lola

RAY DAVIES or **THE KINKS**

1b. Michelle

PAUL MCCARTNEY or **THE BEATLES**

2a. Cecilia

PAUL SIMON or (**SIMON** and **GARFUNKEL**)

2b. Roxanne

STING or **THE POLICE**

3a. to 4b. are books:

3a. Rebecca

Daphne **DU MAURIER**

3b. Lolita

Vladimir **NABOKOV**

4a. Carrie

Stephen **KING**

4b. Matilda

Roald **DAHL**

Spares

Music: Carmen

Georges **BIZET**

Book: Nana

Emile **ZOLA**

Round 2 **Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes**

Heads

1a. In the 1972 film 'The Godfather' film producer Jack Woltz finds the head of what kind of animal in his bed?

HORSE

1b. Which farmyard animal can famously live, on one occasion for 18 months, after being beheaded?

CHICKEN

Shoulders

- 2a. Which bone is better known as the shoulder blade?

The **SCAPULA**

- 2b. Which scientist wrote to Robert Hooke attributing his successes to “standing on the shoulders of giants”?

Isaac **NEWTON**

Knees

- 3a. In which film does Catherine Zeta Jones’s character sing that she is going to ‘rouge her knees’?

CHICAGO

- 3b. Which bone is better known as the kneecap?

The **PATELLA**

Toes

- 4a. In which Shakespeare play is there a portentous “toe of frog”?

MACBETH

- 4b. Which film revolves around a character called The Dude, his rug, and a severed toe?

THE BIG LEBOWSKI

Spares

Which author, who later won the Booker Prize, wrote the 1960s novel ‘A Severed Head’?

Iris **MURDOCH**

In Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland, which character repeatedly shouts “Off with their heads!”

The **QUEEN OF HEARTS**

Round 3 Questions on British history from the UK Citizenship test

- 1a. Which evangelical Christian and MP helped to change the laws on slavery?

William **WILBERFORCE**

- 1b. In what year were women over the age of 30 given the right to vote in a general election?

1918

- 2a. Which famous battle took place in 1314?

Battle of **BANNOCKBURN**

- 2b. In 1485 the Wars of the Roses ended with which battle?

Battle of **BOSWORTH FIELD**

- 3a. From which country did the Huguenots come to Britain as refugees?

FRANCE

- 3b. When William of Orange became king of England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, what name was given to this event?

THE GLORIOUS REVOLUTION

- 4a. Which Prime Minister oversaw the creation of the NHS?

Clement **ATLEE**

- 4b. The first day of which battle led to 60,000 British casualties?
The Battle of the **SOMME**

Spares

Whom did William the Conqueror defeat at the Battle of Hastings?

King **HAROLD**

Who was the first person in England to print books using a printing press?

William **CAXTON**

Round 4 **The life and times of my father**

- 1a. The writer Lady Mallowan was better known as who?

AGATHA CHRISTIE

- 1b. George Cansdale Superintendent of the Zoological Society of London regularly appeared on which children's TV programme in the 60s, 70s and 80s?

BLUE PETER

- 2a. The underground line between Chesham and Chalfont and Latimer in Buckinghamshire is the longest section between two stations, but on which line is it?

METROPOLITAN

- 2b. Name the hospital in Buckinghamshire famous for its spinal injuries unit and the forerunner of the Paralympic Games?

STOKE MANDEVILLE

- 3a. Charmander, Bulbasaur and Pikachu are what? **POKÉMON**

- 3b. The Pennine Way crosses which of the Three Peaks which is closest to Horton in Ribblesdale?

PEN-Y-GHENT

- 4a. What is the name of the insurance market in London which has 'names'?

LLOYDS

- 4b. In which year was it "Peace in our Time"

1938

Spares

In which London Suburb did Tony Hancock live (in both real life and fiction)

(EAST) CHEAM

What colour were Pontins entertainment team jackets?

BLUE

Round 5 **Countries with no summer Olympic medal**

- 1a. Country that was formerly called Burma
MYANMAR
- 1b. Country of Mo Farah's birth
SOMALIA
- 2a. Country named after a Venezuelan leader in the Spanish American wars of independence
BOLIVIA
- 2b. Country ruled by the Khmer Rouge between 1975 and 1979
CAMBODIA
- 3a. Birth place of the Islamist Houthi Movement
YEMEN
- 3b. Birth place of the socialist Sandinista movement
NICARAGUA
- 4a. Animated film that tells the story of 4 shipwrecked animals from Central Park Zoo
MADAGASCAR
- 4b. Country whose top level domain is .TV
TUVALU

Spare

Country that hosted the Winter Olympics in 1984 and won a medal, but wasn't recognised as a country at the time

BOSNIA

Country that had its first democratic elections in 2007, having been an absolute monarchy and had banned TV until 1999

BHUTAN

Round 6 **Eyes, Ears, Mouth and Nose**

Eyes

- 1a. Which singer was famously known as Old Blue Eyes?
Frank **SINATRA**
- 1b. Which actor's eyes were sung about by Kim Carnes in 1981?
BETTY DAVIES

Ears

- 2a. Which famous Scottish classical percussion soloist is profoundly deaf?
Dame **EVELYN GLENNIE**
- 2b. What was the name of record shop in Lancaster where Mark, Andy, Roger and Bob Clark used to work?
'EAR 'ERE

Mouth

- 3a. The opening of which musical film features a disembodied mouth singing the song 'Science Fiction – Double Feature'? (1970s)

ROCKY HORROR Picture Show

- 3b. All Star, by the band Smash Mouth, featured in the title sequence of which popular animated film about ogres? (90s/00s)

SHREK

Nose

- 4a. In which Musical number does Julie Andrews sing about "Snowflakes that stay on my nose and eyeleashes"? (1960s)

My **FAVOURITE THINGS**

- 4b. Which Welsh singer originally sang a song containing the lyrics: "Pussycat, Pussycat I love you, Yes, I do! You and your pussycat nose!" (1960s)

TOM JONES

Spares

Which song by the Smiths has a chorus in which Morrissey claims: "Now I know how Joan of Arc felt?" (1980s)

BIG MOUTH STRIKES AGAIN

From which Shakespeare play does the line "lend me your ears" come from?

JULIUS CAESAR

Round 7 Smoking

- 1a. Which King of England wrote a pamphlet in which he described the smoking of tobacco as a "filthy novelty" and a "sin against God"? **JAMES I**

- 1b. Which Belgian artist produced a picture of a pipe entitled "This Is Not a Pipe"?

René **MAGRITTE**

- 2a. What gas is most commonly used in cigarette lighters?

BUTANE

- 2b. What is the name of the airtight box designed for the storage of cigars?

HUMIDOR

- 3a. Which fictional creatures, who first appeared in a novel of 1937, are noted for their love of smoking "pipeweed"?

HOBBITS

- 3b. A sinister government operative nicknamed the "Smoking Man" was a recurring bad guy on which US tv show of the 1990s?

THE X-FILES

- 4a. Which British Prime minister received both the "Pipe smoker of the Year" and the "Pipeman of the Decade" awards from the British Pipesmokers' Council?

Harold **WILSON**

- 4b. Which US president admitted that he had tried marijuana but insisted that he “didn’t inhale”?

Bill **CLINTON**

Spare:

What was the name of the fictional supervillain who, in British anti-smoking campaigns of the 1980s, tried to entice children to take up smoking?

NICK O’TEEN

Round 8 **General Knowledge**

- 1a What is the name of large earthwork that follows the border between England and Wales?

OFFA’S DYKE

- 1b What is the name of the extinct volcano in Holyrood Park, Edinburgh?

ARTHUR’S SEAT

- 2a In what kind of dancing would a performer use small finger-held musical instruments known as zills?

BELLY DANCING

- 2b. Which dance, which was popularized in England in the early 1800s, was described by one contemporary observer as “obscene” because of the intimacy it permits between couples?

WALTZ

- 3a In which decade was Queen Elizabeth the First of England born?

1530s

- 3b. In which decade was Napoleon Bonaparte born? (For the avoidance of doubt, we are referring to the Napoleon who was defeated on the battlefield by Wellington).

1760s

- 4a. Which French president fled to Germany in May 1968 when he believed his country was on the brink of revolution?

Charles **DE GAULLE**

- 4b. Who is the most recent UK prime minister who was not a university graduate?

John **MAJOR**

Spare

The world’s largest uninhabited island is part of the territory of which nation?

CANADA