

LANCASTER CITY QUIZ LEAGUE. January 6TH 2025
HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Quiz set by Gregson B

ROUND 1 NEW YEAR

Happy New year Quizzers! Here are some questions about some memorable New Year's Days

Q1A. On New Year's Day 1925 the Scandinavian city of Christiania changed its name to what

A. Oslo

Q1B. Name the creator of the private eye Sam Spade who died on New Year's Day 1961

A. Dashiell Hammett

Q2A Which US silversmith born on New Year's Day is remembered for a famous horse ride during which he announced 'The British are coming!'

A. Paul Revere

Q2B On New Year's Day in 1797 which city replaced New York as the capital of New York state?

A. Albany

Q3A Which two central European countries came into being on New Year's Day 1993

A. The Czech Republic and Slovakia

Q3B What name did Turkish president Mustafa Kemal adopt on New Year's Day 1935?

A. Ataturk (Father of the Turks)

Q4A Which author born on New Year's Day 1919 created the character Holden Caulfield? (Surname only required)

A. J. D. Salinger

Q4B Who wrote the words of Auld Lang Syne? (Surname only required)

A. Robert Burns

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Q Who began their famous diary on New Year's Day in 1660?

A. Samuel Pepys

Q. Who on New Year's Day 1985 made the first mobile phone call in the UK?

A. Ernie Wise.

Round 2 – A Feast of Stephens

Each question or answer will include the name 'Stephen' spelt with a 'v' or with 'ph' in the middle. Some will form part of a longer word.

1a Which famous author spent the first twenty-five years of their life at Steventon in

Hampshire, where their father was the vicar?

A Jane Austen

1b Which famous author was born in Portland, Maine, USA in 1947?

A Stephen King

2a In 1825 George Stephenson opened a commercial railway between which two towns

in the North-East of England? (1 mark for 1 correct, both needed for a pass)

A Stockton and Darlington

2b Scottish author Robert Louis Stevenson was part of a family famed for building what

structures? A Lighthouses

3a In 1993 Stephen Gately was a founder member of which boyband? A

Boyzone

3b Name the singer, born Michael Barratt in 1948, whose career peaked in the early

1980s with four Number One singles and is still heard around Christmas with one of

them; 'Merry Christmas Everyone'? A Shakin' Stevens

4a This actress, writer and director – best known for roles in Spaced and The Royle

Family – used her original surname, Stevenson, until 2007 (although she was married in 2002). By what name is she known now? A Jessica Hynes

4b Sir Leslie Stephen, author, historian and biographer, had five children.

Two of his

daughters – whose first names begin with the same letter of the alphabet – achieved

fame in the early twentieth century; one as an author and essayist, the other as an

artist. They are better known by their married names, who were they?

A Virginia Woolf and Vanessa Bell

(As ever, one point for one and three points for two; both names needed for a pass)

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Stevenage was the first new town to be designated following the Second

World War. In which English county is it situated? Answer; Hertfordshire

Name the park in central Dublin, first opened to the public in 1880, which contains statues or memorials to James Joyce, Wolfe Tone, Robert Emmet and Constance Markievicz among many others. You can give the official three-word or the informal two-word version preferred by many Dubliners. Answer; St Stephen's Green / Stephen's Green

ROUND 3 - Questions on Famous Partners & Sidekicks

Q1A Stan Laurel of Laurel & Hardy fame was born in Ulverston, then in the county of Lancashire.

Which American State was Oliver Hardy born in? A. Georgia

Q1B The famous King of Cowboys. Roy Rogers had an equally famous horse called Trigger which had a distinctly golden coat and a white mane. What breed of horse was 'Trigger'?

A. Palamino

Q2A Eric Morecambe born Eric Bartholomew was born and raised in nearby Morecambe. What was Ernie Wise's full name and where was he born and brought up? (1 point for place of birth and 3 points for his full name as well .)

A. Ernest Wiseman , Leeds

Q2B What were the surnames of the 1930's American bank robbers Bonnie and Clyde?

A. Bonnie Parker. Clyde Barrow. (1 point for one name, 2 points for both names)

Q3A The 80's band The Thompson Twins are based on characters from which cartoon comic series? (1 point for the title and 3 points for the author as well. Both needed for a pass.)

A. The Adventures of Tin Tin : Author Herge

Q3B Sancho Panza was the side kick of Don Quixote In which song by which group does the

line 'Whatever happened to Sancha Panza?' appear?

1 point for the song 3 points if you can name the group as well. Both needed for a pass.

A. "No More Heroes" by The Stranglers.

Q4A In real life the name of Butch Cassidy's and the Sundance Kid's gang was called the 'Wild

Bunch'. What was the gang's name in the Oscar winning 1969 eponymous Western buddy film?

A.The Hole in the Wall gang.

Q4B Who were the creators of the American TC cartoon series Tom & Jerry?

A. Hannah & Barbara

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Q. What were the first names of the American comedy duo Abbott & Costello?

A. Bud Abbott & Lou Costello (1 point for one, both for a pass)

Q. Between 1940- 1962 Bob Hope and Bing Crosby made 7 'Road to...' films starting with the Road To Singapore which also featured an American actress. What was her name?

A. Dorothy Lamour

ROUND 4 on fruit and vegetables: "Do you know your 5 a day?

You will be given the names of 2 varieties of either a fruit or a vegetable.

What

is that fruit or vegetable?

1a Duke of York, Arran Pilot

A. potato

1b Sutton, Bunyard's Exhibition

A. broad bean

2a Musselburgh, Jolant

A. leek

2b Red baron, Hercules

A. onion

3a Timperley Early, Raspberry Red

A. rhubarb

3b Sungold, Gardener's Delight

A. tomato

4a Concorde, Beurre Hardy

A. pear

4b Lord Lambourne, Beauty of Bath

A. apple

Spare Charentais A. melon

ROUND 5-Pirates - yo ho ho and a bottle of rum, me hearties!

Q1A Which famous English pirate received a royal pardon and eventually became Lieutenant Governor of Jamaica?

A. Henry Morgan

Q1B Which English privateer died of dysentery off the Panama coast in 1596?

A. Sir Francis Drake

Q2A. What was the name of Long John Silver's parrot in Robert Louis Stevenson's Treasure Island?

A. Captain Flint

Q2B What was the name of Captain Pugwash's ship?

A 'The Black Pig'

Q3A What name was the pirate Edward Teach better known by?

A. Blackbeard

Q3B According to the pirate song, how many men on a dead man's chest?

A. Fifteen

Q4A. Spanish dollars minted in the Spanish Empire after 1598 were known as what?

A. Pieces of Eight

Q4B What was another word for a French pirate and also the name of a popular 1960's Ford car?

A. Corsair

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Q. Who was the famous Irish female pirate who disguised herself as a man and was active in the West Indies until her capture?

A. Anne Bonny

Q, What was the name commonly given to the pirate flag?

A. The Jolly Roger

Round 6– Fun with Flags

All questions relate to flags of sovereign nations which incorporate symbols or pictures.

1a The flag of Mexico includes an image of an eagle eating a snake. What is the eagle

perched on? Answer; a cactus

1b Three flags of European nations incorporate a double-headed eagle.

Name any two

of them (three points for two, one point for one; two for a pass).

Answers; Albania, Montenegro, Serbia

2a The flags of four countries feature weapons, but only one features a modern weapon

– a kalashnikov, representing that country's struggle for freedom, crossed with a hoe.

Which country? Answer; Mozambique

2b Which country's flag features a representation of a 12 th century temple?

Answer; Cambodia

3a Only one national flag is not square or rectangular. It features a sun and a moon; which country? Answer; Nepal

3b Which country's flag is quartered by a red cross, with each quarter featuring a

stylised red cross on a white background? Answer; Georgia

4a Which island country's flag features a silhouette of its shape in gold, with two olive

branches beneath it? Answer; Cyprus

NB the olive branches are meant to represent reconciliation between its two ethnic groups(!).

4b Which country's flag includes a picture of the tree associated with the country for

centuries? Answer; Lebanon

SPARES

1. The crescent moon, often accompanied by a single star, is featured on the flags of many

majority-Islamic countries, mostly in Asia and Africa. How many in total?

Allow one either

way. Answer; fifteen, accept fourteen or sixteen.

2. The flags of many countries in the southern hemisphere feature the constellation of the

Southern Cross, either as four or five stars. New Zealand's flag represents it in a different

way from all the others, how?

Answer; the stars are white bordered in red rather than being all-white.

Extra spare, just for fun; in which TV show do two of the characters present a niche TV

show called 'Fun with Flags' Answer; The Big Bang Theory (Sheldon and Amy)

ROUND 7 BACK TO THE FUTURE – 2024. All questions refer to events in 2024)

1A What song won Eurovision for Switzerland's Nemo? A The Code

1B Which book won the Booker Prize? A Orbital

2A Australia's breakdancer scored zero at the Olympic games in Paris.
What was her name?

A Raygun

2B Which comedian wrote and starred in the TV show Baby Reindeer?

A Richard Gadd

3A What was the name of Boris Johnson's autobiography, released in October 2024?

A Unleashed

3B Keir Starmer accidentally called for the return of what in his keynote speech at the Labour conference in Liverpool?

A Sausages

4A Who did Time magazine name as their person of the year 2024?

A Donald Trump

4B The final Nordic country joined NATO in March 2024, becoming the 32nd member. Which country? A Sweden

SPARE 1 Which city is the European City of Christmas for 2024?

A Waterford, Ireland

SPARE 2 Which team ended Manchester City's unbeaten 32-match unbeaten run, by securing their first ever win against them? A

Bournemouth

ROUND 8 GENERAL

1A How long, to the nearest five years, did the Hundred Years War last?

A. 116 years (accept 111-121) 1357 to 1453

1B What item of clothing was a mandilion?

A. A jacket

2A In which city was Abraham Lincoln assassinated?

A. Washington DC

2B The Arlington military cemetery in the USA originally formed part of the estate of which famous American military family? A. Lee

3A GBZ is the international vehicle registration code for where? A. Gibraltar

3B What is the state capital of South Dakota? A. Pierre

4A In which city was George III buried? A. Hanover

4b The Great Pyramid of Cheops in Egypt was the tallest structure in the world for more than 4000 years, until overtaken in 1548 by what?

A. Lincoln Cathedral

SPARES

Who was the first person to ever use a cashpoint machine in the UK? A. Reg Varney (of On The Buses fame, in 1967, at a ceremonial opening)

What hardly ever happen in Hertford, Hereford and Hampshire?

A. Hurricanes