



General knowledge quiz 0001  
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	Film	
1	In what film do we hear the quote 'Take car. Go to Mum's. Kill Phil - Sorry Phill'?	<b>Shaun of the Dead</b> - The 2004 zombie-themed romantic comedy, or 'rom, zom, com' as it dubbed itself, starring Simon Pegg & Nick Frost / Rest of the quote was; '...Grab Liz, go to The Winchester, have a nice cold pint, and wait for all of this to blow over'
2	By what name is the character Don Diego de la Vega otherwise known?	<b>Zorro</b> - Senior Zorro, played by Anthony Hopkins in the 1998 film 'The Mask of Zorro' - with Antonio Banderas playing Alejandro Murrieta, the new Zorro
3	What word is missing from the 1940's film title, 'The Sleep' and the 1980's film title 'The Chill'?	<b>Big</b> - The Big Sleep is a 1946 Film Noir classic with Humphrey Bogart playing the detective Philip Marlowe / The Big Chill is a 1983 film about a group of college friends who meet up after a mutual friend commits suicide
4	What is Boxing champion 'Bombardier' Billy Wells famous for banging?	<b>A gong</b> - he's one of the semi naked men who bangs the gong at the start of Rank films & was a boxing champion in the early 1900s / He was the second 'gong-man' / A closely guarded secret, that the gong was made of papier-mâché, was revealed to his friends by the 4th gongman, Kenneth Richmond, just before he died
5	What secret does Sundance reveal to Butch when about to jump off a cliff to escape the chasing posse?	<b>He can't swim</b> - To which Butch quips 'Are you crazy? The fall will probably kill you / Released 1969
Nature		
6	Animals that are 'crepuscular' are primarily active at what time of day?	<b>Twilight</b> - Dawn or dusk / Examples include cats, dogs, rabbits, deer, moths, mice, ferrets, hamsters guinea pigs
7	How many papilla mammae has a normal cow?	<b>Four</b> - papilla mammae are teats / A cow has one udder & four teats / Whereas a goat (for instance) has one udder & two teats
8	What is the top of a typical jellyfish called?	<b>The bell</b> - due to the bell shape body from which its tentacles hang
9	<b>Primarily</b> , why does a woodpecker peck?	<b>For food</b> - They make a small hole into which they poke their long barbed tongue (often as long as the bird itself) to catch insect larvae found under the bark / To a lesser degree, they also peck as a territorial warning to their rivals & to create nests for their eggs
10	What are otter's spraints and deer's crotties?	<b>Their 'droppings'</b> - or poo / Amongst others, there is also fox's 'scats' & hare's 'currants'
Sport		
11	Buzkashi, the national game of Afghanistan involves two teams of horsemen, a few rules and what dead animal?	<b>Goat or Calf</b> - Buzkashi translates to 'goat grabbing' & is thought to be a precursor of Polo
12	What was The Sun's one word headline when Duncan Fletcher thought he saw ball-tampering through his binoculars?	<b>Spotcha</b> - Fletcher claimed he saw ball tampering by the Pakistan team during the final test at The Oval in 2006 / Consequently England were awarded five runs & got to choose a new ball / Play continued that afternoon but the Pakistan team did not show up the next day in protest / Later, the captain Inzamam-ul-Haq was found not guilty but was banned for 4 games for bringing the game of cricket into dispute
13	In what sport do all the team members, except one, move backwards?	<b>Rowing</b> - only the Cox moves forwards
14	What does 'los maximos trofeos,' the highest award given to a Matador, consist of?	<b>The two ears and tail of the bull</b> - the two ears AND the tail are awarded if considered an especially good performance
15	What got a footballer sent off in the 2006 World Cup that jockey Paul O'Neill apologised for doing to his horse several weeks later?	<b>Head butting</b> - Zidane head butted Italian Marco Materazzi for allegedly insulting his family / O'Neill head butted his horse City Affair for unseating him

<b>History</b>		
16	Television coverage of proceedings in The House of Commons began in what year?	<b>1989</b> - On the 21 Nov with the first words being Order, Order
17	What three traits are missing from the quote attributed to Winston Churchill; 'Don't talk to me about naval tradition. It's nothing but.....'?	<b>Rum, sodomy and the lash</b> - According to Churchill's assistant Anthony Montague-Browne, Churchill had not coined the phrase, 'It's nothing but rum, sodomy and the lash,' but did wish he had
18	Who renamed 'Mosi-oa-Tunya' after his monarch?	<b>David Livingstone</b> - in the 1850's, the first European to see what he named Victoria Falls, after Queen Victoria
19	In Tudor Britain, what was removed at night by Gong farmers?	<b>Human excrement</b> - removed from privies & cesspits to be taken outside the town boundaries and dumped!
20	Arrange Princess Diana's alleged lovers in the order they came! A) Life Guards Captain, James Hewitt, B) Rock star, Bryan Adams, C) Car salesman, James Gilbey and D) Rugby player, Will Carling	<b>C) Gilbey, A) Hewitt, D) Carling, and B) Adams</b> - Gilbey was associated in 1989 with the infamous 'Squidgygate Affair' where in a recorded conversation he called Diana 'Darling' 53 times & 'Squidgy' 14 times / Hewitt approx 1991 according to his book about it (under hypnosis, he admitted he had 'met' Diana in 81 or 82) / Carling around 1995 with the alleged affair ending at the same time as he got divorced / Bryan Adams approx 1996 soon after Diana's divorce with Charles
<b>Expressions</b>		
21	What might you fully say to instruct your driver to get you home, that was popularised by a 1934 song by Fred Hillebrand?	<b>Home James, and don't spare the horses!</b> - Made popular by the song / It is also said to be a favourite expression of Queen Victoria's, whom in the latter half of the 19th century, had a carriage driver named James Darling / Traditionally, the Victorian 'upper class' called their staff only by their surname, where 'Home Darling' may not have been so appropriate
22	To what did the 'daylights' originally refer in the expression 'it scared the living daylights out of me'?	<b>One's eyes</b> - The original 18th century meaning of 'daylights' was literally 'the eyes' as per a line from Henry Fielding's 1752 novel Amelia; 'If the woman says another word to me, I will darken her daylights' / The release of the 1987 film The Living Daylights, the 15th in the James Bond series, reawakened the use of this old phrase
23	What might you be doing up an incorrect tree?	<b>Barking</b> - 'Barking up the wrong tree' means making a mistake or a false assumption / It alludes to hunting dogs barking up trees in which they mistakenly think their quarry are hiding / First coined in James Paulding's novel Westward Ho! in 1832
24	What expression meaning a back up, derives from an item medieval archers kept with them?	<b>A second string</b> - 'A second string to your bow' refers to an archery bow, meaning if your first string breaks you have a spare or backup bowstring (or talent) to fall back on
25	What hits what, when the disastrous consequences become known?	<b>The shit hits the fan</b> - This expression alludes to the very unpleasant effects of shit being thrown into an electric fan / Other, more polite, forms of the phrase, involve eggs, pie, soup and 'stuff' hitting the fan / Dates back to the 1940's

Miscellaneous		
26	What country owns the Mona Lisa?	<b>France</b> - The 16th Century oil portrait by Italian Leonardo Da Vinci is arguably the most famous painting in the world / Started in 1503 as a private commission, Leonardo did not complete it until approx 1516 & then instead sold it to Francis I of France for 4,000 gold crowns / After the French Revolution, it was moved to the Musee du Louvre in Paris & Napoleon I had it on his bedroom wall for a spell until returned / It went missing in 1911 for 2 yrs when stolen by Italian patriot Vincenzo Peruggia who believed it should be displayed in Italy / After his capture & a quick tour of Italy, the painting was once again returned to The Louvre, and now resides behind bullet proof glass
27	What is the name given to a billionth of a second?	<b>Nanosecond</b> - And is the time to execute one instruction on a average PC & the time it takes light to travel 30cm
28	What is the name of the Top Gear segment where a celebrity attempts their top speed around a test track?	<b>Star In A Reasonably-Priced Car</b> - Each celebrity is allowed 5 practise laps with a final timed lap where no allowance is made for any errors / There have been several mishaps with the feature...Sir Michael Gambon went around the final corner on 2 wheels, prompting Jeremy Clarkson to rename the corner in Gambon 's honour / Lionel Richie & Trevor Eve lost a wheel & David Soul destroyed the clutches of both the main car & the back-up car! / The original model of car used was a Suzuki Liana, replaced in the 8th series by a Chevrolet Lacetti
29	If you were busy in 'vaccimulgence', what would you be doing?	<b>Milking a cow</b> - Latin 'vacca' means 'a cow', Latin verb 'emulgere' means 'to milk out'
30	What are the imaginary lines which encircle the Earth parallel to the Equator called?	<b>Latitude</b> - Lines of latitude are the horizontal lines running east to west on maps & give the location of a place on Earth north or south of the equator / Lines of Longitude go from pole to pole (ie run north to south) & give you a location east to west
31	What word means 'fool' or 'idiot' in Spanish & Italian, and was the name of a famous side kick?	<b>Tonto</b> - The Lone Ranger's side kick / The character is not depicted as being stupid so the translation appears to have been coincidental & consequently, in some Spanish speaking countries, his name was changed to Toro, meaning bull
32	Which Eric Clapton song is about a bloated rock star who gets so drunk at a party his wife has to drive him home and undress him?	<b>Wonderful Tonight</b> - The song is about Clapton's then love, Pattie Boyd / Included on his 1977 album 'Slowhand' & was released as a single in 1978
33	What product is advertised with the slogan 'Not everything in black & white makes sense'?	<b>Guinness</b> - One of the many slogans thought up by the company during its long history of clever marketing campaigns involving beer mats, posters, and award winning TV commercials
34	What F word can go before the word 'over' and after the word 'bar'?	<b>Fly</b> - Flyover & barfly
35	Apart from hats & footwear, what was the only other item of clothing the Red Hot Chilli Peppers wore on the cover of their EP 'The Abbey Road'?	<b>A sock</b> - worn on some feet & all private parts / Released in 1988, the title & cover was a tribute to The Beatles famous album 'Abbey Road' / Like The Beatles, the cover depicts the four band members walking across a zebra crossing in single file, the twist being that they are all near naked / They regularly performed this way too!

<b>Miscellaneous continued</b>		
36	True or false; Ben Nevis is named after a Scottish hermit who is alleged to have owned the mountain in days gone by	<b>False</b> - Ben derives from 'Beinn', Gaelic for peak / Nevis is possibly from the Gaelic 'Neamh' for Heaven
37	Who always receives and understands messages by radio?	<b>Roger</b> - the British forces in WWII used the word Roger for the letter R in the radio & telephone alphabet / Using of these alphabet-words to stand for other meanings was common, and 'Roger' became known to mean 'received...received and understood' / Another example would be 'Victor-Charlie', words which are in most country's radio-alphabet, those used for the letters V & C, and which also came to stand for 'Viet Cong' troops
38	What three questions, and in what order, are Mastermind contestants first asked?	<b>Name, occupation &amp; specialist subject</b> - The TV show was the brainchild of TV producer Bill Wright who drew on his wartime experience as a POW in Germany answering 3 questions; name, rank & number
39	What component connects the ignition coil to the spark plugs in an older car?	<b>The distributor</b> - A device within the ignition system of an internal combustion engine that routes high voltage from the ignition coil to the spark plugs in the correct firing order / The first high tension distributor was developed around 1904
40	Which famous painting by Franz Hals in 1642, is in the Wallace Collection in London?	<b>The Laughing Cavalier</b> - Painted in 1624, the sitter is unknown but he does sport a mischievous smile / It is known from an inscription on the painting that he was 26 years old in the year 1624
41	What did George Ellis describe as 'Snowy, flowy, blowy, showery, flowery, bowery, hoppy, croppy, droppy, breezy, sneezy and freezy'?	<b>The Months of the year</b> - The undated poem is called 'The Twelve Months' / George Ellis was a British poet & journalist (1753 - 1815)
42	How many attempts did Norm Larson of the Rocket Chemical Company make to perfect his <b>Water Displacement</b> solvent?	<b>40</b> - WD40, which stands for Water Displacement 40th attempt / Developed in 1953
43	Who am I? No-one knows when I was born, I was buried amongst the Kings in Westminster Abbey in 1920, my tomb is the only one on which you are forbidden to walk & every Royal bride gives me her bouquet	<b>The Unknown Warrior</b> - can accept 'unknown soldier' / He died in France in World War One & was buried on Armistice Day, Nov 11th 1920
44	Who is more intelligent - a moron or an idiot?	<b>A moron</b> - originally both were scientific terms / Moron was coined in 1910 by psychologist Henry Goddard from the Greek word 'moros' meaning 'dull' & was used to describe someone with the mental age of between 8 & 12 / 'Idiot' denoted a mental age of 2 or less
45	Which toys name is an anagram of <b>CANNOT AIM</b> ?	<b>Action Man</b> - Launched in Britain in 1966 by Palitoy as a licensed copy of Hasbro's American 'moveable fighting man' G I Joe
<b>Tiebreaks</b>		
1	How many calories would you burn off by banging your head against a wall for ten and a half hours?	<b>1,600 calories</b>
2	In yards, how long is the worlds shortest frontier between Spain & Gibraltar?	<b>1,672 yards</b>



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