

## **Christmas Quiz.**

### **Categories:**

#### **A. Food - what countries do the following Christmas dishes come from? (5 points)**

- 1 bacalhau - (pro – bakalaw)
- 2 Cola de mono (literally monkey's tail)
- 3 Szaloncukor
- 4 Allahabadi Cake
- 5 Ukpo Ogede

#### **B. Father Christmas (6 points)**

- 1 The original Father Christmas was St. Nicholas - which part of Turkey was he the bishop of? An extra point if you can name the town.
- 2 What was the original colour of Santa's Suit?
- 3 What are the names of Santa's nine reindeer?
- 4 Fill in the missing words from the popular song Santa Claus is Coming to Town: "He's making a list, and checking it twice. Gonna find out who's .....and ...."
- 5 Which actor played Santa Claus in the 1994 remake of the film 'Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street'?

#### **C. Carols and songs and books etc., (5 points)**

- 1 Which Christmas carol's second verse begins with "Born a king on Bethlehem's plain"?
- 2 On the tenth day of Christmas, my true love had sent how many gifts to me?
- 3 Who wrote the poem 'Twas the Night Before Christmas'?
- 4 Who wrote the song 'White Christmas'?
- 5 What was the name of Scrooge's deceased business partner in Charles Dicken's "A Christmas Carol?" (full name please)

**D. Film & Television etc., (6 points)**

- 1 What was the name of the angel that helped James Stewart in the film "It's a Wonderful Life"?
- 2 The song White Christmas was first performed in which 1942 film?
- 3 What was "the most likely" reason that The Grinch hated Christmas?
- 4 Queen Elizabeth II was the first British monarch to broadcast the royal Christmas message on TV, but which British monarch was the first to broadcast their Christmas message on radio, and in what year? (2 points)
- 5 Who was forced to consume three Christmas lunches on TV in 1996?

**E. Traditions (5 points)**

- 1 True or false - In some countries, people celebrate Christmas by lighting a bonfire. After it burns to ashes, they jump over the ashes three times and make a wish.
- 2 True or False - In some countries, people roller-skate to the Christmas church service or "mass".
- 3 The word "mistletoe" derives from an Anglo-Saxon phrase meaning - a) Dung on a twig, b) Yule tidings, c) Kissing weed, d) Winter harbinger, e) Bitter leaf?
- 4 According to folk tradition, the first person in history to decorate a fir tree with Christmas lights (actually candles, in those days) was - a) St. Nicholas, b) Martin Luther, c) King Henry VIII, d) St. Augustine, e) None of the above?
- 5 In what year was the earliest known commercially-made Christmas card sold? A) 1501, b) 1760, c) 1843, d) 1941

**F. Bible (5 points)**

- 1 Joseph's ancestors were originally from (Luke 2:3) - a) Bethlehem, b) Nazareth, c) Hebron, d) Jerusalem, e) None of the above
- 2 Where do we find the Christmas story? a) Matthew, b) Mark, c) Luke, d) John, e) All of the above, f) Only Matthew and Mark, g) Only Matthew and Luke, h) Only Matthew, Mark and Luke.
- 3 When was Jesus baptized? a. shortly after his birth, b. when he was eight days old, c. as a young lad of twelve, d. a few years before his death
- 4 Which of the following books of the Bible says the most about Christ's advent? A) Revelation, b) Matthew, c) Luke, d) Isaiah

- 5 Who named the baby Jesus? A) An angel gave him his name before he was born, b) Joseph named him, c) He received his name at 8 days of age, d) The prophet Isaiah gave him his name

**G. People Born on Christmas Day (5 points)**

- 1 Which famous scientist was born in Lincolnshire on 25 December 1642?
- 2 Which actor, who reminded Ilsa Lund to seize the moment because 'we will always have Paris', was born in New York on 25 December 1899?
- 3 In which city was Annie Lennox born on 25 December 1954?
- 4 Which Nobel Peace Prize winning Egyptian was born on 25 December 1918?
- 5 Which English test cricketer was born on 25 December 1984?

**H. People Named Noel or Carol or even Christmas (5 points)**

- 1 Name the Scottish-born poet who graduated from Liverpool University with a degree in philosophy
- 2 This musician has two sons called Donovan and Sonny
- 3 He was an English Barrister & Old Bailey Judge (b 1901). He also wrote books on Buddhism , and his former home in St. John's Wood, London is now a Buddhist Temple.
- 4 A UK film director (b. 30.12.1906). He directed 'Oliver!' and 'The Third Man'
- 5 The witty Playwright who wrote 'Blyth Spirit'

**I Bah Humbug! (5 points)**

- 1 What is the name of the character who makes life miserable for everyone around him in 'It's a Wonderful Life' Played by Lionel Barrymore.?
- 2 What was Alan Rickman's character in 'Die Hard' ?
- 3 What was the name of Tim Burton's vile Christmas evil-doer?
- 4 Which actor played Ebenezer Scrooge in the 1951 film 'Scrooge. A Christmas Carol'?
- 5 Who was the singer of the 1957 sad Christmas song for blue souls?

**J. A truly tough last question for 10 extra points (and maybe a bottle of wine!)**

What was the first ever Christmas movie and when was it made?