

# Christmas Quiz - 2021

## Round 1 – Christmas Trivia

- 1 Which word in English, very much used around this time of the year, comes from the Greek meaning 'we can act anything'?
- 2 On Christmas Day of which year did British and German soldiers famously call a temporary truce and engage in a game of football?
- 3 In the second verse of *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*, what do the singers demand?
- 4 In which year was the Queen's speech first broadcast on television. Was it 1953, 1955 or 1957?
- 5 In *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens, what is the name of Scrooge's nephew?
- 6 Who wrote the hymn *Joy to the World*?
- 7 Which famous English scientist was born on Christmas Day 1642?
- 8 Which song is traditionally sung at the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve?

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## Round 2 – Christmas association

**All the answers in this round will contain some reference to things associated with this time of year.....**

- 1      What is the surname of the father and son team that presented the *Battlefield Britain* documentaries on BBC TV a few years ago?
  
- 2      Who was the Mayor of New York when the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks took place?
  
- 3      Who was the lead singer with the 1980s band Frankie Goes to Hollywood?
  
- 4      In the poem by Edward Lear, which creature performed the marriage ceremony?
  
- 5      Who was the lead singer with the 1980s group Fine Young Cannibals?
  
- 6      In December 1777, Captain Cook discovered an island in the Pacific Ocean which nowadays is known as Kiritimati. This island is, however better known to us by its original name which is *what?*
  
- 7      What is the State capital of the New Mexico in America?
  
- 8      Which words can be found above the Bill Shankley gates at Anfield, the home of Liverpool FC?

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## Round 3 – Christmas Blockbusters

Based on the TV series presented for many years by Bob Holness. Each letter represents a word in the answer .....

- 1 Which leader, O C, banned Christmas festivities in England between 1647 and 1660?
- 2 Which P I B is the popular name for little baked sausages wrapped in rashers of streaky bacon?
- 3 Which famous Christmas song, S C I C T T, has been covered by all the following artists - The Crystals/ Bruce Springsteen/ The Jackson 5/ Frank Sinatra/ Bing Crosby / The Four Seasons / The Carpenters (and a few others)?
- 4 Which C C was the first commercial Christmas item when produced in 1843 by John Horsley?
- 5 Which T T N B C is the alternative popular title of the poem *A Visit from St Nicholas*?
- 6 Which song, B R, was the number 1 UK hit single in both 1975 and 1991?
- 7 Which singer, P Y, was first to the microphone on the original 1984 Band Aid hit *Do They Know It's Christmas?*
- 8 Which famous singer, J B, known as 'Soul Brother number 1' died on Christmas Day 2006?

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## Round 4 - Festive letter link

8 Festive questions where the final letter of the answer to number 1 will be the same as the first letter of the answer to number 2 and so on through to question 8 where the final letter of that answer will be the same as the initial letter of the answer to question number 1 to complete the link

- 1 Alistair Sim, George C.Scott and Michael Caine have all played which famous Christmas character on film (first name & surname)?
- 2 What do the letters "XO" on a bottle of brandy mean?
- 3 Who wrote the children's fantasy *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*?
- 4 In the song *The Fairy tale of New York*, originally sung by The Pogues and Kirsty McColl, the surname of which famous singer is mentioned in the lyrics?
- 5 What is the name of the sorcerer in the pantomime *Aladdin*?
- 6 Who created the animated cartoon *The Snowman*?
- 7 In the *Simpsons*, what is the name of Bart's dog?
- 8 What was the title of Jackie Wilson's 1986 Christmas number 1 hit single?