



THE 2011 EIGHTH ANNUAL HABERSHONS CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Round 1 – In the beginning...

1. What is the longest word in English with just one vowel?
2. Which French city is the original home of denim?
3. What is the name of the tick symbol used by Nike?
4. What does Thesaurus mean in its original Greek?
5. Which two words meaning very large originally meant (1) out of the ordinary; (2) impossible to measure?

Round 2 – Techno-wizardry (of sorts)

1. What was Walt Disney's first feature-length cartoon?
2. The word laser is an acronym. What does it stand for?
3. What does cc stand for, when sending an email to more than one address?
4. Which former playing card manufacturer produced the novelty toy "Love Tester" before breaking into the computer-game market with the Famicom console in 1983?
5. How many millions is a trillion (on the short scale)?

Round 3 – Wild World

1. Which animal is the world's the largest carnivore?
2. What is the name of William Brown's dog in the *Just William* series?
3. Where do poinsettias come from originally?
4. How old is Sir David Attenborough?
5. Which sport is played by the Geelong Cats, the Sydney Swans, the Brisbane Lions and the Adelaide Crows?

Round 4 – Current Buns

1. What is the first name of Russia's President?
2. Who designed Kate Middleton's wedding dress?
3. What does Tahrir mean, as in Cairo's Tahrir Square?
4. Which former Playboy model became the subject of a new opera by Mark-Anthony Turnage, premiered at the Royal Opera House in February 2011?
5. Which British newspaper ran the headline "Thank You & Goodbye" on its front page in July 2011?

Round 5 – Literally speaking

1. Who won the 2011 Man Booker prize?
2. Aldous Huxley and C.S. Lewis died on the same day on 22 November 1963. But whose death that same day upstaged them?
3. Who is the current Poet Laureate of the United Kingdom?
4. Who wrote children's book series *The Borrowers*?
5. Which celebrated British author referred to himself as "Plum"?

Round 6 – Culture (in the broadest sense)

1. Which is the odd one out among these ballets: *The Nutcracker*, *Les Sylphides*, *Sleeping Beauty*, *Swan Lake*?
2. What is the name of the original Italian version of Elvis Presley's hit song "It's Now or Never"?
3. Who is the only Bond girl to appear (as a Bond girl) in more than one Bond movie?
4. Who sang the 1965 single *Tears* – the only song in the top five biggest selling singles of the decade not by the Beatles?
5. Which American singer was born Annie Mae Bullock in 1939?

Round 7 – Sports Round (there had to be one)

1. Who won the Women's Singles at the Australian Open in 2011?
2. Which martial art has a name that can be translated as "the way of the empty hand"?
3. Who won the Cricket World Cup in 2011, and who did they beat in the final?
4. Octopush is an underwater version of which sport?
5. Who won the Rugby Union Five Nations Cup in 1973?

Round 8 – Where in the world...?

1. In which city will you find “The Girl with the Pearl Earring” by Vermeer?
2. What is the capital of Myanmar (Burma)?
3. Which country is the original source of the duffle coat?
4. What is the highest point in the Kingdom of the Netherlands?
5. Which real stately home is used as the set for the TV series *Downton Abbey*?

Round 9 – May contain nuts

1. Who was the star of the 1953 French comedy *Monsieur Hulot’s Holiday*?
2. Give the decade in which the guillotine was last used in France.
3. Whose marriage (name both) in 1956 was famously described by *Variety* magazine as “Egghead weds hourglass”?
4. Which rock musician made albums called “Freak Out!”, “Lumpy Gravy” and “Hot Rats”?
5. Which of the following are not true nuts: coconuts, almonds, walnuts, peanuts, cashew nuts?

Round 10 – Crimbo Magic

1. The original Santa Claus was (1) bishop of which city, and (2) in which modern country is that city?
2. In “The Twelve Days of Christmas”, how many Lords are “a-Leaping”?
3. When is Twelfth Night?
4. Which film musical was the source of the song “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas”?
5. Who designed the Sydney Opera House?

Final question: How many people are in your team?