

THE 2011 HABERSHON CHRISTMAS QUIZ: THE ANSWERS

Round 1 – In the beginning...

1. What is the longest word in English with just one vowel? [Strengths](#)
2. Which French city is the original home of denim? [Nîmes \(it was called *serge de Nîmes*\) I see this question appeared in an earlier Habershon Quiz...](#)
3. What is the name of the tick symbol used by Nike? [The Swoosh](#)
4. What does Thesaurus mean in its original Greek? [Treasure](#)
5. Which two words meaning very large originally meant (1) out of the ordinary; (2) impossible to measure? [\(1\) enormous; \(2\) immense](#)

Round 2 – Techno-wizardry (of sorts)

1. What was Walt Disney's first feature-length cartoon? [Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs \(1937\)](#)
2. The word laser is an acronym. What does it stand for? [Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation](#)
3. What does cc stand for, when sending an email to more than one address? [carbon copy](#)
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? [Nintendo](#)
5. How many millions is a trillion (on the short scale)? [One million million \(1000,000,000,000\).](#)

Round 3 – Wild World

1. Which animal is the world's the largest carnivore? [I slipped up on this one. I wanted the answer to be Polar Bear, but should have asked "Which animal is the world's the largest land carnivore?" But even then the answer could be the Southern Elephant Seal. And then what is a carnivore? If krill are seen as meat, the largest is the Blue Whale. So I've accepted any of those three answers.](#)
2. What is the name of William Brown's dog in the *Just William* series? [Jumble](#)
3. Where do poinsettias come from originally? [Mexico and Central America \(they were named after Joel Roberts Poinsett, First Minister \(ambassador\) to Mexico in the 1820s\)](#)
4. How old is Sir David Attenborough? [85](#)

5. Which sport is played by the Geelong Cats, the Sydney Swans, the Brisbane Lions and the Adelaide Crows? [Australian Rules Football](#)

Round 4 – Current Buns

1. What is the first name of Russia’s President? [Dmitry \(Medvedev\)](#)
2. Who designed Kate Middleton’s wedding dress? [Sarah Burton](#)
3. What does Tahrir mean, as in Cairo’s Tahrir Square? [Liberation](#)
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? [Anna Nicole Smith \(in the opera *Anna Nicole*\)](#)
5. Which British newspaper ran the headline “Thank You & Goodbye” on its front page in July 2011? [The News of the World](#)

Round 5 – Literally speaking

1. Who won the 2011 Man Booker prize? [Julian Barnes \(for *The Sense of an Ending*\)](#)
2. Aldous Huxley and C.S. Lewis died on the same day on 22 November 1963. But whose death that same day upstaged them? [John F. Kennedy](#)
3. Who is the current Poet Laureate of the United Kingdom? [Carol Ann Duffy](#)
4. Who wrote children’s book series *The Borrowers*? [Mary Norton](#)
5. Which celebrated British author referred to himself as “Plum”? [P.G. Wodehouse \(from his childhood inability to say his first name, Pelham\)](#)

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*? [Les Sylphides: it’s by Chopin; the others are by Tchaikovsky](#)
2. What is the name of the original Italian version of Elvis Presley’s hit song “It’s Now or Never”? [“O Sole Mio”](#)
3. Who is the only Bond girl to appear (as a Bond girl) in more than one Bond movie? [Maud Adams \(in *The Man with the Golden Gun*, and *Octopussy*\)](#)
4. Who sang the 1965 single *Tears* – the only song in the top five biggest selling singles of the decade not by the Beatles? [Ken Dodd](#)

5. Which American singer was born Annie Mae Bullock in 1939? [Tina Turner](#)

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

1. Who won the Women’s Singles at the Australian Open in 2011? [Kim Clijsters](#)

2. Which martial art has a name that can be translated as “the way of the empty hand”? [Karate](#)

3. Who won the Cricket World Cup in 2011, and who did they beat in the final?
[India beat Sri Lanka](#)

4. Octopush is an underwater version of which sport? [Hockey](#)

5. Who won the Rugby Union Five Nations Cup in 1973? [England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland and France: it was a unique five-way tie. Fiendish question – sorry! But a memorable answer, no?](#)

Round 8 – Where in the world...?

1. In which city will you find “The Girl with the Pearl Earring” by Vermeer? [The Hague](#)

2. What is the capital of Myanmar (Burma)? [Naypyidaw \(no, it’s no longer Rangoon\)](#)

3. Which country is the original source of the duffle coat? [\(Belgium, from the town of Duffel\)](#)

4. What is the highest point in the Kingdom of the Netherlands? [The island of Saba, in the Caribbean - Mount Scenery, 877m, to be precise. Sorry, another fiendish one!](#)

5. Which real stately home is used as the set for the TV series *Downton Abbey*?
[Highclere Castle, in Hampshire](#)

Round 9 – May contain nuts

1. Who was the star of the 1953 French comedy *Monsieur Hulot’s Holiday*?
[Jacques Tati](#)

2. Give the decade in which the guillotine was last used in France. [\(1970s; 1979 to be precise, used on a female murderer in Marseilles\)](#)

3. Whose marriage (name both) in 1956 was famously described by *Variety* magazine as “Egghead weds hourglass”? [Arthur Miller and Marilyn Monroe](#)

4. Which rock musician made albums called “Freak Out!”, “Lumpy Gravy” and “Hot Rats”? [Frank Zappa](#)
5. Which of the following are not true nuts: coconuts, almonds, walnuts, peanuts, cashew nuts? [None of them are true 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? [\(1\) Myra, \(2\) in Turkey](#)
2. In “The Twelve Days of Christmas”, how many Lords are “a-Leaping”? [Ten](#)
3. When is Twelfth Night? [The evening of 5 January \(although some say it’s the evening of Epiphany, 6 January, so we’ll accept that too\)](#)
4. Which film musical was the source of the song “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas”? [Meet Me in Saint Louis \(1944, sung by Judy Garland\)](#)
5. Who designed the Sydney Opera House? [Jørn Utzon](#)