

## Guildford PC User Group — Christmas Quiz 2003

### Answer Paper

Questions	Answers	
1. If your geographical position was 0° latitude, 0° longitude, where in the world would you be?	<b>In the Atlantic Ocean</b> If your latitude is 0°, you must be somewhere on the equator, the line separating the northern and southern hemispheres. If your longitude is 0°, you are standing on a line that connects the North and South Poles, and passes through Greenwich. The two lines meet in the Atlantic Ocean, a few hundred kilometres south of Ghana and west of Gabon.	<b>2</b>
2. The four Marx brothers, Chico, Groucho, Harpo and Zeppo, made a legendary series of movie comedies from 1929 to 1950. What was Groucho's real first name?	<b>Julius</b> Harpo's name was Arthur, Chico was Leonard, and Zeppo was Herbert. Zeppo retired from the team after they made the classic 1933 movie Duck Soup.	<b>3</b>
3. Where in the world are these towns or cities? Ahome, Rosario, Progreso, Sabinas?	<b>Mexico</b>	<b>2</b>
4. Alekhine, Capablanca and Tal are?	<b>Past world chess champions</b> The son of a noble Russian family, Dr. Alexander Alekhine was one of the most colourful characters in the history of chess. He became champion in 1927 by beating José Capablanca, the Cuban prodigy who had achieved the championship in 1921 despite never having formally studied chess openings or tactics. The Russian Mikhail Tal won the title in 1960 to become, at 23, the youngest chess champion in history	<b>1</b>
5. The Roman general Publius Quinctilius Varus (d. 9 AD) served during the reign of the emperor Augustus Caesar. His main claim to fame was?	<b>Suffering a catastrophic defeat in the forests of Germany</b> The defeat of Varus and his three legions at the hands of the German tribes was a stunning humiliation for the usually invincible Roman army. Varus took his own life after the battle, and Rome never again attempted to expand the empire east of the Rhine	<b>3</b>
6. Stanley Pons and Martin Fleischman achieved "fifteen minutes of fame" in 1989 for?	<b>A scientific error</b> Pons and Fleischman were the scientists who created a brief sensation by announcing the discovery of a process for achieving "cold fusion", a technology with the potential for solving many of the problems that plague our energy-hungry modern world. Unfortunately, attempts to duplicate the effect failed, and their claims were rejected by most of the scientific community	<b>4</b>
7. Every country in the world has been assigned a two-letter Internet domain name such as ".uk" for the United Kingdom and ".ch" for Switzerland. Which lucky country has the domain name ".tv"?	<b>Tuvalu</b> The tiny, impoverished South Pacific nation of Tuvalu garnered an incredible windfall from the sale of the rights to its Internet domain in April, 2000. The selling price of \$50,000,000 U.S., spread over 12 years, will give Tuvalu's population of less than 11,000 one of the highest per capita incomes on the planet. As for the other three choices: Liechtenstein's domain is ".li"; the Vatican City State's is ".va"; and there is no country called Terra Verde.	<b>4</b>
8. Alexandre Dumas wrote a well known story " <i>La Dame aux Camélias</i> " about a woman dying of consumption. It was later turned into a famous opera, <i>La Traviata</i> . Who composed <i>La Traviata</i> ?	<b>Giuseppe Verdi</b>	<b>3</b>
9. Each year, southern France is buffeted by a strong wind called the mistral. The mistral is?	<b>A cold wind from the north</b>	<b>1</b>

10.	To which Surrey town did Charterhouse move in 1872?	<b>Godalming</b>	<b>3</b>
11	From which musical does the song "You'll never walk alone" come from?	<b>Carousel</b>	<b>3</b>
12	At the outbreak of World War I, who was the Prime Minister?	<b>Herbert Asquith</b>	<b>1</b>
13	When did the First World War end?:	<b>28<sup>th</sup> June 1919</b> The Armistice of 11 November 1918 was a ceasefire	<b>4</b>
14	The first man-made object to move faster than the speed of sound, or break the sound barrier was?	<b>A whip</b> When cracked the speed of the tip exceeds the speed of sound c 760mph	<b>4</b>
15	What is special about Sirius, the Dog Star?	<b>It's the brightest star in the sky</b>	<b>2</b>
16	The main defensive weapon of the dinosaur called Iguanodon was probably?	<b>Its thumbs</b>	<b>4</b>
17	Who composed the opera The Pearl Fishers?	<b>Georges Bizet</b>	<b>3</b>
18	Dyce airport serves which city?	<b>Aberdeen</b>	<b>1</b>
19	How many pieces are there in a standard set of dominoes?	<b>28</b>	<b>2</b>
20	Who first said or wrote: 'There are three kinds of lies: lies, damned lies, and statistics'?	<b>Mark Twain</b>	<b>4</b>