

Christmas Quiz 2005 - Answers

Your Name......

Questions		Circle legibly the number in the column on the right with your answer	
1.	Music Question 1: Who is the singer singing this song?	Anastacia Joss Stone Katie Melua K D Lang	1 2 3 4
2.	Music Question 2:and where was she born? Ketevan "Katie" Melua (Georgian: ქეთი მელუა) (born September 16, 1984) is a singer and musician born in Georgia, part of the former Soviet Union, but raised in Northern Ireland and England. She spent most of her childhood in the town of Batumi, Ajaria, where her father worked as a heart specialist. In 1993, the family moved to Belfast, Northern Ireland, as her father had won a position at the prestigious Royal Victoria Hospital.	Belfast Texas New York Georgia	1 2 3 4
3.	Music Question 3: Italy's Domenico Modugno sang "Nel blu, dipinto di blu", better known as "Volare" in the Eurovision song contest. In which year's song contest was it sung? It actually came third in the contest but went on to become a massive world-wide hit, also recorded in English by Dean Martin.	1958 1968 1978 1988	1 2 3 4
4.	Music Question 4: This singer featured on the Microsoft Windows 95 installation CD-ROM in a multimedia video clip singing the song "Good Times". What is the singer's name? She married Paul Simon and after one album with the band the New Bohemians, released the album Picture Perfect Morning in 1994, which features the Good Times track.	Sheryl Crowe Elkie Brooks Edie Brickell Shania Twain	1 2 3 4
5.	Music Question 5: This stirring musical prelude is from which Richard Wagner opera? This is the prelude to Act 3 of the opera Lohengrin.	The Flying Dutchman Tannhauser Die Walkure Lohengrin	1 2 3 4
6.	Who is the Editor of The Times newspaper? 2002 to present.	Simon Jenkins Robert Thomson Peter Stothard Charles Moore	1 2 3 4
7.	Which is the first country to allow its citizens to vote over the Internet during national elections? Estonia is the only country in Europe where access to the Internet is a constitutional right. Sixty per cent of the country's 1.33 million inhabitants have Internet-connected computers at their homes. Those who also have an electronic identity card can use it to vote via the Internet in the local government council elections.	Estonia Finland Germany Lithuania	1 2 3 4
8.	The acclaimed film "The Madness of King George" refers to which English king? The 1994 film starred Nigel Hawthorne as George III with Helen Mirren as Queen Charlotte.	George II George III George IV	1 2 3 4
9.	If when researching old genealogical records a death certificate gave the cause of death as "Ague." What in modern terms would that person have died of? Aigue entered English usage in the 14th century, having crossed the channel from the Middle French word. The word shares the same origin as acute. It descends from the Latin "acutus" meaning "sharp or pointed". A "fievre aigue" in French was a sharp or pointed (or acute) fever.	Appendicitis An Epileptic Fit A Stroke Malaria	1 2 3 4
10.	"Deva" is the Roman name for which town? Chester was originally settled by the Romans as the fortress called Deva, named after the River Dee on which the city stands, and eventually it was to become one of Britain's largest garrisons for Roman soldiers.	Dover Dorchester Chester Bath	1 2 3 4

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11	What is the meaning of the adjective "lambent"?	Beautifully warm	1
	The classic sources of a lambent glow are of course candles and the moon. The glow of brass by firelight is lambent, and lambency is also found in such things as lanterns,	Radiantly beautiful	2
	lakes and lovers' eyes. It comes from the Latin word lambere, meaning to lick.	Softly gleaming	3
		Warmly soft	4
12	Microsoft has recently selected a name for the next version of its	Windows Viewer	1
	Windows operating system. What is it?	Windows Longhorn	2
	Vista is due for release in Autumn 2006, after being pushed back from 2003, then	Windows Watcher	3
	2004, then 2005!	Windows Vista	4
13	The film "Contact" starring Jodie Foster is based on a book by which	Carl Sagan	1
	author?	Pierre Boulle	2
	The story is of a free thinking radio astronomer who discovers an intelligent signal	Isaac Asimov	3
	broadcast from deep space. She and her fellow scientists are able to decipher the message and discover detailed instructions for building a mysterious machine.	H G Wells	4
14	Lewis Carroll, the author of Alice in Wonderland, was actually Charles	The Psychology of	
	Lutwidge Dodgson, an Oxford University lecturer. He lectured in what	Dreams	1
	field?	Mathematics	2
	Dodgson's main mathematical interest was symbolic logic, a topic that complemented	Religious Studies	3
	his knack for the kind of controlled illogic displayed in the Alice book.	Theoretical Physics	4
15	A new book by Alison Weir is titled "Isabella, She-Wolf of France, Queen	Richard II	1
	of England". Isabella was the daughter of Philip IV of France, and	Edward II	2
	became queen of England at the age of 12 when she married which king	Edward III	3
	of England?	Henry III	4
	Edward II was an active homosexual who largely ignored his queen; he indulged his		7
	favourites and squandered the royal treasury. Edward was killed in prison with the		
	acquiescence of the Queen. The only account of his death is spectacular. It reads:		
	"Cum veru ignito inter celanda confossus ignominiose peremptus est," which means,		
	"He was ignominiously slain with a red-hot spit thrust into the anus" - thus leaving no obvious trace of how he met his death.		
14	Which mathematician is acknowledged to be largely responsible for	George Boole	1
16	breaking the German Enigma codes and created a test that provided a	Charles Babbage	1 2
	foundation for artificial intelligence?	Alan Turing	3
	Described by Alan Turing in the 1950 paper "Computing machinery and intelligence",	John von Neumann	4
	it proceeds as follows: a human judge engages in a natural language conversation with	John von Neumann	4
	two other parties, one a human and the other a machine; if the judge cannot reliably		
	tell which is which, then the machine is said to pass the test.		
17	The World Wide Web extension IE is allocated to which country?	Italy	1
	The .ie domain was managed by University College, Dublin, since its delegation from	Ireland	2
	Jon Postel in 1989, until the creation of IE Domain Registry (IEDR) in 2000.	Israel	3
		Iceland	4
18	The film "The English Patient" was directed by Anthony Minghella who	Anthony Minghella	1
	also wrote the screenplay. Who wrote the book on which the film was	Michael Ondaatje	2
	based?	Jerzy Kosinski	3
	Beginning in the 1930's, the film tells the story of Count Almasy (Ralph Fiennes) a	Frank Abagnale	4
	Hungarian map maker employed by the Royal Geographical Society to chart the vast		
	expanses of the Sahara Desert. He enters into a world of love, betrayal, and politics that is later revealed in a series of flashbacks while Almasy is on his death bed after		
	being horribly burned in a plane crash.		
19	Which British prime minister had the most children?	Bonar Law	1
	Earl Grey fathered 17 children. He once sent a diplomatic mission to China and by	William Pitt	2
	chance the envoy saved the life of a Chinese Madarin, who in gratitude, sent the Earl a	Earl Grey	3
	delightfully scented tea, with its recipe. Earl Grey was delighted and in future always asked his tea merchant, the Tyneside company Twinings, for that blend. His drawing	Lord Salisbury	4
	room soon became famous for its tea and the family gave permission for the blend to		
	be sold to the public.		
20	Who was known as "The Desert Fox"?	T. E. Lawrence	1
20	WWII General Erwin Rommel acquired the nickname for his exploits in the deserts of	Anwar Sadat	2
	North Africa as the commander of the German Afrika Korps. He was eventually	Erwin Rommel	3
	defeated by the allies and the 8th Army under General Montgomery.		4
		Bernard Montgomery	4