
The AB51 Quiz

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Round 1

Question 1

The town of Yiwu in China is estimated to make around two-thirds of the world's decorations for which holiday?

Answer: Christmas

1 point

Question 2

With titles such as Every Christmas has a Story, Christmas Cookies, Broadcasting Christmas, and My Christmas Love, the film studio arm of which card company has become synonymous with Yuletide romances in which overworked female executives fall in love with kind small-town men, and ultimately discover what truly matters in life?

Answer: Hallmark

1 point

Question 3

What species of great ape featured in a banned 2018 Christmas advert for the supermarket chain Iceland, based on an original animation made for Greenpeace and narrated by Emma Thompson, in which the animal invades a girl's bedroom because palm oil plantations destroyed its forest?

Answer: Orangutan

1 point

Question 4

What insect has become a symbol of the English city of Manchester due to both being perceived as industrious?

Answer: Bee

1 point

Question 5

Commonly formed when copper is exposed to moist air for an extended period of time, what colour is basic copper carbonate?

Answer: Light green

**Basic copper carbonate can be seen on the Statue of Liberty.*

1 point

Question 6

Labelled 'the world's smallest army' and dressed in Renaissance clothing, in which country does the honour guard known as the Swiss Guard operate?

Answer: Vatican City

1 point

Question 7

What colour are the respective benches in the UK's House of Commons and House of Lords?

Answer: Green, red

2 points

Question 8

Which three US states have only four letters in their name?

Answer: Iowa, Ohio, Utah

3 points

Question 9

Which four countries have successfully completed a soft landing on the moon?

Answer: USSR/Russia, USA, China, India

4 points

Question 10

Make the longest word possible from the following letters: ADDENOORT

Answer: Deodorant

Up to 9 points

(*length of word
equates to points
awarded)

Round 1 points

(Maximum: 24)

Round 2

Question 1

Studies that found exploding a bag next to a cat standing on a cow caused the cow to produce less milk; that certain plants can copy the leaf shape of nearby plastic plants; that scalp hair whorls are more likely to spiral counter-clockwise in the southern hemisphere; and that water vortices can make a dead fish continue to swim were all winners of what science prize in 2024?

Answer: Ig Nobel Prize

1 point

Question 2

The charity Smile Train trains doctors around the world to perform operations that correct and repair what birth deformity?

Answer: Cleft lip /cleft palate

1 point

Question 3

Which US Secretary of Defense famously said: "As we know, there are known knowns; there are things we know we know. We also know there are known unknowns; that is to say we know there are some things we do not know. But there are also unknown unknowns - the ones we don't know we don't know."

Answer: Donald Rumsfeld

1 point

Question 4

Produced in the 1960s, the Equivalent series saw American artist Carl Andre produce eight sculptures by placing 120 of what item on the floor in different formations?

Answer: Bricks

**Equivalent VIII currently resides in the Tate Modern gallery in London.*

1 point

Question 5

What model of Volkswagen car has been named Car of the Year by What Car? magazine a record four times?

Answer: Golf

**The winners were the Golf GTI (1981), Golf GL (1985), Golf 1.8GL (1992), and Golf 1.6 FSI S 5dr (2004). Volkswagen has also won with the Polo (1995), Up (2012), and ID Buzz (2023), making it the award's most successful manufacturer.*

1 point

Question 6

Which ABBA song is named after a series of spotlights produced by the company Strong Lighting?

Answer: Super Trouper

1 point

Question 7

What two colours are used to describe areas of matter in the brain?

Answer: Grey, white

2 points

**Grey matter comprises the outer portion of the brain, and white matter refers to the inner portion.*

Question 8

What are the three television series in the Inspector Morse franchise?

Answer: Inspector Morse, Lewis, Endeavour

3 points

Question 9

Which three men were the original founders of Apple Computer Inc. in 1977?

Answer: Steve Wozniak, Steve Jobs, Ronald Wayne

3 points

**Wayne sold his 10 per cent stake back to Wozniak and Jobs for \$800 after only 12 days, a move he says he does not regret although it would later have been worth \$35 billion.*

Question 10

In the standard tuning of a guitar, what letters signify the six respective open string pitches?

Answer: (low to high) E, A, D, G, B, E

6 points

Round 2 points
(Maximum: 20)

Total points
(Maximum: 44)

Round 3

Question 1

Although officially called 中国中央电视台 (Zhongguo Zhongyang Dianshitai), by what four letter initialism, based on its English translation, is China's state television network commonly known?

Answer: CCTV

1 point

***CCTV stands for China Central Television.**

Question 2

The 1873 model of what firearm was marketed as 'The Gun that Won the West', with over 700,000 units produced in the five decades before it was discontinued in 1923?

Answer: Winchester Rifle

1 point

***The exact model is the Winchester Model 1873 lever-action rifle.**

Question 3

Appearing on items such as pyjamas, slippers, and socks, what is the name of the bear that features on Marks and Spencer products?

Answer: Spencer

1 point

Question 4

Provided no fouls are committed and only one ball is potted per shot, what is theoretically the lowest possible total clearance in a frame of snooker?

Answer: 72

1 point

***15 reds (15 points) + 15 yellows (30 points) + colours (27 points)**

Question 5

What film did the director Alfred Hitchcock make twice, reportedly telling the latter version's scriptwriter not to watch the original so as to create a new story, and saying 'let's say the first version is the work of a talented amateur, and the second was made by a professional'?

Answer: The Man Who Knew Too Much

1 point

Question 6

Ranked number 12 on 2024's Fortune Global 500, which lists the largest companies in the world, what company trades on the New York Stock Exchange using the ticker symbol XOM?

Answer: Exxon Mobil

1 point

Question 7

George Merrill and Shannon Rubicam, the husband-and-wife team whose group Boy Meets Girl had a top 10 hit with Waiting for a Star to Fall, were the writers behind which two hit Whitney Houston songs?

Answer: How Will I Know, I Wanna Dance with Somebody (Who Loves Me)

2 points

Question 8

In traditional Chinese culture, which three arts are known as ‘the three perfections’?

Answer: Painting, poetry, calligraphy

3 points

Question 9

Excluding added vitamins and minerals, what are the four listed ingredients of Kellogg’s Cornflakes?

Answer: Maize, sugar, salt, barley malt extract

**The listed ingredients also include the vitamins and minerals niacin (vitamin B₃), iron, vitamin B₆, riboflavin (vitamin B₂), thiamin (vitamin B₁), folic acid (vitamin B₉), vitamin D, and vitamin B₁₂.*

4 points

Question 10

What six racing teams have been Formula One constructors champions in the 21st century?

Answer: Ferrari (2000-2004, 2007-2008), Renault (2005-2006), Brawn (2009), Red Bull (2010-2013, 2022-2023), Mercedes (2014-2021), McLaren (2024)

6 points

Round 3 points
(Maximum: 21)

Total points
(Maximum: 65)

Round 4

Question 1

Actress Helena Bonham Carter is the great granddaughter of which British Prime Minister?

Answer: Herbert Henry Asquith

1 point

Question 2

The demonym of what country appears in the name of the dog breed that won Best in Show at Crufts in 2024?

Answer: Australia (Australian Shepherd)

1 point

**The winning dog, Viking, was the second Australian Shepherd to win the prize.*

Question 3

What character in literature murdered Elizabeth Lavenza?

Answer: Frankenstein's monster

1 point

**Elizabeth is Victor Frankenstein's fiancée.*

Question 4

'Who's on first?' is a famous sketch by which comedy double act?

Answer: Abbott and Costello

1 point

**The sketch involves a baseball commentator describing a game involving players with names such as Who, What, Why, Because, and I Don't Know.*

Question 5

Composed by Richard Strauss and named after a book by Friedrich Nietzsche, the title of the opening music to the film 2001: A Space Odyssey references the founder of which religion?

Answer: Zoroastrianism

1 point

**The music and book are both called Thus Spoke Zarathustra. Zarathustra was also known as Zoroaster.*

Question 6

In 2008, which comic and cartoon character was named Japan's first ever anime ambassador?

Answer: Doraemon

1 point

Question 7

Written using the Latin alphabet, what are the two digraphs - those being two letters written together to represent a sound - that appear in the modern Māori written alphabet?

Answer: Wh, Ng

2 points

**Wh is similar to the English 'F' sound. Ng sounds like the ng in 'singer'.*

Question 8

What are the three principal islands of the Indian Ocean's Mascarenhas Archipelago?

Answer: Mauritius, Réunion, Rodrigues

3 points

Question 9

Since the position was created in 1994, who have been the five presidents of South Africa?

Answer: Nelson Mandela (1994-1999), Thabo Mbeki (1999-2008), Kgalema Motlanthe (2008-2009), Jacob Zuma (2009-2018), Cyril Ramaphosa (2018-present)

5 points

Question 10

What are the nine rooms in the original version of the board game Cluedo (known in some countries as Clue)?

Answer: Ballroom, billiard room, conservatory, dining room, hall, kitchen, library, lounge, study

9 points

Round 4 points
(Maximum: 25)

Total points
(Maximum: 90)

Round 5

In Round 5, there is only one answer. The less clues you need to get it, the more points you receive. If you need only one clue, you receive 10 points; if you require two clues, you will receive 9 points, and so on. However, you may only answer once. If you answer incorrectly, you receive zero points for the round.

The following are all characters in which film?

Clue 1

Barney

10 points

Clue 2

Lieutenant Boyle

9 points

Clue 3

Ardelia Mapp

8 points

Clue 4

Jack Crawford

7 points

Clue 5

Miggs

6 points

Clue 6

Catherine Martin

5 points

Clue 7

Dr. Frederick Chilton

4 points

Clue 8

James Gumb

3 points

Clue 9

Clarice Starling

2 points

Clue 10

Hannibal Lecter

Answer: The Silence of the Lambs

1 point

Round 5 points
(Maximum: 10)

Total points
(Maximum: 100)