

THE BIG FAT QUIZ OF EVERYTHING

Levels: pre-intermediate to advanced.

ROUND 1 –HISTORY

1-In 1535 king Henry VIII of England introduced a tax that would only affect men.What was it?

-a beard tax (facial hair was a status symbol).

2-William Shakespeare was born and died on 23th April, he died at the age of 52, but can you tell me how he died?

-celebrating his birthday, he drank too much.

3-How many pictures did Van Gogh sell when he was alive?

-hundreds, he worked in an art gallery in his fifties.

4-William the Conqueror (First Norman King of England) had a challenge that he could never conquer; being extremely fat. He was once so fat he couldn't ride his horse. What diet did he go on to get back on the saddle?

-he would only drink alcohol.

5-How would poor medical students pay for their studies in the 18th century?

-In corpses. The first corpse snatchers were medical students; there were a lot of students and a lot of corpses were needed!

6-What were people given when visiting Stonehenge to enhance their experience in the Victorian period (19th century)?

-a hammer and chisel as they were encouraged to take a piece home.

7-Napoleon Bonaparte was famous for writing sassy letters to his wife Josephine. In one of these letters he announced he was coming home after a long battle and asked her not to do something for three days. What was it?

-Not to wash.

ROUND 2- CINEMA

8-In 1973 a film made it to the cinemas which caused a lot of people to faint,vomit or leave the cinema. Which film was it?

-the Exorcist.

9-In the history of the Oscars (Hollywood Awards), just three movies have won 11 Oscars. Can you tell me which ones?

-Ben-Hur, Titanic and The Lord of the Rings (the return of the King).

10-Can you tell me three of Dracula's superpowers?

-Hypnotize people.

-Turn others into vampires.

-Immortality.

-Shape shifting.

-Super strength.

-The power to control animals(bats and wolves).

-The ability to create mists.

- Telepathic powers.

ROUND 3- THE 90s

11-What 90's fashion trend injured lots of people including Naomi Campbell?

-platform shoes.

12-In 1992 all across France intellectuals and thinkers were disgusted by the launch of what they described as a horror made of cupboard,plastic and appalling colours. What were they talking about?

-Eurodisney.

13-In December 1992, the first text message was sent. What was it?

-Merry Christmas.

ROUND 4-GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

14-The distance between your wrist and your elbow is the same as another part of your anatomy; which one?

-your foot.

15-What's the biggest organ in the human body?

-the skin.

16-What is the Mona Lisa physically missing?

-her eyebrows.

17-What caused windows in over 4.000 buildings to shatter in Russia in 2013?

-a meteor.

18-In 2006 a lot of photos of broken TVs appeared on the Internet. What caused the damage to the TVs?

-Nintendo Wii

19-What is the most popular board game of all time?

-Chess.

20-Japan's best contribution to music is definitely Karaoke, but do you know what the word Karaoke means in English?

-empty orchestra.

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