

Richard's Birthday Quiz 2023

with answers



Devised as a birthday gift by good friend Derek Kortlandt.

I asked Derek to make questions loosely on the party theme of one world, and to make them not the kind that we have answers to in our head (unless we are super clever), but that could respond to collaborative research. So use of the internet is allowed - even large language model AI, if you think it will help!

So please team-up with others you don't know too well - we will do the answers later in the evening.

If you are online, perhaps form one team - meet.jit.si/69HeseltineHouse is open early if you want to work away!

	Team name:	Members:
1	<p>The boundaries of 3 US States as shown on maps consist entirely of straight lines. Two of them are rectangles. I appreciate that straight lines are merely a theoretical concept when considering geographic features on the ground, and given the curvature of the Earth the rectangles are probably trapezoidal anyway, but this is nitpicking and not in the party spirit.</p> <p>Which are the 3 states and the 2 rectangles?</p> <p>(3 marks)</p>	<p>Answer: Utah, Wyoming and Colorado – the last two are rectangles, allegedly.</p>
2	<p>Why might you see Dragons in Wigan?</p> <p>(1 mark)</p>	<p>Answer: Catalan Dragons are the reigning Rugby League champions and play Wigan regularly. They are based in Perpignan, ancient Catalan city, now in France of course.</p>
3	<p>What is the seasonal connection between these three celebrities in this order?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Dame Elisabeth Schwarzkopf, OBE – German-born Austro-British sopranob) Matthew le Tissier – Guernsey born England footballer, self-styled “conspiracy realist”c) Ernest Hemingway – American writer who shot himself while cleaning his shotgun. <p>(1 mark)</p>	<p>Answer: Beth-le-hem Sorry about that one.</p>

<p>4</p>	<p>2023 being the 400th anniversary of the publication of the First Folio, here is a seasonal question. The word Christmas only appears in two plays, the bard not being obsessed with the jolly season. Here are the quotes. What are the two plays?</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“Is not a Christmas gambold a comonty, or a tumbling trick”</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">said by Christopher Sly, a tinker, in the Induction Scene.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“At Christmas I no more desire a rose Than wish a snow in May’s new-fangled shows.”</p> <p style="text-align: right; padding-right: 40px;">Lord Longaville, Act 1, Sc 1</p> <p>(2 marks)</p>	<p>Answer:</p> <p>The Taming of the Shrew and Loves Labours Lost</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>What unique misfortune befell Bridget Driscoll in Croydon on 17th August 1896?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) She found out Lloyd George really was her father b) She was stuck for hours in the world’s first public toilet to be equipped with an electric lock c) She was the first person to be killed by a motor vehicle on a public road d) She was killed by a cricket ball hit by Dr W G Grace, who refused to abandon his innings, allegedly saying “she should have caught it” <p>(1 mark)</p>	<p>Answer:</p> <p>Poor Bridget was the first recorded Motor Car fatality. Apparently the Coroner expressed his sadness at this unfortunate event, and hoped it would be the last of its kind! I suppose a modern equivalent would be being killed by a drone, perhaps delivering something from Amazon.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Christmas Babies - aaah! Which of these recently deceased was born on Xmas Day?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Shane McGowan b) Bobby Charlton c) Henry Kissinger d) Alastair Darling e) Glenys Kinnock <p>(1 mark)</p>	<p>Answer:</p> <p>Shane McGowan - appropriately enough.</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Which of these events did NOT happen in 1955?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Richard Millwood was born b) Massive crash at Le Mans, killing 83 spectators and 1 driver c) Manchester City beat Newcastle 3-1 in FA Cup final d) The Warsaw Pact was formed e) Quare Times won the Grand National f) In Argentina Juan Peron resigned g) Rosa Parks arrested in USA <p>(1 mark)</p>	<p>Answer:</p> <p>The FA Cup Final was won by Newcastle 3-1 against Manchester City.</p>

<p>8</p>	<p>Tubes – there are at least 10 London Tube stations alluded to here in various ways.</p> <p>“That’ll make ‘em envious, ” said Britain’s longest reigning Queen (at that time) on taking delivery of the latest flush toilet. “Yes ma’am,” beamed the Chancellor in his sly manner, “those European monarchs will be angry too, I wager.” “You are a messenger from heaven, Chancellor. One day I want these wonders made available to every man or house in the country. We’ll leave those barbarians in Europe to their round holes in the ground.” “Yours madam, you will note, is elliptical”</p> <p>“Meanwhile we need to keep it safe. Take it to the weapon store at Woolwich. You know what I mean.” “Yes ma’am, but I prefer not to say the name in present company.”</p> <p>(10 marks)</p>	<p>Answer:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Turnham Green 2. Victoria 3. Waterloo 4. Archway 5. Kings Cross 6. Angel 7. Maida Vale 8. Manor House 9. Oval 10. Arsenal
<p>9</p>	<p>More tubes. Can you name the cities where these metro stations can be found?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Flora, Hradčanskà, Invalidovna, Luka b) El Carmen, Atocha, Buenos Aires, Iglesia c) Perù, Plaza Miserere, Florida, Carlos Pellegrini d) Alexandre Dumas, Bir Hakeim, Bolivar, Rome e) Opera, Stadium, El-Nozha, Kitkat f) Batman, Cheltenham, Hallam, Ivanhoe <p>(6 marks)</p>	<p>Answer:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Prague b) Madrid c) Buenos Aires d) Paris e) Cairo f) Melbourne
<p>10</p>	<p>Where is this?</p> <p>South of Java, nicknamed the Galapagos of the Indian Ocean, Capital “Flying Fish Cove”</p> <p>(1 mark)</p>	<p>Answer:</p> <p>Christmas Island</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>Picture quiz “Blessed are the Peacemakers?” – 13 photos to identify</p>	<p>Answer:</p>

(13 Marks)

1. Mary Robinson
2. Dag Hammarskjöld
3. Martin Luther King
4. Glenys Kinnock
5. Greenham Common
6. Isabelle Allende
7. Abbe Pierre
8. Benjamin Zephaniah
9. Mahatma Gandhi
10. Henry Kissinger
11. Wilfred Owen
12. Joan Ruddock
13. Donald Soper



12 Look at the Christmas Tree on your party invitation. Where on the globe is it located?

(1 mark)

Answer:

The Gaza Strip

13 And finally, anagram of the day - Bar Harpy Hid Dirty Chap

(1 mark)

Total marks possible 42

Answer:

Happy Birthday Richard