**CHRISTMAS QUIZ 2019 in support of SVP – Entry Fee £2 - Return by 31st Jan**

**Pot-Pourri for All the Family with £10 & £5 Prizes**

**Film-TV-Music-Literature-Sport-Religion-Cookery-General Knowledge**

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| **1** | **Samuel Johnson on fairness among the Irish.** | **The Irish are a fair people, they never speak well of one another.** |
| **2** | **Who coined the euphemism ‘the Big C’ for cancer.** | **John Wayne.** |
| **3** | **Folk who bite their nails are afflicted by ‘O’(12 letters)** | **Onychophagia.** |
| **4** | **What word of generosity in English translates as a toxic substance in which European language?** | **Gift means poison in German and Danish** |
| **5** | **‘Doris’ is an aunt to which Greek god?** | **Atlas.** |
| **6** | **How might a flock of pheasants be associated with a bunch of flowers?** | **Bouquet of flowers and of pheasants.** |
| **7** | **Which Birthday Party activity causes bacteria to grow by 1,400%?** | **Blowing out the candles on a Birthday Cake.** |
| **8** | **Carrot names cover every letter of the alphabet with one exception which is?** | **X** |
| **9** | **Which British monarch was executed in a unique way and how?** | **Anne Boleyn by broadsword.** |
| **10** | **Jeremy Thorpe on Harold Macmillan, love, friends and sacrifice.** | **Greater love hath no man than this, that he laid down his friends for his life.** |
| **11** | **What ‘L’(12) is an obsessive search for the elusive word on the tip of your tongue?** | **Loganamnosis or Lethological.** |
| **12** | **When did Parliament make Guy Fawkes celebration compulsory?** | **1605 passed 1606.** |
| **13** | **How may ‘Unpacking’ be related to a maternal event?** | **When an Alpaca gives birth.** |
| **14** | **How is a Scottish Island the only approved supplier of items for an Olympic Sport? Name the island its location, the items and the sport.** | **Uninhabited island 10miles from Glasgow supplying Curling Stones for Olympic Curling.** |
| **15** | **Thomas Beecham on English folk’s relationship to music.** | **English folk may not like music, but they absolutely love the noise it makes.** |
| **16** | **Goldsmith on Guarding Virtue. Say which work chapter and verse.** | **The virtue which requires to be ever guarded is scarcely worth the sentinel. The Vicar of Wakefield Chapter 5.** |
| **17** | **How might composer Mahler be connected with the construction industry?** | **Mahler’s sixth symphony features a part for an enormous hammer.** |
| **18** | **Where, on British soil, is our highest mountain?** | **Antartica.** |
| **19** | **‘S’ (11 letters) is to tidy up quickly before visitors arrive.** | **Scurryfunge.** |
| **20** | **How might the Freddy mercury song ‘Bohemian Rhapsody’ relate to the American Wild West.** | **It was originally named ‘The Cowboy Song’.** |
| **21** | **Which two numerals (between 1 & 20) can remain the same after two simple arithmetical operations (e.g.1 add-subtract-multiply-divide) 1 = 11** | **(6+9)+(6\*9)=69 or (3+9)+(3\*9)+39** |
| **22** | **Fear of the number 666 indicates you may be afflicted by ‘H’(28 letters).** | **Hexakosioihexekotahexaphobia.** |
| **23** | **Which country was the first Christian nation?** | **Armenia.** |
| **24** | **Mark Twain on Cauliflower, Cabbage and Education.** | **Cauliflower is nothing but cabbage with a college education.** |
| **25** | **Which part of the human body does not have a blood supply to provide oxygen?** | **The cornea in the eye.** |
| **26** | **Why did King GeorgeVI ban the radio broadcast of his wedding?** | **The King feared that listeners might not remove their hats.** |
| **27** | **What do people of Gloucestershire and the Palmerston Atoll in the South Pacific have in common?** | **They all speak with a Gloucestershire accent.** |
| **28** | **Where did ‘The Kinks’ supposedly meet Terry and Julie every Friday at sunset?** | **Waterloo** |
| **29** | **What is the true colour of Ireland’s Guinness** | **Very dark red** |
| **30** | **On which weekday might slim folk be advised not to attend the ‘Mardi Gras’?** | **Fat Tuesday** |
| **31** | **Which American GI went to Hell & Back** | **Audie L Murphy** |
| **32** | **Who did Peter Carey cause a bet between about a church. What was unique about that church and where might it be?** | **Oscar & Lucinda about a Glass Church to Australia.** |
| **33** | **Lenient ethics is an anagram for where in the Western world? (Hint: think ‘dosh’)** | **Liechtenstein** |
| **34** | **How might adventurous porcine creatures, Robert Peel, Conservative & Unionists elections and 1834 be connected (hint: think great ‘Round Up’).** | **Tamworth (remember the ‘Tamworth Two’) where Peel gave a manifesto speech in1834 laying the foundations of modern Conservatism.** |
| **35** | **Who won the first ever ‘Tour de France’ & when?** | **Maurice Garin in 1903.** |
| **36** | **W S Landor on religion and philosophy.** | **Religion is the elder sister of philosophy.** |
| **37** | **Mark Twain on how children should behave towards their parents.** | **Always obey your parents, when they are present.** |
| **38** | **Winston Churchill to Noel Coward on dealing with soldiers when they are under fire.** | **Go and sing to them when the guns are firing – that’s your job.** |
| **39** | **Why might vegetarians be concerned about Ireland’s most popular international drink?** | **Guinness contains traces of fish bladder.** |
| **40** | **How long does it take for a beam of light to travel from Land’s End to John O’Groats.** | **0.003241935 seconds. (603 Miles @186,000 miles per second)** |
| **41** | **What ‘O’(11 letters) is your navel?** | **Omphalodium (**[**navel**](https://www.thefreedictionary.com/navel) [**umbilicus**](https://www.thefreedictionary.com/umbilicus) [**belly button**](https://www.thefreedictionary.com/belly+button)) |
| **42** | **Where was the first-ever air-conditioning system installed?** | **The House of Commons** |
| **43** | **Why did Gilbert and Sullivan split up?** | **Over the cost of a carpet at the Savoy Theatre.** |
| **44** | **How & when was Chaucer connected to today’s Social Media?** | **He first used the word ‘Twitter’ in 1374.** |
| **45** | **How might the word ‘Fidimplicitary’ exemplify how politicians wanted us to behave during ‘BREXIT’** | **Put faith in their views.** |
| **46** | **What relationship is there between Lewis Carroll and the number 98,721?** | **The number of letters he wrote in his lifetime.** |
| **47** | **What is the old English name for Maundy Thursday?** | **Shere Thursday, it is from middle English meaning ‘Clean’ (free from guilt).** |
| **48** | **How were US astronauts, fire and the Isle of Lewis linked?** | **Their notebooks were fireproofed with seaweed from the Isle of Lewis.** |
| **49** | **What are the two distinct areas of Limbo called?** | **Limbo of the Fathers and of The Infants.** |

**You may, should you wish, email your answers to: f.geraghty303@btinternet.com**