



Laboratory Christmas Quiz: light relief from CPD questions

The Christmas quiz was very successful again last year and The NZIMLS Council has agreed to sponsor another quiz this year. As with last year it is a General Knowledge Quiz and the NZIMLS Council has agreed to award a single prize of \$300 towards a laboratory Christmas function for the most correct answers. While individuals can also complete the quiz, the prize is only to a laboratory team entry to encourage teamwork. There are no CPD points for this quiz and it is not discipline related. The NZIMLS Council have not participated in the question setting or have knowledge of the answers. An answer sheet is available on the NZIMLS website, and the quiz answers can be submitted electronically as for the CPD questions. The answers will be published on the NZIMLS website after the quiz closes and the winner is announced. Closing date for all answers is December 8th and please indicate if the entry is a team or individual entry. All completed quiz answers with a contact person should be sent to: mike.legge@nzimls.org.nz and subject Christmas Quiz.

1. The word 'diagnosis' is derived from the Greek to mean?

- ☐ To indicate disease
- ☒ To tell apart
- ☐ To treat disease
- ☐ To indicate normality

2. From the celebrities' listed below, who has a fear of balloons?

- ☐ Celine Dion
- ☐ Tom Hanks
- ☒ Oprah Winfrey
- ☐ Johnny Depp

3. The movie the 'Magnificent Seven' was based on a story from which of the following countries?

- ☒ Japan
- ☐ Philippines
- ☐ China
- ☐ Indonesia

4. Which famous 'rock' guitarist made his own guitar?

- ☐ Jeff Beck
- ☐ Eric Clapton
- ☒ Brian May
- ☐ Andy Taylor

5. In which country is the Stock Exchange believed to have started?

- ☒ Netherlands
- ☐ England
- ☐ Germany
- ☐ France

6. The Brooklyn-style hat is considered the main precursor of what head gear?

- ☒ Base-ball cap
- ☐ Fedora
- ☐ Beanie
- ☐ Trilby

7. What gas gives Neptune its blue colour?

- ☐ Ammonia
- ☐ Carbon dioxide
- ☐ Ionised oxygen
- ☒ Methane

8. Which French criminologist was considered to be the "Sherlock Holmes" of France?

- ☐ Maigret
- ☐ Lacassagne
- ☒ Locard
- ☐ Peroit

9. What country was known to the Romans as Hibernia?

- ☐ England
- ☒ Ireland
- ☐ Wales
- ☐ Scotland

10. How many sides does a snowflake have?

- ☐ 8
- ☐ 4
- ☒ 6
- ☐ 10

11. Who of the following had koumpounophobia?

- ☒ Steve Jobs
- ☐ Elon Musk
- ☐ Mark Zuckerberg
- ☐ Julian Assange

12. What fortified wine is common to both Martini and a Manhattan?

- ☐ Port
- ☒ Vermouth
- ☐ Marsala
- ☐ Lillet Dry

13. Which of the following plants was used as eye-drops by Renaissance women to enhance their beauty?

- ☒ Belladonna
- ☐ White henbane
- ☐ Black nightshade
- ☐ Oleander

14. What is the highest selling computer model of all time?

- ☒ Commodore 64
- ☐ Apple 111
- ☐ ZX Spectrum
- ☐ iMac

15. Which of the following was a historic baselard?

- ☐ Short dagger
- ☐ Long sword
- ☒ Long dagger
- ☐ Short sword

16. Modern ballet evolved from which 15th century European Court?

- ☐ France
- ☒ Italy
- ☐ Spain
- ☐ Portugal

17. The word "medicine" has its original roots in which of the following cultures?

- ☐ Indian
- ☐ Greek
- ☒ Latin
- ☐ Arabic

18. Cheyne-Stokes breathing was first described in the 19th century by?

- ☐ An Edinburgh 'gentleman' surgeon
- ☐ An English anaesthetist
- ☐ A French clinician
- ☒ Two Irish general practitioners

19. In which sport would a 'nutmeg' be performed?

- ☐ Cricket
- ☒ Soccer
- ☐ Tennis
- ☐ Curling

20. On an Indian menu, what does 'aloo' mean?

- ☒ Potato
- ☐ Lamb
- ☐ Spinach
- ☐ Goat

21. In "Treasure Island" what was the name of Long John's parrot?

- ☐ Mr Swordes
- ☐ Captain Blood
- ☐ Little John
- ☒ Captain Flint

22. In which sport would the position "small forward" be played?

- ☐ Water polo
- ☐ Hockey
- ☒ Basketball
- ☐ Volleyball

23. What is historically the best-selling movie soundtrack?

- ☐ Saturday Night Fever
- ☐ Dirty Dancing
- ☒ The Bodyguard
- ☐ Grease

24. Which of the following words can be used to describe a wasteful project?

- ☒ Boondoggle
- ☐ Loblolly
- ☐ Blepharospasm
- ☐ Rigmarole

25. Which is thought to have originated in New Zealand?

- ☒ Lolly cake
- ☐ Fairy bread
- ☐ Caramel slice
- ☐ Neenish tart

26. From which ancient language is "paradise" derived?

- ☒ Phoenician
- ☐ Babylonian
- ☐ Egyptian
- ☐ Persian

27. What was the original purpose for the small side pocket in Levi jeans?

- ☐ Guitar pick
- ☒ Pocket watch
- ☐ Keys
- ☐ Money

28. Play-Doh was originally developed for which of the following?

- ☐ Plumbing sealant
- ☐ Gap filler
- ☐ Potential toy
- ☒ Wallpaper cleaner

29. Which cricket team was beaten only once in 43 games in 1741?

- ☐ Arindel team
- ☐ Duke of Richmond's team
- ☒ Slidon team
- ☐ Duke of Sussex team

30. In the TV series MASH, what was the number of the unit?

- ☐ 4017
- ☒ 4077
- ☐ 4777
- ☐ 4707

31. What is the traditional Welsh dish Laverbread made from?

- ☐ Leeks
- ☐ Barley
- ☒ Seaweed
- ☐ Oats

32. Bastet was the Egyptian revered god of which of the following animal?

- ☐ Ibis
- ☐ Crocodiles
- ☒ Cats
- ☐ Scarab beetles

33. When using traditional ale barrel sizes, which of the following was the smallest?

- ☐ Kilderkin
- ☐ Firkin
- ☐ Hogshead
- ☒ Pin

34. Who of the following had a fear of eggs?



Alfred Hitchcock



Steven Spielberg



Woody Allen



Keanu Reeves

35. What is a group of bears called?



A sleuth



A skulk



A mob



A gang

36. Who of the following said, "In the land of the blind a one-eyed man is king:"?



Homer



Erasmus



Pepys



Aristotle

37. The concept of 'herd immunity' is believed to be derived from?



The Greeks



The Druids



The Romans



The Egyptians

38. "Dined on mince and slices of quince" is found in which of the following?



Alice through the rabbit hole



There's a wockert in my pocket



The owl and the pussy cat



Jamerry

39. Which of the Rolling Stones songs was written by Paul McCartney and John Lennon?

- ☐ Lady Jane
- ☒ I want to be your man
- ☐ Ruby Tuesday
- ☐ Let's spend the night together

40. In which country was the concept of zero created?

- ☐ China
- ☐ Greece
- ☒ India
- ☐ Phoenicia

41. From which country did the Periodic Table of the elements first originate?

- ☒ Russia
- ☐ Germany
- ☐ Netherlands
- ☐ England

42. Which of the following authors grandparents-built lighthouses?

- ☐ Arthur Conan Doyle
- ☒ Robert Louis Stevenson
- ☐ Herman Melville
- ☐ Charles Dickens

43. What characterises a munificent person?

- ☐ Intelligence
- ☐ Good looks
- ☒ Generosity
- ☐ Good taste

44. How many Astronomical Units is the planet Saturn from the Sun?

- ☐ 6.2
- ☒ 9.5
- ☐ 11.5
- ☐ 8.4

45. The pigment sepia is obtained from which animal?

- ☐ A tropical sea snail (*Murex*)
- ☐ Cochineal insect
- ☐ Cows force fed mango
- ☒ Cuttlefish ink sacs

46. The most common sheep breed in New Zealand is which of the following?

- ☒ Romney
- ☐ Drysdale
- ☐ Merino
- ☐ Copworth

47. The cricket ground in Australia known as the Richmond Police Paddock in 1877 is which of the following?

- ☐ SGC – Sydney
- ☐ The Gabba – Brisbane
- ☐ Bellerine Oval - Hobart
- ☒ MCG – Melbourne

48. Which toxin is found naturally in castor beans?

- ☐ Cyanide
- ☐ Solanines
- ☒ Ricin
- ☐ Oxalic acid

49. Which golf course established the 18-hole round as standard?

- ☐ Augusta
- ☐ Carnoustie
- ☐ Muirfield
- ☒ St Andrews

50. Which of the following defines the metre?

- ☐ A platinum rod held in a vacuum in France
- ☐ Light from krypton spectrum in a vacuum
- ☒ Speed of light in a vacuum in $1/299,792,458$ of a second
- ☐ A platinum-iridium rod held in a vacuum in France

