

SAL's Christmas Quiz – Answers

- 1 Michael Caine was awarded Best Supporting Actor both for *The Cider House Rules* (when he was a “Sir”) and for *Hannah and her Sisters* before he was knighted (though he didn't attend as he was busy filming *Jaws: The Revenge*). He was nominated for *Sleuth*, *Alfie* and others but was never awarded by the Academy for blowing the doors off!
- 2 Any clue for the last of the nine *Abba* number one UK hits... “It might brighten your life”... a *Super Trouper!*
 - i. *Waterloo*;
 - ii. *Mamma Mia*;
 - iii. *Fernando*;
 - iv. *Dancing Queen*;
 - v. *Knowing Me, Knowing You*;
 - vi. *Name of the Game*;
 - vii. *Take a Chance on Me*; and
 - viii. *The Winner takes it All*.
- 3 Mr & Mrs Bernstock were the original owners of *Eastender's* Queen Victoria Public House.
- 4 On 26 June 1979 at a Marsh supermarket in Troy Ohio, a 10-pack of Wrigley's Juicy Fruit Gum sported the first barcode on a domestic product. (SAL was instrumental in getting these used on AGM documentation thus starting their wider use in company documentation.)
- 5 Albert Einstein has four craters on the moon, an asteroid and a chemical element named after him.
- 6 *You'll Never Walk Alone*, the anthem of Liverpool's fans.
- 7 Piggy Lee became Miss Piggy.
- 8 In the 1967 spoof *Casino Royale*, in which Bond was played by David Niven, Bond declared that he was an accountant.
- 9 These are the only US states that have the same vowel at least three times in their name:
 - i. Illinois (ill = sick in OIS);
 - ii. These hurricanes hit Mississippi;
 - iii. Alaska (old music hall joke);
 - iv. New Jersey (ha ha);
 - v. Colorado (the cartoon is set in Boulder);
 - vi. Virginia (I don't roll it myself);
 - vii. West Virginia (West, a tobacco company which sponsored F1 for many years);
 - viii. Tennessee (X = ten; 45° = northeast = ne; Ostro-Scirocco = SSE; MDMA = ecstasy = e);
 - ix. Alabama (song); and
 - x. Arkansas (Ar + Kansas).
- 10 *Paperback Writer*.
- 11 They are misnamed:
 - i. Panama hats are hand-woven in Ecuador;
 - ii. The Hundred Years war went on from 1337 to 1453... a bit more than a hundred in accounting terms;
 - iii. Chinese chequers is actually a German game called Sternhalma;
 - iv. Once mince pies did contain meat but now they just dried fruit and spices; and
 - v. Snoopy was not a beagle.
- 12 They were the locations (interior and exterior) for the TV show *Steptoe and Son*.
- 13 These are the number of successive buttons on the uniforms of the five regiments of the Royal foot soldiers:
 - i. One is Grenadier;
 - ii. Two is Coldstream;
 - iii. Three would be Scots, which is missing;
 - iv. Four is Irish; and
 - v. Five is Welsh.
- 14 They have no official lyrics to their National Anthems.

- 15 The link is currency:
 ADOLE (DOLLAR) ACADEMY ANNE (FRANK) BUTCHER BERT (RAND) SOME
 CAPTAIN (EURO) DISNEY DO (YEN) ICE DOG (POUND) LAND
 FOR (REAL) MADRID MAG (LEV) ANT NEW (GUINEA) PIG
 PUNCH (MARK) UP
- 16 The first of the 23 tales of Beatrix Potter:
 i. *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* (1901 and reprinted in 1902 under the same name, so only counts once);
 ii. *The Tale of Squirrel Nutkin*;
 iii. *The Tailor of Gloucester* (reputedly her favourite work);
 iv. *The Tale of Benjamin Bunny*;
 v. *The Tale of the Two Bad Mice*;
 vi. *The Tale of Mrs. Tiggly-Winkle*;
 vii. *The Tale of the Pie and the Patty-Pan*; and
 viii. *The Tale of Mr. Jeremy Fisher*.
- 17 The Russian mathematician Grigori Perelma solved the Poincaré conjecture, one of the seven millennium projects posted by the Clay Institute. The other six remain unresolved.
- 18 They are the names of aircraft carriers belonging to various NATO countries. The odd one out is the USS John F. Kennedy which was decommissioned in 2007 but a second carrier was given the same name.
- 19 The Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) Stirling Prize for (supposed) architectural excellence started in 1996, the winner being The Centenary Building at the University in Salford. It was last awarded in 2019 (at the time of compilation) to Goldsmith Street, Norwich.
- 20 All Saints (not the band of that name!):
 i. St Albans;
 ii. St Andrews;
 iii. St David's;
 iv. Santo Domingo;
 v. San Francisco;
 vi. St Helena;
 vii. St Louis;
 viii. St Paul;
 ix. Santa Rosa; and
 x. St Thomas.

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