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| **25 CHRISTMAS QUIZ - ANSWERS** | | | |
| **Questions** | |  | **Answers** |
| 1. | The first commercial Christmas cards were produced in London in 1843 by Sir Henry Cole. What was depicted on the front?   1. A family drinking wine 2. A postman in the snow 3. A Christmas tree |  | 1. A family drinking wine. |
| 2. | TRUE OR FALSE – Robins on cards started as a joke 150 years ago when postmen wore red tunics, and were named after them? |  | True. |
| 3. | What did Tom Smith call ‘Bangs of Expectation’? |  | The snaps inside Christmas Crackers, - his invention. |
| 4. | According to tradition what should you eat one of on each of the twelve days of Christmas to bring good luck? |  | mince pies. |
| 5. | TRUE OR FALSE – it is technically illegal to eat mince pies at Christmas? |  | True, they were banned by Oliver Cromwell and the ban was never repealed. |
| 6. | Mistletoe comes from the Anglo-Saxon word ‘MISTELTAN’, but what does it mean?   1. Sickly white berry 2. Sticky glue fruit 3. Little dung twig |  | c.Little dung twig. |
| 7. | TRUE OR FALSE – the ‘traditional’ image of Santa Claus in a red suit was created by Coca Cola in the 1930s? |  | False, it had existed since the 1890s, but they increased its popularity. |
| 8. | What are the chances of a White Christmas in England?   1. 1 in 5 2. 1 in 10 3. 1 in 20 |  | b. 1 in 10 |

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| 9. | TRUE OR FALSE – a survey in 2016 revealed that 57% of adults would gladly sacrifice seeing relatives on Christmas Day if it meant they could spend more time on Facebook? |  | TRUE |
| 10. | How many official White Christmases were there in the twentieth century?   1. 6 2. 11 3. 16 |  | a. 6 |
| 11. | TRUE OR FALSE – Jingle Bells was the first song to be broadcast from space? |  | TRUE |
| 12. | What percentage of families sit down to watch The Queen’s Christmas Speech?  a. 11%  b. 27%  c. 44% |  | 1. 27% |
| 13. | How many ghosts does Scrooge encounter in A Christmas Carol |  | Four (including his partner as a doorknocker) |
| 14. | TRUE OR FALSE – Charles Dickens’ original idea was for Scrooge to say ‘Bah Christmas’ |  | TRUE |
| 15. | Which artiste has had the most Christmas number ones?   1. The Spice Girls 2. Cliff |Richard 3. The Beatles |  | 1. The Beatles 1963, 1964, 1965 and 1967 |
| 16. | In the U.K. alone an area equivalent to 3,240 football pitches is devoted to growing what for Christmas? |  | Brussels Sprouts |
| 17. | TRUE OR FALSE - On Christmas Eve 2001 The Bethlehem Hotel had 208 of its 210 rooms vacant? |  | TRUE |

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| 18. | The world record for te greatest number of Christmas Cards sent by one person is   1. 14,592 2. 38,297 3. 62,824 |  | c.62,824 |
| 19. | Following a successful ‘Kentucky for Christmas’ campaign in 1947 many Japanese now traditionally eat KFC on Christmas Day. How far in advance must meals be ordered? |  | 2 months |
| 20. | TRUE OR FALSE – Many parts of the Christmas Tree can be eaten – the needles are a good source of vitamin C |  | TRUE |
| 21. | What is the record number of sprouts eaten in one minute? |  | 31 |
| 22. | TRUE OR FALSE – The first artificial Christmas tree was made from goose feathers dyed green? |  | TRUE |
| 23. | Which king appeared on the first Christmas Stamps, issued in 1963 |  | Good King Wenceslas |
| 24. | TRUE OR FALSE – Donald Trump appeared in Home Alone 2? |  | TRUE |
| 25. | TRUE OR FALSE - Christmas Pudding was originally a soup made with raisins and wine? |  | TRUE |