

The Answers

to the Courthouse 2020 Family Christmas Quiz

Question 1	Name five of Santa's Reindeer ?
	Rudolph, Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Donner, Blitzen, Vixen, Cupid, Comet
Question 2	How is Ilex used at Christmas ?
	Ilex is the botanical name for Holly, so it is used in decorations.
Question 3	The Nativity story tells that there were three Kings bringing presents to baby Jesus. Can you name the three Kings ? Can you name the three gifts ?
	The three Kings were Casper, Balthazar, and Melchior who brought gifts of Gold Frankincense and Myrrh
Question 4	Who introduced the Christmas Tree into our Christmas celebrations ?
	The introduction of this tradition is attributed to Prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria.
Question 5	When was the 25 th December first nominated as Christmas Day ? 273AD? 336AD? 510AD? 1550AD?
	Although there was a celebration of the winter solstice on 25th December in 273AD the first recorded date that Christians used this date to celebrate Christmas was in 336AD. This was during the reign of Constantine, the first Christian Roman Emperor.
Question 6	In which town was the baby Jesus born ?
	Bethlehem
Question 7	Why is Boxing Day called Boxing Day ?
	During the Victorian era the 'rich' used to give boxes of gifts to the 'poor'. The 26th December was traditionally a day off for servants when they went home to their families to share the boxed gifts. Hence Boxing Day
Question 8	Is the Yule Log:- a cake ? a wooden log ? a Christmas Diary ?
	Actually not a cake but traditionally a wooden log that was brought into the house and was large enough to burn for 12 days through Christmas.
Question 9	Can you identify the Christmas carols ? It all happened on the feast of Stephen? Shepherds sitting on the ground? It is quiet and dark ?
	Good King Wenceslas: While shepherds watched their flocks: Silent Night
Question 10	Give two other names for Father Christmas ?
	Santa Claus and St Nicholas
Question 11	What do you traditionally do 'Under the Mistletoe' ?
	Kiss !
Question 12	Who provides the Christmas Tree in Trafalgar Square, London each year ?
	The people of Norway give this as a gift for Britain's support to them during the second world war. They have done so each year since 1947
Question 13	What is the name of the ship that blew up in the Cromarty Firth on 30 th December 1913 ?
	HMS Natal
Question 14	In the song ' Twelve Days of Christmas' how many Pipers were piping ? How many geeses were laying ?
	11 Pipers piping and 6 geese a-laying

Question 15	<i>In which country is Bethlehem now ?</i>
	Palestine
Question 16	<i>What is the night before Christmas called ?</i>
	Christmas Eve
Question 17	<i>Where would you find Mistletoe ? In a warm colourful sock ? Growing in a tree ? Cooked in a Christmas Pudding ?</i>
	Growing in a tree
Question 18	<i>Solve these Christmas anagrams</i>
	ROSS SUPLET RUB = BRUSSEL SPROUTS; SLEINT = TINSEL; TRAVEL AND DANCE = ADVENT CALENDAR; MISIPENCE = MINCE PIES; SMATTER FASH RICH = FATHER CHRISTMAS
Question 19	<i>In what decade did Coca Cola start using Santa Claus in advertisements ?</i>
	1920's
Question 20	<i>Who created the first electric light Christmas display ?</i>
	Edward Johnson in 1882. Johnson was a partner of Edison who invented the light bulb. Johnson wired coloured lights together and wound them around his Christmas tree.

SOLUTION to the WORD PUZZLE

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S	H	E	R	I	F	F	G	I	M
T	A	F	M	T	B	L	A	N	O
A	P	R	I	S	O	N	E	R	C
T	H	G	R	U	B	L	L	E	D
E	B	A	U	P	F	O	L	S	E
C	L	O	C	K	S	L	A	O	B
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Well done if you got all the answers right.

A Very Happy New Year to you all