

## Themed Wednesday:

## Quiz 26:

## **Weather**

*Well here are the Answers to the Weather Quiz which I hope went down a storm!*

*Firstly, the answers to (allegedly) some straightforward questions relating to weather: I'm sure everyone learnt something.*

1. What is the line on a weather chart that joins places of equal pressure called? **Isobar**
2. What is the unit of measurement of wind speed? **Knot.....**
3. On the Beaufort scale of wind force what number is a "Storm"? **....10.....**
4. What is the circulating Atlantic Ocean current called that warms Western Europe? **Gulf Stream....**
5. What is a Haboob? **...A Sandstorm.....**
6. Who invented the mercury thermometer? **Daniel Gabriel Fahrenheit...(but Fahrenheit will do)....**
7. What were all girls names from 1953 to 1979 and thereafter alternating boys and girls names? **Tropical storms/hurricanes.....**
8. Okta is a measurement of what? **Cloud Cover.....**
9. The Bayeux Tapestry of the 1070's depicts a man installing a rooster weather vane on which building? **Westminster Abbey**
10. What was the name of the BBC Weatherman who predicted the Great Storm of 1987 was a false alarm? **Michael Fish.....**
11. In which month does winter begin in the Southern Hemisphere? **June.....**
12. What name is given to an area of high pressure which brings long spells of settled weather? **Anti-cyclone.....**
13. At what temperature is Centigrade equal to Fahrenheit? **- 40 (MINUS 40).....**
14. What weather feature can be ribbon, rocket, streak or sheet? **Lightning.....**
15. What does an anemometer measure? **Wind Speed.....**
16. What are the regions called either side of the equator where air pressure is low and the winds are light or non-existent? **Doldrums.....**
17. In which direction does a Katabatic wind blow? **Downhill/ down a slope..**
18. In Roman Mythology who forged the lightning bolts hurled by Jupiter? **Vulcan/Vulkan.....**
19. Which Car Company has produced cars called Bora, Scirocco, Passat, Jetta and Golf all named after winds? **VW (Volkswagen).....**
20. Who was the UK's longest serving female Weather Forecaster appearing on ITV for 24 years from 1990 to 2014? **Sian Lloyd.....**

*The next thirty questions are again all weather related but in this case the ANSWER contains a term relating to weather: this may be obvious as in “Film starring Dustin Hoffman” = RAINman or less so as in “Hopeful and confident” = optiMISTic.*

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| 21. Which film won the Best Picture Oscar in 1940?   | <b>Gone with the Wind</b>                       |
| 22. Name the 1971 Film starring and directed by Clint Eastwood?  | <b>Play Misty For Me..</b>                      |
| 23. He played Jack Regan in The Sweeney  | <b>John Thaw.....</b>                           |
| 24. Which character in “Animal Farm” is based on Leon Trotsky?   | <b>.....Snowball.....</b>                       |
| 25. Who was the first female presenter on BBC Radio One?   | <b>Annie Nightingale.....</b>                   |
| 26. Ted’s boats from 1976 and 1983.<br>Ted Heath).....   | <b>Morning Cloud...(yes it was</b>              |
| 27. Children’s novel by Kenneth Grahame first published in 1908  | <b>Wind in the Willows.....</b>                 |
| 28. Nickname of boxer Barry McGuigan?  | <b>The Clones Cyclone.....</b>                  |
| 29. And the nickname of another Irish Sport star, Snooker player Alex?   | <b>Hurricane (Higgins).....</b>                 |
| 30. 1988 Film adaption of Diane Fossey’s Autobiography?  | <b>Gorillas in the Mist.....</b>                |
| 31. Walter Dewhurst was better known as.... ?<br>Summer Wine).....   | <b>Foggy...(from Last of the</b>                |
| 32. Which band did Ringo Starr belong to before he joined the Beatles?   | <b>Rory Storm &amp; the<br/>Hurricanes.....</b> |
| 33. Sir Richard Burton and Albert Finney both played the same historical character in different versions of the same film. Which film?<br>played Winston Churchill)..... | <b>The Gathering Storm...(they both</b>         |
| 34. She was played by Honor Blackman in the Avengers.  | <b>Cathy Gale.....</b>                          |
| 35. Fairy Tale character who as of this week can no longer meet with all her male companions (personally I think Sneezy should be one to go!)                            | <b>Snow White.....</b>                          |
| 36. The organisation Father Jeff and his five sons work for<br>Rescue doesn’t have a weather term in it).....  | <b>Thunderbirds...(International</b>            |
| 37. First person to receive a Black card from Greggs?<br>Vegan sausage rolls for free for life which seems a bit cruel!).....  | <b>Stormzy...(apparently he gets</b>            |
| 38. Model Village built by Lever Brothers for their workers in the 19 <sup>th</sup> century  | <b>Port Sunlight.....</b>                       |
| 39. 1959 Film starring Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon?  | <b>Some Like It Hot.....</b>                    |
| 40. 1991 Military Operation designed to expel Iraq from Kuwait   | <b>..Desert Storm.....</b>                      |

*And the Answers to the Weather Related Song Title which are of some-one who had a hit with it in the year given:*

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| 41. Everly Brothers (1962)          | <b>I'll do my crying in the rain.....</b>      |
| 42. B J Thomas (1970)               | <b>Raindrops are falling on my head.....</b>   |
| 43. Donovan (1966)                  | <b>Sunshine Superman.....</b>                  |
| 44. Carole King (1962 and 1972)     | <b>It might as well rain until September..</b> |
| 45. Peter, Paul and Mary (1963)     | <b>Blowin' in the wind.....</b>                |
| 46. Electric Light Orchestra (1978) | <b>Mr Blue Sky.....</b>                        |
| 47. Elton John (1997)               | <b>Candle in the Wind.....</b>                 |
| 48. The Weather Girls (1983)        | <b>It's Raining Men.....</b>                   |
| 49. Foreigner (1978)                | <b>As Cold as Ice.....</b>                     |
| 50. T. Rex (1971)                   | <b>Hot Love.....</b>                           |

**And as a final thought a quote attributed to amongst others, Mark Twain: "Everybody complains about the weather but nobody does anything about it".**

**Have Fun: stay safe and stay sane!**

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