

Themed Wednesday:

Quiz 26:

Weather

Well after a couple of weeks on UK Towns and cities this week's theme is one the British (apparently) love to talk about – the Weather, but how much do you actually know about it?

As usual I'll send the answers out next Wednesday:

Firstly, some straightforward questions relating to weather:

1. What is the line on a weather chart that joins places of equal pressure called?
2. What is the unit of measurement of wind speed?
3. On the Beaufort scale of wind force what number is a “Storm”?
4. What is the circulating Atlantic Ocean current called that warms Western Europe?
5. What is a Haboob?
6. Who invented the mercury thermometer?
7. What were all girls names from 1953 to 1979 and thereafter alternating boys and girls names?
8. Okta is a measurement of what?
9. The Bayeux Tapestry of the 1070's depicts a man installing a rooster weather vane on which building?
10. What was the name of the BBC Weatherman who predicted the Great Storm of 1987 was a false alarm?
11. In which month does winter begin in the Southern Hemisphere?
12. What name is given to an area of high pressure which brings long spells of settled weather?
13. At what temperature is Centigrade equal to Fahrenheit?
14. What weather feature can be ribbon, rocket, streak or sheet?
15. What does an anemometer measure?
16. What are the regions called either side of the equator where air pressure is low and the winds are light or non-existent?
17. In which direction does a Katabatic wind blow?
18. In Roman Mythology who forged the lightning bolts hurled by Jupiter?
19. Which Car Company has produced cars called Bora, Scirocco, Passatt, Jetta and Golf all named after winds?
20. Who was the UK's longest serving female Weather Forecaster appearing on ITV for 24 years from 1990 to 2014?

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.

21. Which film won the Best Picture Oscar in 1940?
22. Name the 1971 Film starring and directed by Clint Eastwood?
23. He played Jack Regan in The Sweeney
24. Which character in “Animal Farm” is based on Leon Trotsky?
25. Who was the first female presenter on BBC Radio One?
26. Ted’s boats from 1976 and 1983.
27. Children’s novel by Kenneth Grahame first published in 1908
28. Nickname of boxer Barry McGuigan?
29. And the nickname of another Irish Sport star, Snooker player Alex?
30. 1988 Film adaption of Diane Fossey’s Autobiography?
31. Walter Dewhurst was better known as.... ?
32. Which band did Ringo Starr belong to before he joined the Beatles?
33. Sir Richard Burton and Albert Finney both played the same historical character in different versions of the same film. Which film?
34. She was played by Honor Blackman in the Avengers.
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!)
36. The organisation Father Jeff and his five sons work for
37. First person to receive a Black card from Greggs?
38. Model Village built by Lever Brothers for their workers in the 19th century.....
39. 1959 Film starring Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon?
40. 1991 Military Operation designed to expel Iraq from Kuwait

And for the music lovers amongst you, can you identify the Weather Related Song Title from the clues below which are of some-one who had a hit with it in the year given:

41. Everly Brothers (1962)
42. B J Thomas (1970)
43. Donovan (1966)

- 44. Carole King (1962 and 1972)
- 45. Peter, Paul and Mary (1963)
- 46. Electric Light Orchestra (1978)
- 47. Elton John (1997)
- 48. The Weather Girls (1983)
- 49. Foreigner (1978)
- 50. T. Rex (1971)

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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