

Canasta Quiz

1. What is the name of the British orchestra that was founded in 1904 and is commonly abbreviated to the LSO?
2. In the Channel 4 series, which Bolton nightclub was run by Brian Potter played by Peter Kay?
3. In which city could you visit theatres known as the Everyman, the Empire and the Epstein?
4. What title is given to the person who presides over a Parliamentary Election in a constituency and announces the number of votes cast?
5. Which sporting event started at 8pm local time on the 8th of August 2008, because eight is considered a lucky number in the host country?
6. Which best selling writer was formally a lawyer who served in the Mississippi House of Representatives from 1983 until 1990?
7. In geometry, what name is given to any four-sided plane figure in which the opposite sides are equal in length?
8. Martin Fry was the lead singer of which 1980s band from Sheffield whose hits include 'When Smokey Sings' and 'Poison Arrow'?
9. Rhea, Phoebe and Pandora are lesser moons of which planet of our solar system?
10. What is the average gestation period in days of an African elephant?
11. In which Dickens novel does the title character attend a boarding school called Dotheboys Hall?
12. Gunningham is widely believed to be the real surname of which street artist, better known by his nickname?
13. In the TV sit-com Fawlty Towers, who played the part of Polly?
14. In the Islamic faith, what name is given to the celebration at the end of Ramadan?
15. In 2004, as a result of the rise of the internet, which character became the first official new addition to the Morse code alphabet since World War 1?
16. There and Back Again is the subtitle of which work of 20th century literature?
17. Which word for a dockworker who loads and unloads ships comes from the Spanish for 'to stow a cargo'?
18. What sort of creature is Freddo in Cadbury's chocolate bar of that name?
19. Cheddar Gorge in Somerset is found in which range of hills?
20. What name is given to the process whereby skins and hides are converted into leather using chemical treatment?
21. The ski resort of Aviemore and the whisky-making village of Dalwhinnie are located in which national park?

22. What is Sir Elton John's middle name?
23. Brock is an old English name for which animal?
24. Urchin is a Middle English name for which animal?
25. What is the common name in Britain for the species of deer, 'alces alces', that is known in North America as the moose?

Answers

1. London Symphony Orchestra
2. Phoenix Club
3. Liverpool
4. Returning Officer
5. Beijing or 2008 Olympics
6. John Grisham
7. Parallelogram
8. ABC
9. Saturn
10. 645 (+ or - 30 days)
11. Nicholas Nickleby
12. Banksy
13. Connie Booth
14. Eid Al-Fitr
15. The sign '@'
16. The Hobbit
17. Stevedore
18. Frog
19. Mendips
20. Tanning
21. Cairngorms National Park
22. Hercules
23. Badger
24. Hedgehog
25. Elk