



November 2017 Mixed Bag Questions

1. Which of Hitchcock's leading ladies is Melanie Griffiths' mother?
2. What is the major difference between the structure of the Queensland parliament and those of the other five states of Australia?
3. In the musical story *Peter and the Wolf*, what did Peter do with the wolf after he caught him?
4. Which Elvis Presley hit was based on a German folk song?
5. Is the state of Victoria, Australia's area larger or smaller than that of the UK?
6. Was the wheelbarrow first invented in China, Egypt or Greece?
7. What is the greatest number of wickets taken by one bowler in a single cricket test match?
8. Which cartoon character does Gene Kelly famously dance with in the movie *Anchors Aweigh*?
9. North Americans call it a caribou. What do Europeans call it?
10. Which famous writer, archaeologist and soldier changed his name in 1927 and joined the Royal Air Force?

HARDER QUESTIONS:

11. What is the currency of
 - (a) Turkey
 - (b) Papua New Guinea
12. The USA purchased Alaska from Russia in 1867. What was the agreed price per acre?
13. In what year did Esso-BHP strike commercial quantities of natural gas in Bass Strait?
14. What is Canada's official animal emblem?
15. What is the English name for the vegetable which is aglio in Italian?
16. In Australian racing parlance, what is a superfecta?
17. *The colours chosen were red, white, blue, and black.* In the previous sentence the third comma is generally not used in written English, as it precedes the word "and" in a list and is therefore considered redundant. Which university is at the forefront of advocating that a comma SHOULD be used in this situation?
18. If a floor or surface is marmoreal what is it made of?
19. The purple colour of amethyst is due to trace amounts of what metal?
20. JPEG is the most widely used type of file for internet images. What does JPEG stand for?

ANSWERS:

1. Tippi Hedren
2. Queensland's parliament only has one house. The others have two
3. Took him to the Zoo
4. *Wooden Heart*
5. Slightly smaller
6. China (about 200 AD)
7. 19 (of a possible 20. Jim Laker, playing for England against Australia, 1956)
8. Jerry the Mouse
9. Reindeer
10. T.E. Lawrence / Lawrence of Arabia

HARDER:

11. (a) New Turkish Lira; (b) Kina
12. 2 cents
13. 1965
14. The beaver
15. garlic
16. A bet which requires a punter to select the first four horses to cross the finish line in the exact order.
17. Oxford
18. Marble
19. Iron
20. Joint Photographics Expert Group