



## February 2018 Mixed Bag Questions

1. What was the pen-name of children's author Theodore Geisel?
2. Isaac Newton studied and wrote millions of words on various topics. What did he consider to be his most important field of study: Economics, religion or Science?
3. Which animal was voted most popular film performer of 1926?
  - (a) Lassie
  - (b) Rin Tin Tin
  - (c) Mickey Mouse as "Steamboat Willie"
4. In which sea are the Cayman Islands?
5. On which peninsula are Bulgaria and mainland Greece?
6. Which European capital is known as "The City of Lights?"
7. Who Am I?

I was a British naval administrator and member of Parliament in the second half of the seventeenth century. My detailed and extensive private diaries, published after my death have provided great insights into London society and eyewitness accounts of such events as the Plague and Great Fire of London.
8. What Soviet leader trained to be a priest?
9. What Broadway musical, later a film introduced the song Some Enchanted Evening?
10. What is the square root of one quarter?

### HARDER QUESTIONS:

11. At what sporting event in Israel in 1997 did four Australian athletes meet their death, and how did they die?
12. Who Am I?

- I am a world-famous Australian Jazz musician born in 1928.

- I have MBE and AO after my name and I was added to Australia's 100 Living Treasures in 1988.
- I was the first Australian Jazz musician to achieve a gold record.
- I play saxophone, clarinet and flute.
- Though I've played with big names all over the world, I am best known for performing with the quartet which bears my name, and with guitarist George Golla.

13. According to the Flat Earth Society, what geographical feature marks the centre of the world?

14. What former champion tennis player's surname means "She Who Returns" in her native language?

15. What item is called "Le Royale" in French restaurants?

16. The ancient Egyptians were known to have made a paste consisting of honey, soda and crocodile dung. What was it used for?

17. Isaac Hayes, who provided the voice of Chef in South Park quit the show after nine seasons. What reason did he give?

18. In what sport did Australian Emma Snowsill win gold at the 2008 Olympic Games?

19. Who turned down the lead role in the TV series of Gunsmoke because he didn't want to be type-cast as a cowboy?

20. What game is the French sport of petanque (pet-ARNKH) similar to?

ANSWERS:

1. Dr Seuss
2. Religion
3. (b) Rin Tin Tin
4. Caribbean
5. Balkan
6. Paris
7. Samuel Pepys (pronounced Peeps)
8. Stalin
9. South Pacific

10. One half

HARDER:

11. Maccabean games. Drowned when a bridge into the stadium collapsed.

12. Don Burrows

13. The North Pole

14. Martina Navratilova

15. The McDonald's Big Mac

16. a contraceptive

17. Offensive content. (He's a Scientologist and they satirised Scientology)

18. Triathlon

19. John Wayne

20. Bowls or Bocce