



April 2018 Mixed Bag Questions

1. Name the four states of the USA that begin with "I".
2. Write four one-word anagrams of the word "CRETAN"
3. In which sport do you find a **pelleton**?
4. Is it legal or illegal for young children to ride bicycles on the footpath in Victoria Australia?
5. Is a **canard**
 - (a) a lie
 - (b) another word for a duck
 - (c) an aeroplane with the propeller in the back
 - (d) all of the above?
6. Who Am I?
 - I was born on the 4th of June in 1927 in London.
 - I am a character actor.
 - I began my long and busy TV career in 1959.
 - My last TV appearance was in 2005, in which I played the lead role of Lionel Hardcastle for the last time in the Reunion Special of *As Time Goes By*
7. a. Which two books in The Bible are named for women?
b. Of those, which one does not mention God?
8. How many times was **Johnny Farnham** consecutively named Australia's "**King of Pop**"; three, four or five?
9. Which **M*A*S*H** TV series regular was played by **William Christopher**?
10. When Canadian singer **Celine Dion** won the 1988 **Eurovision** song contest singing in French, which country was she representing?

HARDER QUESTIONS:

11. Is a **plantain** most closely related to a banana, a grape, a pineapple, a sweet potato or a melon?
12. How many dimples are there on a regulation golf ball?
13. Name the first three European ship's captains known to have sighted the Australian mainland. Hint: They were all Dutch.
14. What is the origin of the term **Rastafarian**?
15. Which actual castle was used for the setting of **Hogwarts School** in the *Harry Potter* series of films?
16. What popular food takes its name from the Italian for 'twine'?
17. Which real bird was mythically thought to sing before it died?
18. In what year was **Dr Harold Shipman** sentenced to life in prison in the UK for murder of at least 15 of his patients out of 365 suspected victims?
19. Which unpopular parson was "moonied" by three hundred female convicts in Tasmania in 1838?
20. Whose début album *Ten Good Reasons* was one of the highest-selling albums of 1989 in the UK?

ANSWERS:

1. Idaho, Illinois, Indiana Iowa
2. CANTER, TRANCE, NECTAR and RECANT; but also CARNET (pronounced *car-nay*), a word of French origin but used internationally to signify a customs and temporary export-import document.
3. Road cycling
4. It's been legal since 1999 for children under 12. Australia Post personnel also have the right to ride bicycles or small motorcycles on the footpath while delivering mail providing they do not exceed a certain speed.
5. (d) all of the above
6. Geoffrey Palmer
7. a. Ruth and Esther b. Esther
8. Five
9. Lieutenant (later Captain) William Francis Mulcahey a.k.a Father Mulcahey
10. Switzerland

HARDER:

11. Banana
12. 336
13. Willem Jansz (1606), Dirk Hartog (1616) and Frederick de Houtman (1619)
14. The religion of Rastafarianism venerates the former Emperor of Ethiopia Haille Selassie. "Ras" means a duke or prince, while "Tafari Makonen" was Haille Selassie's name prior to becoming emperor.
15. Alnwick Castle, Northumberland UK
16. spaghetti
17. Swan (hence, "Swansong")
18. 2000
19. The Reverend William Bedford
20. Jason Donovan