

SPECIAL May 2020 – PUZZLES No 25 (Nearest the Pin)

This set has twenty-five questions:

- that have numbers as answers
- that cover a wide range of topics
- that may not fall into the category of “Common”, “Essential” or even “General” Knowledge.

Ideally it should be tackled by two or more people in competition. The person who guesses closest to the correct answer gets the point for that question, and the winner is the person who accrues the most points over all.

Suggestion: Provide a copy of this first page to every competitor. Apply a strict time limit (5 minutes), no Googling.

The lowest point in the Marianas Trench (metres below sea level)	
The % of the Earth’s surface covered by Australian air traffic control	
The number of English monarchs who are buried at Westminster Abbey	
The number of episodes of the original <i>Star Trek</i> TV series	
The number of pages in the first printed book of <i>Gone With the Wind</i>	
Of the ten countries with the best air quality, how many are in Africa?	
The number of patents held by Thomas Edison during his lifetime	
The maximum weight in grams of an épée in Olympic fencing	
Lieutenant Columbo’s badge number	
The number of member states of The United Nations	
Of George Burns’s 21 films, the time elapsed between the 13 th and 14 th	
The number of plays attributed to William Shakespeare	
The name of car maker Isuzu translates to how many bells in Japanese?	
The number of letters in the Thai alphabet	
The price the original <i>American Pie</i> song manuscript fetched at auction	
The number of privately owned Bathing Boxes on Brighton Beach (Vic)	
The max. fine for crossing rail tracks in Victoria when the boom is down	
The number of species of butterfly thought to exist (nearest thousand)	
The record number of successful catches of a ball by a dog in one minute	
The record time for the 100 metre egg-and-spoon race, set in 2014	
Yearly average no. Letters to Santa in Lapland received by Finnish Post	
The record weight in grams for a Goliath bird-eating spider	
The year the harmonica was invented	
Record altitude in metres for a wedding ceremony (Five couples, 2013)	

(Answers are on the next page)

The lowest point in the Marianas Trench (metres below sea level)	10,900
The % of the Earth's surface covered by Australian air traffic control	11%
The number of English monarchs who are buried at Westminster Abbey	17
The number of episodes of the original <i>Star Trek</i> TV series	79
The number of pages in the first printed book of <i>Gone With the Wind</i>	1,037
Of the ten countries with the best air quality, how many are in Africa?	9
The number of patents held by Thomas Edison during his lifetime	1,039
The maximum weight in grams of an épée in Olympic fencing	770
Lieutenant Columbo's badge number	235
The number of member states of The United Nations	193
Of George Burns's 21 films, the time elapsed between the 13 th and 14 th	36 years
The number of plays attributed to William Shakespeare	37
The name of car maker Isuzu translates to how many bells in Japanese?	50
The number of letters in the Thai alphabet	76 (36 are vowels)
The price the original <i>American Pie</i> song manuscript fetched at auction	\$1,200,000
The number of privately owned Bathing Boxes on Brighton Beach (Vic)	82
The max. fine for crossing rail tracks in Victoria when the boom is down	\$3,033
The number of species of butterfly thought to exist (nearest thousand)	15,000
The record number of successful catches of a ball by a dog in one minute	14
The record time for the 100 metre egg-and-spoon race, set in 2014	16.9 s
Yearly average no. Letters to Santa in Lapland received by Finnish Post	550,000
The record weight in grams for a Goliath bird-eating spider	170
The year the harmonica was invented	1821
Record altitude in metres for a wedding ceremony (Five couples, 2013)	14,000