

## ***SPECIAL July 2020 – PUZZLES Number 9 - QUIRKY QUIZ***

1. What do The Pearl, Wotan and Old Rowley have in common?
2. Name the only country represented in the West Indies cricket team which is not an island nation.
3. What term is said to originate with the man who spied on Lady Godiva?
4. In moving from TV to film, The Addams Family gained an extra son. His name?
5. What colour is caffeine?
6. Which city changed its name to "Middle Earth" in December 2001?
7. True or false? In New Zealand, it is possible to get milk from Bulls.
8. Do zebras have white stripes on black, or black stripes on white?
9. Which one of these five actresses used her real name as her screen name: Rita Hayworth, Joan Crawford, Jean Harlow, Mae West, Lauren Bacall
10. What instrument of the modern orchestra can play the lowest note?
11. For what invention is Dr Cyril Callister mainly remembered?
12. True or false? Dolphins sleep with both eyes open.
13. Peladophobia is a fear of: (a) bald people (b) dolphins (c) sleeping in or oversleeping
14. True or false? The Loch Ness Monster is a protected animal under Scottish law.
15. True or False? Japan renamed an industrial town "Usa" so that it could legitimately label its exported products "Made In USA".
16. To the nearest whole number, what is the average number of peas in a pod?
17. Males of Australia's Bower Bird species collect a wide variety of objects to decorate a nest and attract a mate. What colour is preferred?
18. Who was the only American President who did not belong to a political party?
19. Apart from deities or The Virgin Mary, which actual person is represented in most statues?
20. What unique historical distinction does Nicholas Breakespeare have?
21. What was unusual about the trial of Pope Formosus?
22. What did stylites do?

23. How many eyelids does a camel have?
24. What percentage of their life cycle do plague locusts spend as adults?
25. According to a Telstra report in 2009, which specific kind of accident accounts for the writing-off of most written-off mobile phones?
26. The chocolate and malt based drink Milo is an Australian invention. However 90% of all the World's Milo is drunk in which one other country?
27. At what time does the daily Changing of the Guard ceremony at Buckingham Palace commence?
28. Who is the only person named in Australia's national anthem?
29. Why are ferrules more frequently seen in wet weather?
30. Which city in Iran gave its name to a kind of red wine?
31. What Swedish village has given its name to four of the 92 natural chemical elements?
32. The last country on earth to be connected by telephone was Bhutan. In what year?
33. Once a live cockroach's head is carefully removed,
  - (a) How long can it survive; 2 days, 2 weeks or 2 months?
  - (b) What will be the likeliest cause of its death?
34. Minties, the iconic Australian lolly (sweet / candy) was invented in which decade?
35. Which continent experiences the fewest thunderstorms?
36. What kind of men's hat, banned in Turkey in 1925, takes its name from a town in Morocco?
37. Kenneth Bruce Gorelick, 66, is a multi-million selling recording artist better known by what name?
38. What nickname do English cricketers give to the score of 111?
39. How many species of alligator live in Australia's Alligator River?
40. According to a 2007 study by the World Resources Institute, (and more recently confirmed) which country has the highest per capita consumption of coffee?
41. To what colour are mosquitos most attracted?
42. True or false? The female canary sings with a higher pitch than the male.
43. Approximately what percentage of applicants pass the Australian Citizenship Test on the first or second try?
44. In the 2001 Census, approximately how many Australians gave their religion as Jedi?

45. The three animals shown here are, in no particular order are a fossa, a boodie and a tuco-tuco. Which is which?



a

b

c

46. What is the first name of Prince, a.k.a. *The artist formerly known as Prince*?

47. What form of art does Christo practice?

48. What connects all these symbols?



49. In a normal year, in how many months of the year will snow fall on Australia's Mount Kosciusko?

50. How many noses does a slug have?

*(Answers begin next page)*

# ANSWERS

1. They're the three 100:1 winners of the Melbourne Cup so far
2. Guyana
3. Peeping Tom
4. Pubert
5. White
6. Auckland (for one week)
7. True (Bulls is a town midway between Wellington and Auckland)
8. White stripes on black
9. Mae West
10. Piano
11. Vegemite
12. False: They sleep with one eye open at a time.
13. (a) bald people
14. True
15. False (it's a very popular urban myth)
16. 8
17. Blue
18. George Washington
19. Joan of Arc (There are 40,000 in France alone)
20. He was the only English pope
21. He was dead. His successor exhumed him in order to put him on trial.
22. Live on top of pillars
23. Six (three for each eye)
24. Less than 1%
25. Leaving the phone on a car roof then driving off
26. Malaysia
27. 11:27 a.m.
28. James Cook: *When gallant Cook from Albion sailed* (Verse 2, line 1)
29. A ferrule is the cap of an umbrella
30. Shiraz

31. Ytterby: yttrium (Y), ytterbium (Yb), erbium (Er) and terbium (Tb)
32. 1981
33. (a) two weeks (b) starvation
34. 1920s
35. Thunderstorms in **Antarctica** are very rare
36. Fez
37. Kenny G
38. "Nelson"
39. None, but there are plenty of crocodiles.
40. Finland
41. Red
42. False: Female canaries don't sing
43. 97%
44. 70,000
45. a. tuco-tuco b. boodie c. fossa
46. Prince
47. Wrapping things
48. Each stands for a unit of currency
49. 12
50. 4