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## GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ 2008 – 2009

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**Closing date for entries 26<sup>th</sup> January 2009**

**Winners notified by 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2009**

**Send entries to the Promoter: Rotarian Mike Crockett, Mela, 23 Apple Grove, Christchurch, Dorset, BH23 2HG.**  
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**If you require your entry returned with answers & winners details –please enclose SAE or send email address**

Name/Address/Phone No of Entrant .....

Answer **A, B or C**

1	The River Rhone flows through three countries: Germany, Switzerland and what?	A France	B Netherlands	C Belgium
2	In medieval times, what were a man's destrier and a woman's palfrey?	A Servant	B Coat of arms	C Horse
3	Who was the first Scottish band ever to top the UK charts?	A Middle of the Road	B Marmalade	C Bay City Rollers
4	How many plagues were sent to punish the ancient Egyptians?	A 4	B 10	C 12
5	What name is given to plants that flower year after year?	A Perennials	B Annuals	C Hardy annuals
6	What is the longest river in the British Isles?	A Thames	B Shannon	C Clyde
7	The daughter of singing star Don Everly married another singer in 1990; who?	A Michael Stipe	B Jon Bon Jovi	C Axl Rose
8	What book of the Bible comes after Genesis?	A Deuteronomy	B Numbers	C Exodus
9	What would a fletcher's profession have been?	A Making barrels	B Butchery	C Making arrows
10	What king led the English army to a stunning victory against the French at Agincourt in 1415?	A Henry VI	B Henry V	C Henry IV
11	In the movie <i>Invasion Of The Body Snatchers</i> how do the aliens plan to take over the earth?	A By replacing people with replicants	B By controlling people's minds	C By wiping people out with a lethal organism
12	Who are known as oppidans?	A Eton pupils	B First-time MPs	C Candidates for the priesthood
13	What Danish expression is the word Lego a contraction of?	A I Play	B Play Well	C Build & Play
14	Who was the second president of the United States?	A George Washington	B Thomas Jefferson	C John Adams
15	What is a Capuchin?	A A large coffee	B A Monk	C A bell-tower
16	If an American was described as having bangs, what might you expect to see on their head?	A Bruises	B A fringe	C Big ears
17	Which of the three Canadian prairie provinces is furthest west?	A Alberta	B Manitoba	C Saskatchewan
18	When does a ship fly the Blue Peter signal flag?	A About to leave port	B About to stop	C About to do a 360 degree turn
19	What did the 1829 Emancipation Act let Catholics do?	A Become MPs	B Vote	C Worship
20	Who was the first team to win the first-ever Football league in 1889?	A Sunderland	B Preston North End	C Everton
21	Income Tax was first introduced in Britain to finance what war?	A Boer War	B Napoleonic Wars	C American War of 1812
22	What was Yuri Gagarin first to do?	A First to orbit earth	B First in space	C First to walk in space
23	What country left the Commonwealth in 1949?	A Ethiopia	B India	C Ireland
24	What is the name of Cindy doll's boyfriend?	A Ken	B Paul	C Richard
25	Who said, 'When I'm caught between two evils, I take the one I've never tried'?	A Mae West	B Oscar Wilde	C Lord Byron
26	How many yards are there in a chain?	A 100	B 22	C 4
27	What is the monarch's official residence in Scotland?	A Balmoral	B Edinburgh Castle	C Palace of Holyroodhouse
28	What does the Welsh word 'Eisteddfod' actually mean?	A Performance	B Sitting	C Music
29	If you are a batologist what would you be a specialist in the study of?	A Bats	B Baits for fishing	C Brambles
30	What is the second largest city in the Republic of Ireland?	A Galway	B Cork	C Limerick
31	What year was Concorde's maiden commercial flight?	A 1972	B 1974	C 1976
32	What is golfer Tiger Woods' real first name?	A Caleb	B Eldrick	C Timothy
33	In what year did underground trains first operate in London?	A 1863	B 1875	C 1882
34	Where does the partner of London's Cleopatra's Needle stand?	A Alexandria in Egypt	B Paris	C New York
35	What language did Jesus Christ speak?	A Hebrew	B Aramaic	C Yiddish
36	Raleigh is the capital of what American state?	A Virginia	B North Carolina	C Massachusetts
37	How many times has Severiano Ballesteros won the Open golf championship?	A 1	B 2	C 3
38	What major British town did the Romans call Eboracum?	A Edinburgh	B York	C Ipswich
39	When was the £2 coin first introduced into Britain?	A 1997	B 1998	C 1999

40	The Berlin wall came down in 1989; how long (to the nearest year) did it stand?	A 44 years	B 29 years	C 36 years
41	Why was it said that buttons were added to the cuffs of British Army uniforms in the 19 <sup>th</sup> century?	A So soldiers could see each other more easily	B So they would look smart	C So they wouldn't wipe their noses on their sleeves
42	Which Beatle was first to have a solo number 1 hit?	A George Harrison	B John Lennon	C Paul McCartney
43	Who was the first member of the <i>East Enders</i> cast to have a top 10 hit?	A Nick Berry	B Wendy Richards	C Anita Dobson
44	If someone has a fear of God, what are they said to suffer from?	A Theophobia	B Godophobia	C Deiophobia
45	What company issued the first-ever general credit card?	A American Express	B Barclays Bank	C Diners Club
46	What does a deltiologist collect?	A Stamps	B Postcards	C Phone cards
47	In what North American city is the Space Needle?	A Toronto	B Seattle	C Vancouver
48	In what decade did France officially abolish the guillotine?	A 1980s	B 1960s	C 1950s
49	What was Peter Stuyvesant famed for in America?	A Founding a cigarette company	B Governing New Amsterdam	C Captaining the Mayflower
50	How many revolutions were in Russia in 1917?	A 1	B 2	C 4
51	After 7, what is the next prime number up?	A 9	B 11	C 13
52	Whose last words were reported to have been, 'Be British'?	A Nelson	B Captain Scott	C The Captain of the Titanic
53	What type of fruit is ananas?	A Mango	B Banana	C Pineapple
54	What was the German codename for their invasion of the Soviet Union in 1941?	A Barbarossa	B Attila	C Napoleon
55	How many litres of air does a fit, healthy adult inhale with each breath?	A 1	B 2	C 4
56	How many species of bat are there in Britain?	A 8	B 16	C 28
57	What century did the Saxons settle in England?	A Fourth	B Fifth	C Sixth
58	If music is to be played pianissimo, how should it be played?	A Very loudly	B Very softly	C With sudden force
59	What Midwestern US state is the city of Des Moines in?	A Nebraska	B Iowa	C Wisconsin
60	If you sold your bonham in Ireland, what would you have just done?	A Sold a piglet	B Given away all your money	C Vowed to stop drinking
61	In what film did John Travolta play Danny Zucco?	A <i>Saturday Night Fever</i>	B <i>Grease</i>	C <i>Pulp Fiction</i>
62	What happened to the original glass-and-metal Alexandra Palace?	A It burned down	B It fell down	C It was closed down
63	What two countries does the Brenner Pass link?	A Germany and Switzerland	B Italy and Switzerland	C Italy and Austria
64	Where is Disneyland?	A Paris	B Florida	C California
65	In what year did driving licenses become compulsory in Britain?	A 1903	B 1923	C 1943
66	How many eyes did the mythical creature Cyclops have?	A 1	B 2	C 3
67	What is the last letter of the ancient Greek alphabet?	A Zeta	B Omega	C Upsilon
68	Who composed the <i>Unfinished Symphony</i> ?	A Schubert	B Schumann	C Brahms
69	If you were chatting online, how would something hilarious make you feel?	A GTG	B PMFJI	C ROTFL
70	Who was the historical figure Salazar?	A A Muslim leader against the Crusaders	B A Portuguese right-wing dictator	C A powerful Arab court conjurer and sorcerer
71	Which was the only year that Wales qualified for the World Cup finals?	A 1954	B 1958	C 1972
72	In Roman numerals, how would you express the number 2003?	A MCIII	B MMIII	C MDIII
73	On what date does the feast of St Nicholas traditionally fall?	A 6 <sup>th</sup> December	B 25 <sup>th</sup> December	C 6 <sup>th</sup> January
74	Which book does the Cheshire Cat appear in?	A <i>The Wind In The Willows</i>	B <i>Alice's Adventures In Wonderland</i>	C <i>The Water Babies</i>
75	In bookmaker's slang, how much is a monkey?	A £50	B £500	C £5000
76	Where were the Commonwealth Games held in 1998?	A Kuala Lumpur	B Edinburgh	C Sydney
77	Brass is made of two metals; one is copper what is the other?	A Nickel	B Tin	C Zinc
78	In which African country is Timbuktu?	A Sudan	B Nigeria	C Mali
79	What is said to be the oldest university in the world?	A Paris	B Salamanca	C Bologna
80	If you throw two dice, what number are you more likely to get than any other?	A Ten	B Seven	C Four