

# QUIZWISE

40 General Knowledge Questions - Sample Quiz

- 1 ANAGRAM** Which Oscar winning actress **OTHERWISE REOPENS** **Reese Witherspoon**
- In which London park would you find Rotten Row? **Hyde Park**
- Which Oscar winning actor hosted a fund raising telethon in the USA for the victims of the Haiti earthquake? **George Clooney**
- In May 2009, Millvina Dean died aged 97. She was the last survivor of which historic event? **The sinking of the Titanic**
- Who played Eccles in The Goon Show? **Spike Milligan**
- Which 1978 British movie has a famous scene where the main character, played by Robert Powell, hangs from the arms of Big Ben? **The 39 Steps**
- Which chemical compound makes up most of the human body? **Water**
- Who the last Stuart Monarch of Great Britain? **Queen Anne**
- Which singers UK chart debut was in 1971 with "Your Song"? **Elton John**
- Which former Eastender's first novel 'Devil To Pay', set in Afghanistan, will be released in July this year? **Ross Kemp**
- In which ocean was the Marie Celeste found adrift in 1872? **Atlantic**
- Who was the UK Champion Flat Racing Jockey from 1964 to 1971? **Lester Piggott**
- Two separate TV programmes have been based around buildings called 'The Beeches' and 'The Mill' with which profession are they associated? **Medical/Doctors** They are the surgeries in Peak Practice and Doctors.
- Which group were wrongly named the 'Best International Group' at January's NRJ Awards in Cannes? **Black Eyed Peas**
- Which item of makeup is named after a region of Algeria? **Mascara**
- Which actress, who has starred in all of the Harry Potter films, is the mother of the actor Toby Stephens? **(Dame) Maggie Smith**
- Who was the substitute that scored the goal in the 88th minute that sent Derby County into the 5th round of the FA Cup? **Jay McEveley**
- In the Bible, which book of the Old Testament has the most chapters? **Psalms**
- Which Hollywood actor was the late Jean Simmons first husband? **Stewart Grainger**
- Which of the following 3 events happened on **This Day in History**. A bonus point if you can name the year.  
A. The space shuttle Columbia breaks up on re-entry.  
B. Ayatollah Khomeini returns to Iran after 15 years in exile.  
C. The IRA launches a mortar attack on 10 Downing Street during a cabinet meeting. **Correct Ans: C, The year is 1991.** The others both happened on February 1st: A in 2003 and B in 1979

- 21 Who played the part of Indiana Jones' father in the film "The Last Crusade"?
- 22 What type of vegetable are 'King of the Ridge' and 'Tokyo Slicer'?
- 23 Which player retired hurt, allowing Andy Murray to reach the semi-finals of the Australian Open?
- 24 Which British female artist released the UK number one album 'It's Not Me, It's You' in February 2009?
- 25 Which Blue Peter presenter is currently trying to become the first woman to kayak down the Amazon river?
- 26 How did two swans surprise the keepers at the 'Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust' in Gloucestershire last week?
- 27 Which ska bands only British No.1 hit single was in 1982 with "House Of Fun"?
- 28 Nicholas Lyndhurst recently played his father in 'Rock & Chips', the prequel to 'Only Fools & Horses'. What was his character's name?
- 29 What is the last possible date that this years UK General Election can be held on?
- 30 Steve Backley and Fatima Whitbread competed for Great Britain in which athletics event?
- 31 Which of the Bronte sisters wrote the novel 'Wuthering Heights'?
- 32 Which popular TV programme did 'Sting', the lead singer of 'The Police', describe last year as 'Televised Karaoke'?
- 33 In which American state does the San Andreas Fault predominantly lie?
- 34 Lacey Turner won the award for 'Best Performance in a Serial Drama' at the recent National Television Awards. What character does she play in 'Eastenders'?
- 35 **DOUBLE TROUBLE**  
Which European is one of only two players to win the FIFA 'World Footballer of the Year' award three times, winning in 1998, 2000 and 2003?
- 36 By what name are the flowers of the willow tree known?
- 37 With which family does Paddington Bear live?
- 38 With which 1970's TV character do you associate the phrase 'We're doomed', said in a Scottish accent?
- 39 Who won the Lakeside World Championship Darts title in January 2010?
- 40 **In which year did the following events take place:**  
Cilla Black is at No. 1 in the UK charts for 4 weeks with 'You're my World'.  
Ian Smith is appointed Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia.  
James Bond author Ian Flemming dies.  
The Oscar winning film 'My Fair Lady' is released in the UK.
- Sean Connery**
- Cucumber**
- Rafael Nadal**
- Lily Allen**
- Helen Skelton**
- They got divorced/came back with new partners. (Swans usually mate for life)**
- Madness**
- Freddie the Frog (Accept Fred/Freddie Robdal)**
- 3rd June**
- Javelin**
- Emily**
- X Factor**
- California**
- Stacey Slater/Branning**
- Zinedine Zidane**
- Catkins**
- (Mr & Mrs) Brown**
- Private James Frazer (Dad's Army)**
- Martin Adams**
- 1964**