

Round 1 – Quizmaster’s Choice – ‘Not what it seems’

As the title suggests, this round gives me the chance to put some unusual questions to you. This month I’ve chosen ‘Not what it seems’ as the theme, so this is a selection of questions to which *logic* says the answers should be obvious, but that’s not always the case.....

1. The lead in a pencil is made of what?
2. From what animal is catgut usually made?
3. A horned toad is not a toad at all – what type of creature is it?
4. What type of tree is a Douglas Fir?
5. What is a titmouse?
6. From which Country do Panama hats originate?
7. In which country was the game of Chinese Checkers invented?
8. A koala bear is not a bear – what type of animal is it?

Round 2 – Letter Link

This round consists of 8 general knowledge questions where the last letter of the answer to question 1 will be the same as the first letter of the answer to question 2, and the final letter of the answer to question 2 will be the same as the first letter of the answer to question 3 and so on so forth down the 8 questions. When you get to question 8, the final letter of that answer will be the same as the first letter to the answer to question 1, thus completing the link.

- 1 Which English author created the priest-detective 'Father Brown'? (Initials and surname required)
- 2 How many moons does the planet Venus have?
- 3 What is the name of the character played by Tom Cruise in the 'Mission Impossible' films? (first name and surname required)
- 4 In which Shakespearean play does the character of Malvolio appear?
- 5 In which Country was the renowned cricketer Brian Lara born?
- 6 In which English county is Blenheim Palace?
- 7 What is the fifth letter of the Greek alphabet?
- 8 What name is given to the technique of passing the ball through a player's legs in football?

Round 3 – Sum total

In this round all the answers are numbers and the 'sum total' of your 8 answers should be 2,317

- 1 How many players, in total, may be on the court during a game of basketball?
- 2 What is the shortest distance of a competitive swimming race?
- 3 Which number wife of Henry VIII was Katharine Parr?
- 4 In which year did Tony Blair become Prime Minister of the UK?
(4-digit answer)
- 5 How many degrees does each numbered section of a dartboard measure?
- 6 The French number 'neuf' is what in English?
- 7 How many squares are there on a standard Scrabble board?
- 8 A United States President may be elected for a maximum of how many terms?

Round 4 – Connection

This round consists of 7 general knowledge questions where the answers all have a common connection. For question 8 you simply have to work out what the connection is between the previous 7 answers. All your answers should obviously fit the connection; if you find yourself looking at an answer that doesn't obviously fit the connection then it's either very obscure or, more likely, you've got the wrong answer and you'll need a bit of a re-think!

- 1 In the song by Michael Jackson, what type of creature was Ben?
- 2 In the famous poem by William Blake which type of creature was:
..... *burning bright in the forests of the night*,
- 3 Which surname was shared by both Peter and Brer?
- 4 If somebody heats up heroin and inhales the fumes they are said to be "chasing the *what*"?
- 5 What kind of "bite" is a mixture of Guinness and Cider?
- 6 Which type of animal has breeds known as bonnet, colobus and howler?
- 7 Which two letters precede the word *bridge* when describing graduates from England's two most famous universities?
- 8 What is the connection between the previous seven answers?