

General Knowledge Quiz – 30th April – ANSWERS

1. How many time zones are there in Russia? (11)
2. What's the national flower of Japan? (Cherry blossom)
3. How many stripes are there on the US flag? (13)
4. What's the national animal of Australia? (Red Kangaroo)
5. How many days does it take for the Earth to orbit the Sun? (365)
6. Which of the following empires had no written language: Incan, Aztec, Egyptian, Roman? (Incan)
7. Until 1923, what was the Turkish city of Istanbul called? (Constantinople)
8. What country has the most islands in the world? (Sweden, over 220,000!)
9. What's the smallest country in the world? (The Vatican)
10. What's the capital of Canada? (Ottawa)
11. Name the largest (not highest) mountain range in the world? (The Andes – 7000km long; 6962m high)
12. Where is the lowest natural place on planet Earth? (The Mariana Trench, 11,034m)
13. Name the longest river in the world? (The Nile, 6650km)
14. What is the slang name for New York City, used by locals? (Gotham)
15. Name the best-selling book series of the 21st century? (Harry Potter by J. K. Rowling)
16. Which language has the most words (according to dictionary entries)? (English, 200,000 words)
17. Which famous graffiti artist comes from Bristol? (Banksy)
18. Norwegian artist Edvard Munch is famous for painting which iconic piece? (The Scream)

19. Which artist painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in Rome? (Michelangelo)
20. What colour is most toilet paper in France? ANSWER: Pink
21. What was the first name of the Swedish inventor Nobel, who established the Nobel Prizes in 1895? ANSWER: Alfred
22. Samuel Ryder, of golf's Ryder Cup fame, originated the idea of selling what in 'penny packets'? ANSWER: Garden seeds
23. What was the occupation of Denzil in the sitcom *Only Fools and Horses*?
ANSWER: Lorry Driver
24. Which country's national day is celebrated the day after Scotland's Burns Night? ANSWER: Australia Day (26 January)
25. Which dinosaur with the name meaning 'roof lizard' is known for the rows of bony plates that rise from its back? ANSWER: Stegosaurus
26. Which English unlicensed boxer and actor was also known as 'The Guv'nor'?
ANSWER: Lenny McClean
27. The Iron Bridge, the first major bridge in the world to be made of cast iron, crosses which British river? ANSWER: River Severn
28. Which planet is the hottest in the Solar System? ANSWER: Venus
29. How's you Spanish? What is the Spanish word for hat? ANSWER: Sombrero
30. The Irish translation of "I told you I was ill" are carved into whose gravestone?
ANSWER: Spike Milligan's
31. How many blank tiles are there in the boardgame Scrabble? ANSWER: Two
32. The 'hallux' is what part of a person's body? ANSWER: Big toe
33. What is the last name of Rachel in the American sitcom *Friends*? ANSWER:
Green

34. What did Mr. Quayle and Mr. Block first open in March 1969 in Southampton?
ANSWER: The first B&Q store
35. The British one-pound coin was first introduced in April of which year?
ANSWER: 1983
36. Whose law states that: 'Anything that can go wrong will go wrong'? ANSWER:
Murphy's Law
37. What weapon was used to assassinate Leon Trotsky in Mexico City in August
1940? ANSWER: An ice pick or ice axe
38. In which city was Boris Johnson born? ANSWER: New York
39. Which association is most welly known for placing bibles in hotel rooms?
ANSWER: Gideons
40. The Radcliffe Camera is an iconic building in which British city? ANSWER:
Oxford
41. The "four great inventions" of ancient China were papermaking, gunpowder,
printing and what else? ANSWER: The compass
42. By what name do we better know the Gravelly Hill Interchange? ANSWER:
Spaghetti Junction
43. The title of which K.J. Alford military march gave its name to a well-known
golfing term? ANSWER: Colonel Bogey (the golfing term is 'bogey', which
means "one over par")
44. Which small flower, usually with 5 blue or purple petals, is associated with free
masonry and has the scientific name Myosotis? ANSWER: Forget-me-not
45. How many whacks did Lizzie Borden give her father? ANSWER: 41
46. Which month in the UK is the longest? ANSWER: October (31 days plus an
hour extra because the clocks go back)

47. The fictional islands of Lilliput and Skull Island are both supposedly located in which real ocean? ANSWER: Indian Ocean
48. Which British city elected the first ever Green Member of Parliament?
ANSWER: Brighton
49. Which actor of 11 *Carry On* films, was also nominated for an Academy Award for writing the lyrics to the song 'Georgy Girl'? ANSWER: Jim Dale
50. Which movie star entered a look-a-like contest about himself only to come 3rd in it? ANSWER: Charlie Chaplin.