

- (1) Which of these construction toys was invented first: Meccano, Lego or Stickle Bricks?

**Meccano.**

- (2) Raging Bull boxer Giacobbe Lamotta was more commonly known by what first name?

**Jake.**

- (3) Derived from a figure in Greek myth, what does the adjective 'daedal' mean: skilful, clumsy or old?

**Skilful.**

- (4) Before decimalisation, how many pennies were in a florin?

**24.**

- (5) The capital of which African country takes its name from a phrase meaning "hill of the impala": Uganda, Rwanda or Madagascar?

**Uganda. (Kampala)**

- (6) What type of creature is a Queensland groper?

**Fish.**

- (7) Which of these ancient people were NOT from the Balkan Peninsula: Etruscans, Illyrians or Thracians?

**Etruscans.**

- (8) The German Kaisers retained the title 'King of...' where?

**Prussia.**

- (9) Which European Ryder Cup golfer is nicknamed 'The Postman' because he always delivers: Justin Rose, Ian Poulter or Lee Westward?

**Ian Poulter.**

- (10) Gharial is a member of the crocodile family native to what continent?

**Asia.**

(11) Which of these alcoholic drinks is NOT made from white wine grapes: Armagnac, Cognac or Calvados?

**Calvados. (Apples)**

(12) Jim Laker was the first BBC Sports Personality of the Year from what sport?

**Cricket.**

(13) What is a defining characteristic of the monotreme order of mammals: they mate for life, they have nostrils or they lay eggs?

**They lay eggs.**

(14) The band Paper Lace won what talent contest in the 1970s?

**Opportunity Knocks.**

(15) In 1979, the parliament of the Isle of Man, the Tynwald, celebrated what anniversary: 250 years, 500 years or 1,000 years?

**1,000 years.**

(16) The chemical element named after Copernicus has what symbol?

**Cn.**

(17) Porteño is a nickname for an inhabitant of what South American city: Brasília, Buenos Aires or Bogotá?

**Buenos Aires.**

(18) A Jack Dempsey is a species of what creature?

**Fish.**

(19) Of the five original Nobel prizes, which one has been awarded the fewest times: medicine, literature or peace?

**Peace.**

(20) Name the ten elements with the letter 'P' in their chemical symbol?

**Lead, neptunium, palladium, phosphorus, platinum, plutonium, polonium, praseodymium, promethium & protactinium.**

- (21) The Song 'So This is Love' features in which 1950s Disney film?  
**Cinderella.**
- (22) The Woolsack in the House of Lords is covered in what colour cloth?  
**Red.**
- (23) Which singer launched the women's fragrance, Devil Woman?  
**Cliff Richard.**
- (24) What is the young of a bat called?  
**Pup.**
- (25) Adding what metal gives rose gold its colour?  
**Copper.**
- (26) All Australians are entitled to a free portrait of whom?  
**The King.**
- (27) What is the only Benelux country not to have hosted the Olympics?  
**Luxembourg.**
- (28) Who was Pope for only 33 days in the 1970s?  
**John Paul I.**
- (29) The term 'ophidian' refers to what reptiles?  
**Snakes.**
- (30) Plymouth is home to the oldest working distillery in England making what spirit?  
**Gin.**

- (31) Artist Frida Kahlo specialised in what paintings: still life, landscapes or self portraits?  
**Self portraits.**
- (32) Arctolatry is the worship of what animals?  
**Bears.**
- (33) Which animals mainly pollinate the plants that are used to make tequila: birds, bees or bats?  
**Bats.**
- (34) Victoria and what other Australian state were named in honour of Queen Victoria?  
**Queensland.**
- (35) A 1772 painting by George Stubbs is said to be one of the earliest depictions in Western art of which animal: kangaroo, duck-billed platypus or kiwi?  
**Kangaroo.**
- (36) What name did Captain Cook give to the islands now known as Tonga?  
**Friendly Islands.**
- (37) What does 'vituperative' mean: academic, advisory or abusive?  
**Abusive.**
- (38) What Norman Foster building is built on the former site of London's Baltic Exchange?  
**The Gherkin.**
- (39) Which battle took place almost exactly 600 years after Magna Carta was agreed: Somme, Trafalgar or Waterloo?  
**Waterloo. (1215 & 1815)**
- (40) Name the last ten cities to host the Eurovision Song Contest?  
**Basel, Malmö, Liverpool, Turin, Rotterdam, Tel Aviv, Lisbon, Kiev, Stockholm, Vienna.**