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Report & Answers

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There were only 118 entries for the quiz this time, 60 fewer than in 2019, but that is not surprising as there were fewer opportunities for sales, as social activities are still somewhat restricted (*e.g.* the Oldham Quiz League has been suspended for a second season) and many people are still working from home. It was therefore very pleasing to see when opening the envelopes that many of the regular competitors, both local and from further afield, some of whom have been tackling this quiz for over twenty years, had managed to track down an entry form.

But if numbers were low, the quality of the entries was very high, with 23 people successfully completing the quiz (four more than last time) and a further 22 making only one mistake. After a draw, the prize winners are:

1. (£50) C MELLOR, Bardsley, Oldham
2. (£35) R HALES, Ilfracombe, Devon (3rd 2018)
3. (£25) C HAMBLER, Newhey, Rochdale

Congratulations to all three and especially to our 1st prize winner who is a recent former student at Blue Coat and almost certainly our youngest ever winner. All three of the prize winners have been regular contenders in recent years.

Of the other twenty who scored 100, only four are newcomers while three are previous winners: J BAKER (Chesterfield), C BOYLE (Diggle), the BRIERLEY family (Stalybridge), K BROOK (Slaithwaite), R BUTLIN (Wellingborough), A BUTTERWORTH (Oldham), C CHANTLER (Bath), J CRABB (Shaw), M CROPPER (Oldham), A GILL (Bolton), D GODDARD (Failsworth), the HILL family (Eccles), R IRVING (Cardross, Dunbartonshire), D LOMAX (Halifax), D MASKEW (Cockermouth), A RILEY (Hyde), D SMITH (Eccles), V STUBBS (Manchester), J WEBB (Middleton), D YOUNG (Shaw). Particular congratulations are due to A Gill, who is the first person to complete the quiz successfully on ten occasions. They and everyone else who scored 50 or more went into a draw for the £10 consolation prizes and the three winners are all high scorers: R IRVING and V STUBBS, both listed above, and M BROWN (Greenfield), who scored 99.

Those who scored 99 are also largely familiar names. They made errors on fifteen different questions, which indicates that, unlike last year, there was no single question which proved to be the most difficult. Eleven made spelling errors. Words that were misspelt by numerous entrants were "rhinoceros", "aardvark", "chipmunk", "Keighley", "kangaroo", "Emilia" (as in Fox) and "Starr" (as in Freddie).

We were aware that there is no definitive version of the tongue twister answer to Q56, so of course accepted both "would" and "could". An alternative answer which appeared several times was "Ford Kuga" for Q21. The Kuga is indeed a small SUV, but "kuga" is a short homophone presumably coined for marketing purposes and is not an alternative spelling for the cougar, which in any case appears in the answer to Q37.

As usual, here are explanations for a few of the more obscure answers:

Q12 GLUTTON is an alternative name for the wolverine.

Q90 The GENET is related to the civet.

Q91 PRESTONS OF POTTO is a haulage business which began in an unusually named village near Northallerton. The potto is a small African loris.

Q93 PIGS ON THE WING is the title of the short first and last tracks on Pink Floyd's album *Animals*.

Q95 ROBERTSON HARE played the Archdeacon in the 1960s clerical tv sitcom *All Gas and Gaiters*.

Q96 Rudyard Kipling wrote the *Just So Stories* for his daughter Effie. The third one is titled *HOW THE RHINOCEROS GOT HIS [not "its"] SKIN*.

Q97 *THE MARMOT REVIEW* [not "report"] is the subtitle of *Fair Society Healthy Lives*, a 2010 study of health inequalities in England, edited by Professor Michael Marmot.

Q98 SABLE COLBY is a leading character in the 1980s American tv series *Dynasty* and its spin-off, *The Colbys*. The sable is an Arctic marten renowned for its fur.

Q99 In the play *Jeffrey Bernard is Unwell*, by Keith Waterhouse, the title character finds himself locked in the Soho pub THE COACH AND HORSES overnight.

Q100 *WHAT DOES AN ANTEATER EAT?* is a children's picture book by Ross Collins.

It was very disappointing to see so many people asking for help on answer sharing websites this year, despite our warning that incorrect information is often shared there. A wrong answer to Q95 was posted in early January and it was submitted by fourteen people.

Finally, an apology to all those who wasted time looking for "panda" when the answer included a five-letter word. We have no idea how we managed to overlook probably the world's most popular mammal!

As always, we are grateful to everyone who bought the quiz and especially to those who sold extra copies to family, friends and colleagues.

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ANSWERS

1	SEASONAL SONG (7,3,3-5,8)	Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer
2	SIMBA'S STORY (3,4,4)	The Lion King
3	ONE WAY TO GET A BETTER INSURANCE DEAL (7,3,7)	Compare The Meerkat
4	2021 FOR THE CHINESE (4,2,3,2)	Year Of The Ox
5	SIR BOB'S BAND (8,4)	Boomtown Rats
6	ONCE A DAILY EVENT AT THE ZOO (11,3,5)	Chimpanzees' Tea Party
7	YOU WON'T GET A FAIR TRIAL HERE (8,5)	Kangaroo Court
8	ALTERNATIVE TO DAIRYLEA (3,8,3)	The Laughing Cow
9	FLORIDA FOOTBALLERS (5,8)	Miami Dolphins
10	PEPPA'S TEACHER (6,7)	Madame Gazelle
11	ENTHUSIASTIC WORKER... (5,6)	Eager Beaver
12	...AND ONE WHO'LL TACKLE THE REALLY UNPLEASANT JOBS (7,3,10)	Glutton For Punishment
13	EGGMAN'S ENEMY (5,3,8)	Sonic The Hedgehog
14	FEBRUARY 2ND (9,3)	Groundhog Day
15	WHEN SHARE PRICES ARE FALLING (4,6)	Bear Market
16	WE DON'T TALK ABOUT THIS (8,2,3,4)	Elephant In The Room
17	FORSYTH'S FICTION DEBUT (3,3,2,3,6)	The Day Of The Jackal
18	STONES' REISSUED CHART-TOPPER (5,4,4)	Goats Head Soup
19	PERILOUS PEAK ROAD (3,3,6)	Cat And Fiddle
20	PADUA PLAY (3,6,2,3,5)	The Taming Of The Shrew
21	SMALL SUV (4,4)	Ford Puma
22	BOOKER WINNER (4,4)	Wolf Hall
23	CHILE'S NATIONAL TREE (6,6)	Monkey Puzzle
24	ONE TWENTIETH OF A PINT (8,5,5)	Imperial Fluid Ounce
25	MARIO'S DEBUT (6,4)	Donkey Kong
26	WWI FIGHTER (7,5)	Sopwith Camel
27	IT CARRIED THE MAIL FOR ONLY 18 MONTHS (4,7)	Pony Express
28	ALISTAIR'S ARCTIC THRILLER (3,7,5)	Ice Station Zebra
29	SCHOFIELD'S SIDEKICK (6,3,6)	Gordon The Gopher
30	SHE GAVE US COLD COMFORT IN 1932 (6,7)	Stella Gibbons
31	FEIGN DEATH (4,6)	Play Possum

32	MILITARY HELICOPTER (8,4)	Westland Lynx
33	SOPHIE'S HUNGRY VISITOR (3,5,3,4,2,3)	The Tiger Who Came To Tea
34	HE CAUGHT THE RUNNER THREE TIMES (4,1,6)	Wile E Coyote
35	SAINTS' FIRST HOME (8,6)	Antelope Ground
36	NUMBER ONE RATFAN (5,3,6)	Kevin The Gerbil
37	AIREDALE SPORTSMEN (8,7)	Keighley Cougars
38	FOLKIES FRONTED BY FINK (4,3,3,5)	Noah And The Whale
39	NORMAN TEBBIT (4-5-7,7)	Semi-house-trained Polecat
40	TWO ROGERS COOKED UP A MELTING POT FOR THEM (4,4)	Blue Mink
41	HE RULED THE STEEPLECHASING WORLD IN APRIL 2016 (5,6)	Mouse Morris
42	CLINT AND SHIRLEY SOUTH OF THE BORDER (3,5,3,6,4)	Two Mules For Sister Sara
43	MICHIGAN (9,5)	Wolverine State
44	INVASION THAT NEVER HAPPENED (9,3,4)	Operation Sea Lion
45	ELTON MADE THREE ALBUMS HERE (7,5)	Caribou Ranch
46	JULIA PASTRANA (6,4)	Baboon Lady
47	TOYOTA TEAM (6,7)	Nagoya Grampus
48	DISNEY'S GIRL GROUP (3,7,5)	The Cheetah Girls
49	LEGENDARY SUN HEADLINE (7,5,3,2,7)	Freddie Starr Ate My Hamster
50	SPANISH STOCK INDEX (4,2)	Ibex 35
51	BARONESS EVANS (4,5,4)	Lord Privy Seal
52	BAND WITH ACE GUITARIST (5,7)	Skunk Anansie
53	BACH ARIA (5,3,6,5)	Sheep May Safely Graze
54	SHE'S BEEN NIKKI FOR 17 YEARS (6,3)	Emilia Fox
55	MOTHERS' SEVENTH (7,6,2,5)	Weasels Ripped My Flesh
56	TONGUE TWISTING QUESTION (3,4,4,5,1,9,5)	How Much Wood Would/Could A Woodchuck Chuck?
57	TATA SUBSIDIARY (6,4,5)	Jaguar Land Rover
58	MARX BROTHERS FILM THAT NEVER WAS (8,2,9,5)	Giraffes On Horseback Salad
59	SOROR (6,2,3,4)	Planet Of The Apes
60	CECILIA'S EXPENSIVE PORTRAIT (4,4,2,6)	Lady With An Ermine
61	MURDERED MOLECATCHER'S DAUGHTER (5,6)	Maria Marten
62	(DON'T TALK BACK) (6,3)	Yakety Yak
63	MILLENNIAL MASCOT (ONE OF THREE) (3,3,8)	Syd The Platypus
64	HE FOLLOWS PIGGIES (5,7)	Rocky Raccoon
65	BOBBY C'S WHEELS (9,6)	Chevrolet Impala
66	XANTH TEN (4,2,3,4)	Vale Of The Vole

67	INCLUDED STEPHEN AND NEIL BUT NOT DAVID AND GRAHAM (7,11)	Buffalo Springfield
68	THEY ATE ALL THE OYSTERS (3,6,3,3,9)	The Walrus And The Carpenter
69	HEAD THEME (8,4)	Porpoise Song
70	JFK'S ANTI-CASTRO CAMPAIGN (9,8)	Operation Mongoose
71	A SONG OF JOY FROM AN OFFICER AND HIS PARTNER (7,4)	Muskrat Love
72	THEY STARTED WITH SANTA BARBARA (3,4,6)	The High Llamas
74	ALVIN'S CHRISTMAS NUMBER ONE (3,8,4)	The Chipmunk Song
74	ANGSTROM'S END (6,2,4)	Rabbit At Rest
75	IF YOU COULD SEE HER IN BERLIN (3,7,4)	The Gorilla Song
76	CLEESE FOUND IT BUT CHAPMAN COULDN'T READ IT (5,3,8,4,8,9)	Ethel The Aardvark Goes Quantity Surveying
77	"BUILD BACK BEAVER!" LOCATION (5,5)	River Otter
78	HOGG'S BAR (5,4)	Boar's Nest
79	ARTFUL BODGER (6,9,6)	Robert Bollinger Badger
80	TEXAN COUNTRY ROCK VENUE (9,5,12)	Armadillo World Headquarters
81	AGENT 000 (6,8)	Secret Squirrel
82	RICE'S GREATEST HIT (7,5)	Mustang Sally
83	FLAWED DIAMOND (3,4,7)	The Pink Panther
84	HE HAD A NIGHTMARE IN KIEV (5,6)	Loris Karius
85	UPMARKET IMP (6,7)	Singer Chamois
86	FRENCH HEADLAND (3,6)	Cap Ferret
87	EMERALD'S CUSTODIAN (8,3,7)	Knuckles The Echidna
88	JUNIOR MEMBER OF MONTGOMERY'S GANG (6,9)	Portia Porcupine
89	IT DEVELOPED FROM NEVERLAND (3,3,2,4)	Bat Out Of Hell
90	FREQUENTLY IMPRISONED FRENCH WRITER (4,5)	Jean Genet
91	YORKSHIRE TRUCKERS (8,2,5)	Prestons of Potto
92	ROCKY'S BEST FRIEND (10,1,5)	Bullwinkle J Moose
93	START AND END OF ANIMALS (4,2,3,4)	Pigs On The Wing
94	HE RAN AWAY TO GRIMSBY (6,4)	Adrian Mole
95	TINY ARCHDEACON (9,4)	Robertson Hare
96	THIRD STORY FOR EFFIE (3,3,10,3,3,4)	How The Rhinoceros Got His Skin
97	A STUDY OF HEALTH INEQUALITIES (3,6,6)	The Marmot Review
98	MOTHER OF BLISS AND THE TWINS (5,5)	Sable Colby
99	SCENE OF JEFFREY'S INVOLUNTARY LOCK-IN (3,5,3,6)	The Coach And Horses
100	THE ANSWER IS BANANAS! (4,4,2,8,3)	What Does An Anteater Eat?

