

GENERAL HOLIDAY TRIVIA

QUESTION 1

When was the first Christmas card sent?

- A. 1795
- B. 1996
- C. 1843
- D. 2020



ANSWER 1

The correct answer is “C”

1843 is the year the first Christmas card was sent.



QUESTION 2

The first known Christmas tree appeared in the United States.

A. True

B. False



ANSWER 2

The correct answer is “B” – False

Germany is credited with starting the Christmas tree tradition as we now know it in the 16th century when devout Christians brought decorated trees into their homes.



QUESTION 3

Who created Rudolph, Santa's most famous reindeer of all?

- A. Frank Capra**
- B. George Seaton**
- C. Dr. Seuss**
- D. Robert L. May**



ANSWER 3

The correct answer is “D”

Robert L. May created Rudolph in 1939, when he wrote a Christmas themed story-poem to attract customers to his department store.



QUESTION 4

Similar to tinsel, these long strips of shiny foil are used to decorate a Christmas tree. What are they called?

- A. Garland
- B. Streamers
- C. Icicles
- D. Strands



ANSWER 4

The correct answer is “C”

Icicles are used to decorate a Christmas tree.



QUESTION 5

What country has a tradition of filling children's clogs with candy and treats on December 5?

- A. Poland
- B. Iceland
- C. Germany
- D. The Netherlands



ANSWER 5

The correct answer is “D” – The Netherlands

During the night, Sinterklaas puts gifts and candy in children’s shoes.



QUESTION 6

Which was the first country to issue a Christmas postage stamp?

- A. United States
- B. Canada
- C. England
- D. Australia



ANSWER 6

The correct answer is “B”

Canada was the first country to issue a Christmas postage stamp.



QUESTION 7

Which American President banned Christmas trees in the White House?

- A. Theodore Roosevelt**
- B. Jimmy Carter**
- C. Abraham Lincoln**
- D. Jefferson Davis**



ANSWER 7

The correct answer is “A”

Legend has it that Theodore Roosevelt banned Christmas trees in the White House.



QUESTION 8

Which of these was NOT a gift given by the 'Wise Men' to the infant Jesus?

- A. Gold
- B. Silver
- C. Frankincense
- D. Myrrh



ANSWER 8

The correct answer is “B”

Silver was NOT given as a gift to the infant Jesus by the Wise Men.



QUESTION 9

What Roman holiday inspired Christmas celebrations?

- A. Lupercalia
- B. Saturnalia
- C. Compitalia
- D. Parentalia



ANSWER 9

The correct answer is “B”

Saturnalia was the Roman holiday that inspired Christmas celebrations.



QUESTION 10

Where did the tradition of candles in the windows start?

- A. Germany**
- B. England**
- C. Arkansas**
- D. Colonial Williamsburg**



ANSWER 10

The correct answer is “D” – Colonial Williamsburg

In early America, homes were often miles apart. The sight of a candle in the window from a distance was a sign of welcome to people wishing to visit.



QUESTION 11

The holiday of Kwanzaa was introduced in what year?

- A. 1976
- B. 1966
- C. 1956
- D. 1981



ANSWER 11

The correct answer is “B”

1966 is the year Kwanzaa was introduced.



QUESTION 12

For Kwanzaa, what color candle symbolizes the future?

- A. Blue
- B. Green
- C. Black
- D. Red



ANSWER 12

The correct answer is “B”

Green is the color of the candle that symbolizes the future.



QUESTION 13

For Kwanzaa, which color of candle symbolizes the struggle out of slavery?

- A. Black
- B. Green
- C. Red
- D. Blue



ANSWER 13

The correct answer is “C”

Red is the color of candle that symbolizes the struggle out of slavery.



QUESTION 14

On what day of the year does Kwanzaa start?

- A. December 25**
- B. December 26**
- C. January 1**
- D. December 31**



ANSWER 14

The correct answer is “B”

December 26 is the start of Kwanzaa.



QUESTION 15

Is Kwanzaa a religious holiday?

A. Yes

B. No



ANSWER 15

The correct answer is “B” – No

Kwanzaa is not a religious holiday.



QUESTION 16

To celebrate the “miracle of oil,” fried potato pancakes are eaten on Hanukkah. What are these pancakes called?

- A. Croquets**
- B. Crepes**
- C. Latkes**
- D. Hash Browns**



ANSWER 16

The correct answer is “C”

Latkes are made to celebrate how very little oil was enough to light a candelabrum for 8 days.



QUESTION 17

A popular song about Hanukkah's favorite toy, the dreidel, goes: "I have a little dreidel. I made it out of _____." Complete the phrase.

- A. Wood
- B. Clay
- C. Pottery
- D. Sand



ANSWER 17

The correct answer is “B” – Clay

“I have a little dreidel. I made it out of clay,” the song goes.



QUESTION 18

Chanukah usually starts on the 25th of Kislev, a date that varies in the Gregorian calendar. Chanukah is also commonly known as the festival of what?

- A. Hanukkah**
- B. Lights**
- C. Victory**
- D. Fasting**



ANSWER 18

The correct answer is “B” – Lights

Chanukah is also commonly known as the
“Festival of Lights.”



QUESTION 19

What does the Hebrew word “Chanukah” mean?

- A. Enlightenment**
- B. Family**
- C. Dedication**
- D. Celebration**



ANSWER 19

The correct answer is “C”

Dedication is the meaning of Chanukah.



QUESTION 20

In which country did “Boxing Day” originate as a holiday?

- A. Italy
- B. France
- C. Switzerland
- D. United Kingdom



ANSWER 20

The correct answer is “D” – United Kingdom



QUESTION 21

On which of the following dates is Boxing Day celebrated?

- A.** December 21
- B.** December 23
- C.** December 26
- D.** December 30



ANSWER 21

The correct answer is “C”

December 26 is when Boxing Day is celebrated.



QUESTION 22

On Boxing Day, what type of activity is common in the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand?

- A. Sports**
- B. National Parades**
- C. Shopping**
- D. Religious Services**



ANSWER 22

The correct answer is “C”

Shopping is a common activity on Boxing Day.

