Pub Quiz Round

Use this key to check answers and read the explanations.

1. Which instrument first appeared on Guinness bottle labels in 1862?
   - A. Harp
   - B. Fiddle
   - C. Accordion
   - D. Tin whistle

   Correct answer: A. Harp
   Guinness dates the first appearance of its harp on a bottle label to 1862. Later versions of the design use fewer strings.

2. Which instrument did Belgian maker Adolphe Sax patent in 1846?
   - A. Oboe
   - B. Trombone
   - C. Saxophone
   - D. Clarinet

   Correct answer: C. Saxophone
   The Metropolitan Museum of Art dates Sax's patent for the saxophone to 1846 and holds an alto saxophone he made.

3. In which Japanese city is Haneda Airport?
   - A. Osaka
   - B. Tokyo
   - C. Fukuoka
   - D. Sapporo

   Correct answer: B. Tokyo
   Haneda Airport is in Ota City, a ward of Tokyo. Its official name is Tokyo International Airport.

4. Which colour of snooker ball is worth seven points when potted legally?
   - A. Brown
   - B. Pink
   - C. Blue
   - D. Black

   Correct answer: D. Black
   The official snooker rulebook gives the black seven points, the pink six, the blue five and the brown four.

5. Who painted the National Gallery's 1888 Sunflowers, with a vase of yellow flowers against a pale yellow background?

A. Claude Monet
B. Vincent van Gogh
C. Paul Gauguin
D. Paul Cézanne

Correct answer: B. Vincent van Gogh
Van Gogh made the National Gallery's painting in Arles in August 1888. The gallery counts 15 flowers in the vase.

6. What did Australian chemist Cyril Callister use as the basis for the spread that became Vegemite?

A. Brewer's yeast
B. Roasted chickpeas
C. Barley malt
D. Ground linseed

Correct answer: A. Brewer's yeast
Vegemite's archive credits Callister with developing the spread from brewer's yeast.

7. Which city provided both the setting and many of the filming locations for Carol Reed's 1949 film The Third Man?

A. Budapest
B. Prague
C. Berlin
D. Vienna

Correct answer: D. Vienna
The British Film Institute traces the film's on-location scenes to post-war Vienna.

8. Which river valley does the Llangollen Canal cross on the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct in North Wales?

A. Wye
B. Severn
C. Dee
D. Teifi

Correct answer: C. Dee
The Canal & River Trust identifies the River Dee beneath the aqueduct. The Llangollen Canal crosses the valley high above it.

9. In the World Darts Federation's Americas Cup matchboard specification, which numbered segment sits at the top centre?

A. 20
B. 1
C. 18
D. 5

Correct answer: A. 20
The match rules place the black 20 segment at the top centre of the board.

10. Which Ghanaian textile is traditionally made by weaving narrow strips on a horizontal loom?

A. Tweed
B. Batik
C. Felt
D. Kente

Correct answer: D. Kente
Ghana's Commission for UNESCO describes kente as cloth handwoven on a horizontal strip loom.

11. What two ingredients form the base of Aceto Balsamico di Modena IGP, according to its producers' consortium?

A. Cooked or concentrated grape must and cider vinegar
B. Cooked or concentrated apple juice and wine vinegar
C. Cooked or concentrated grape must and wine vinegar
D. Cooked or concentrated fig juice and cider vinegar

Correct answer: C. Cooked or concentrated grape must and wine vinegar
The consortium names grape must, the juice from crushed grapes, and wine vinegar as the base ingredients for this Modena designation.

12. Which credit is accurate for the piano original and the 1922 orchestral version of Pictures at an Exhibition?

A. Maurice Ravel wrote the piano suite. Modest Mussorgsky orchestrated it.
B. Modest Mussorgsky wrote the piano suite. Maurice Ravel orchestrated it.
C. Modest Mussorgsky wrote the piano suite. Claude Debussy orchestrated it.
D. Claude Debussy wrote the piano suite. Maurice Ravel orchestrated it.

Correct answer: B. Modest Mussorgsky wrote the piano suite. Maurice Ravel orchestrated it.
The San Francisco Symphony dates Mussorgsky's piano suite to 1874. Ravel adapted it for orchestra in 1922.

13. Harry Beck used regular spacing between stations and simplified the lines of his London Underground diagram. Which task is this design best suited to?

A. Identifying the actual width of each station platform
B. Measuring exact walking distances between stations
C. Estimating the real angle of every curve in the tracks
D. Following the order of stations and seeing where lines meet

Correct answer: D. Following the order of stations and seeing where lines meet
Beck's diagram kept the sequence and connections of the rail network. Its regular spacing and simplified angles support route planning.

14. In standard chess, White's king starts on e1 and the kingside rook starts on h1. Where do they land after a legal kingside castle?

A. King on g1, rook on f1
B. King on f1, rook on g1
C. King on h1, rook on e1
D. King on g1, rook on h1

Correct answer: A. King on g1, rook on f1
The king moves two squares towards the rook, from e1 to g1. The rook lands on f1, the square the king crossed.

15. A BBC radio time signal plays six pips at the hour. Which instant marks the exact hour in the signal itself?

A. The start of the first pip
B. The end of the sixth pip
C. The start of the sixth pip
D. The end of the fifth pip

Correct answer: C. The start of the sixth pip
Royal Museums Greenwich says the minute and second hands should reach twelve as the last pip begins.