



Infotex Christmas Quiz 2025 - Questions

ROUND 1 - IN THE NEWS (PART I)

1. Which animal stars as Robbie Williams in the biopic *Better Man*? *Chimpanzee*
2. January saw the centenary of the Shipping forecast. Which area is named after the person who invented the forecast?
 - a. Cromarty
 - b. Fitzroy (after Vice-Admiral Robert FitzRoy)
 - c. Humber
 - d. Viking
3. An east Midlands pub made headlines by giving away a free beer for every goal scored by which football team? (The team went on to a costly 7-0 win)
 - a. Bristol City
 - b. Nottingham Forest
 - c. Notts County
 - d. Sheffield United
4. In February, a Bryan Adams concert in Australia was cancelled due to what?
 - a. A cricket match in the neighbouring venue overran
 - b. A sewer fatberg
 - c. A snow storm caused road chaos
 - d. The issued QR codes were a discount coupon for a local supermarket
5. Which unusual place in China became popular with foodies keen to try its viral noodle dish?
 - a. Funeral home
 - b. Retirement home
 - c. School
 - d. Train staff canteen
6. For the first time, the New York Times Spelling Bee quiz included which letter, to celebrate the 2500th edition? *The letter S - The editor felt having S made it too simple by adding plurals.*
7. Which one-take Netflix series featuring Stephen Graham is being shown in schools to help prevent knife crime? *Adolescence*
8. Which popstar roared into space aboard Blue Origin in April? *Katy Perry*



ROUND 2 - TRAINS

2025 is the 200th anniversary since the birth of the modern railway, so here are some questions about trains.

1. Approximately how long was Princess Diana's wedding dress train?
 - a. 10 feet (3m)
 - b. 25 feet (7.6m)
 - c. 35 feet (10.7m)
 - d. 45 feet (13.7m)
2. Which London Underground line goes the furthest south? *The Northern Line*
3. What is Britain's most used train station, in terms of passenger numbers? *London Liverpool Street*
4. In what decade did the London Underground first open?
 - a. 1850s
 - b. 1860s (1863 with the Metropolitan Railway between Paddington and Farringdon)
 - c. 1870s
 - d. 1880s
5. In what decade did Woodbridge train station open?
 - a. 1850s (1853)
 - b. 1870s
 - c. 1890s
 - d. 1910s
6. Which UK theme park had a ride called Derren Brown's Ghost Train between 2016 and 2023? *Thorpe Park*
7. What is the name of the first steam locomotive to officially reach 100mph?
 - a. Coronation Scot
 - b. Duchess of Hamilton
 - c. Flying Scotsman
 - d. The Mallard
8. Thomas the Tank Engine takes place on which island?
 - a. Isle of Abra
 - b. Isle of Mull
 - c. Isle of Shoal
 - d. Isle of Sodor



ROUND 3 - GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

1. Going For Gold host Henry Kelly died in February. Which Oscar winning film composer wrote the theme tune? *Hans Zimmer*
2. George Foreman passed away in March. Which African country hosted his Rumble in the Jungle bout with Muhammed Ali? *Zaire or now the Democratic Republic of the Congo*
3. Terry Gene Bollea died in July. By what name is he better known? *Hulk Hogans*
4. Which star of Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid passed away in September? *Robert Redford*
5. Dame Jilly Cooper died in October. Which one of the following is not one of her books?
 - a. Jump
 - b. Polo
 - c. Rivals
 - d. Silks (that was by Dick Francis)
6. Patricia Routledge, who played Hyacinth Bucket in Keeping Up Appearances also died in October. What was the name of her long suffering husband in the sitcom? *Richard*



ROUND 4 - IN THE NEWS (PART II)

1. In April, Scientists claimed to have created a new colour by firing laser pulses into their eyes. What did they name the colour?
 - a. Feylith
 - b. Lumala
 - c. Olo
 - d. Vitre
2. Why was Robert Prevost in the news in May? *He was elected as the new Pope (Leo XIV)*
3. Gary Lineker left Match of the Day after 26 years. He played for clubs in England, Spain and which Asian country? *Japan, for the Nagoya Grampus Eight*
4. Which fast food item briefly blocked a Pennsylvania highway following a lorry crash? *Hog dogs*
5. Which former French president was sentenced to five years in prison after being found guilty of criminal conspiracy? *Nicolas Sarkozy*
6. Grace Dent and Anna Haugh were announced as the new hosts of which BBC show in September? *MasterChef*
7. Which American late night host was pulled from the airwaves following comments about Charlie Kirk? *Jimmy Kimmel*
8. Which country officially opened the world's largest archaeological museum on November 1st? *Egypt - The Grand Egyptian Museum exhibition space covers an area of approx 81,000m²*



ROUND 6 - MUSIC IN JULY

July 2025 was a big month for music

1. Oasis returned to the stage in July after 16 years apart. What live song did they kick off their comeback show with?
 - a. D'You Know What I Mean?
 - b. Hello
 - c. Rock n Roll Star
 - d. (What's the Story) Morning Glory?
2. Local boy Ed Sheeran played 3 gigs at Portman Road, but which mathematical sign was the name of his first major album?
3. The CEO of which company was caught on the big screen supposedly having an affair at a Coldplay concert?
 - a. Adastal
 - b. Anthology
 - c. Altaria
 - d. Astronomy
4. The 13th July was 40 years since the original Live Aid. Which act performed at both the Wembley and Philadelphia concerts?
5. Which former teen idol, who was discovered from YouTube, released a surprise album called Swag?
6. Ozzy Osbourne passed away in July. Before they were Black Sabbath, what was one of the band's names?
 - a. Dickens Heath
 - b. Earth
 - c. Gyarados
 - d. Twin Tide

TIE BREAKER

If I caught the 09:10 train from Penzance on Thursday 11th December 2025 to get to Glasgow Central, how many minutes would it take? The trip is via Plymouth and Birmingham New Street, and time is according to the Trainline timetable.