

Comedy Quiz

Round 1 – Handout

- | | |
|---|--------------------------------|
| 1. Rab C. Nesbitt | <i>Rab C. Nesbitt</i> |
| 2. Sergeant Arthur Wilson (accept "Sergeant Wilson" or "Wilson") | <i>Dad's Army</i> |
| 3. Granville | <i>Open All Hours</i> |
| 4. Captain Darling (accept "Darling") | <i>Blackadder Goes Forth</i> |
| 5. Nora Batty | <i>Last Of The Summer Wine</i> |
| 6. You know who really gives kids a bad name? Posh and Becks. | <i>Stewart Francis in 2012</i> |
| 7. I needed a password eight characters long so I picked Snow White And The Seven Dwarves. | <i>Nick Helm in 2011</i> |
| 8. I saw a documentary on how ships are kept together. Riveting. | <i>Stewart Francis in 2012</i> |
| 9. As a kid I was made to walk the plank. We couldn't afford a dog. | <i>Gary Delaney in 2010</i> |
| 10. Crime in multi-storey car parks. That is wrong on so many different levels. | <i>Tim Vine in 2011</i> |
| 11. Bill Bailey | |
| 12. Sarah Millican | |
| 13. Omid Djalili | |
| 14. Russell Brand | |
| 15. Micky Flanagan | |

NOTE... The column on the right is for information only, giving the names of the sitcoms in which the characters from the first section featured and the comedians who told the jokes in the second section.

Round 2 – TV and Films

10 questions on comedy in the world of TV and Films.

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1. In a well known series of comedy films, by what name is Douglas Powers better known? | Dr. Evil (he is Austin Powers' brother) |
| 2. Which well known comedy character has the surname Sagdiyev [pronounced "sag-die-ev"]? | Borat |
| 3. In response to the line "surely you can't be serious", which actor famously says "I am serious... and don't call me Shirley" in the film Airplane? | Leslie Nielsen |
| 4. What was the name of the weight loss group run by Marjorie Dawes on the TV show Little Britain? | Fat Fighters |
| 5. In its first two series, which comedian's name appeared at the start of the title of the TV show that is now known as Live At The Apollo? | Jack Dee's (originally called Jack Dee Live At The Apollo) |
| 6. The tagline "For Harry and Lloyd every day is a no-brainer" was used to promote which 1994 film? | Dumb And Dumber |
| 7. Which famous comedy character's best known catchphrase was originally written in a script as "annoyed grunt"? | Homer Simpson's (the catchphrase is "d'oh") |
| 8. With which TV sitcom would you associate "flay otters", "warty towels" and "fatty owls"? | Fawlty Towers (they are examples of how the letters in the hotel's sign were rearranged at the start of episodes) |
| 9. Which TV funnyman died in October 2005, prompting the Sun to run a front page story with the headline "It's Goodnight From Him"? | Ronnie Barker |
| 10. If all of the Carry On films were listed in alphabetical order, which one would come first? | Carry On Abroad |

Comedy Quiz

Round 3 – Connections

7 general knowledge questions plus a final question, worth 3 points, asking for a comedy related connection between the first 7 answers.

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1. What five words come after "And so, as Tiny Tim observed" in the last line of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol? | God bless us, every one |
| 2. Who was England's first one million pound footballer? | Trevor Francis |
| 3. The video for which Blur song features the adventures of a milk carton as he goes off in search of guitarist Graham Coxon? | Coffee And TV |
| 4. What square would you land on if your playing Monopoly and you rolled a double two with your first go? | Income tax |
| 5. In which district of London was the TV sitcom Steptoe And Son set? | Shepherd's Bush |
| 6. Why have McVities been so keen to ensure that Jaffa Cakes are classed as cakes and not biscuits? | To avoid paying V.A.T. (which is payable on chocolate-covered biscuits, but not on chocolate-covered cakes) |
| 7. Who played Pontius Pilate in the 1988 Martin Scorsese film The Last Temptation Of Christ? | David Bowie |
| 8. For three points, what is the comedy related connection between the previous seven answers? | The (closing) theme song to the sitcom Only Fools And Horses -
"...T.V.s, deep freeze and David Bowie L.P.s..."
"...Trevor Francis track suits from a mush in Shepherds Bush..."
"...no income tax, no V.A.T., no money back, no guarantee..."
"...God bless Hooky Street..." |

Round 4 – Just For Laughs

10 questions themed around laughter.

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1. Which Australian bird is sometimes referred to as the "laughing jackass" due to its call, which sounds like human laughter? | The Laughing Kookaburra (accept "Kookaburra") |
| 2. "I thought that I heard you laughing" is a line from which R.E.M. song? | Losing My Religion |
| 3. Who painted The Laughing Cavalier? | Frans Hals |
| 4. Commonly used on the internet, the letter "L" in the abbreviation L.M.A.O. stands for "laughing". What do the other three letters stand for? | My ass off |
| 5. Which character from the comic Viz constantly laughs at the double entendres he hears? | Finbarr Saunders |
| 6. According to a well known proverb, who "laughs longest"? | He who laughs last |
| 7. The Laughing Cow is a brand of processed cheese products. What colour is the cow that features on the packaging for these? | Red |
| 8. Which gas is commonly referred to as laughing gas? | Nitrous oxide |
| 9. Which song was number one for Elvis Presley in 1969 and was also a minor hit in 1982 when a live version was released in which Elvis changed some of the lyrics and burst into uncontrollable laughter? | Are You Lonesome Tonight |
| 10. First broadcast in 1979, what type of building was the TV sitcom Only When I Laugh set in? | A hospital |

Comedy Quiz

Round 5 – Points Builder

5 questions on the general theme of comedy, where question 1 requires 1 answer, question 2 requires 2 answers, and so on until question 5 requires 5 answers. Each individual answer is worth 1 point.

1. Who is the only character who appears in all four Monty Python films?
2. What are the first names of the Chuckle Brothers?
3. Which three women made up La Na Nee Nee Noo Noo to team up with Bananarama on the 1989 Comic Relief song called Help?
4. Who were the four main cast members of The Goon Show?
5. In 2004, the BBC conducted a poll to find Britain's Best Sitcom. Of all the sitcoms voted into the top 50 of this list, name the only five that weren't originally broadcast on the BBC?

God

Barry and Paul

Dawn French, Jennifer Saunders and Kathy Burke

Harry Secombe, Spike Milligan, Peter Sellers and Michael Bentine

Father Ted (Channel 4), Men Behaving Badly (ITV, before moving to BBC after its first two series), Drop The Dead Donkey (Channel 4), Rising Damp (ITV) and Phoenix Nights (Channel 4)

Round 6 – Initial Letter Link

9 questions on the theme of comedy, where the answer to the final question is worth 2 points and can be spelt out by rearranging the first letters of the first 9 answers.

1. Which British film studio produced a series of comedies between 1947 and 1957 including The Lavender Hill Mob, The Ladykillers and Kind Hearts And Coronets?
2. Which Shakespearean comedy features a court jester called Feste [pronounced "festy"]?
3. In which district of Liverpool was comedian Ken Dodd born?
4. Directed by Mel Brooks, which 1974 comedy film was advertised as being "the scariest comedy of all time"?
5. On New Year's Day in 1985, which comedian made the first ever mobile phone call in Britain?
6. Which comedy film is also the title of hit single for both Don McLean and Madonna?
7. In 2006, which company ended its long-standing sponsorship of the comedy awards at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival?
8. Which British comedian was in the news in August 2011 when he crashed his McLaren F1 supercar into a tree in Cambridgeshire?
9. For two points, the first letters of the first eight answers can be rearranged to spell the name of which famous comedian?

Ealing Studios (accept "Ealing")

Twelfth Night

Knotty Ash

Young Frankenstein

Ernie Wise

American Pie

Perrier

Rowan Atkinson

Peter Kay

Comedy Quiz

Round 7 – Funny Ha Ha

10 general knowledge questions where each correct answer either starts with "ha" or ends with "ha"

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1. In German football, name the only team to have played in every season of the Bundesliga since its inception in 1963? | Hamburg |
| 2. Which company has a logo that consists of three interlocking tuning forks? | Yamaha |
| 3. Which legendary Native American woman was the lover of Hiawatha and has a name that means "waterfall" or "rapid water"? | Minnehaha |
| 4. Who was the original female presenter of The One Show? | Nadia Sawalha |
| 5. Which company was originally called H-B Enterprises when it was founded in 1957? | Hanna-Barbera |
| 6. The first three words of which famous movie catchphrase literally translate as "until the viewing"? | Hasta la vista, baby (from Terminator 2: Judgment Day) |
| 7. Which comet is generally regarded as the most observed comet ever, having being visible to the naked eye from May 1996 to December 1997? | Hale-Bopp |
| 8. What type of fish has a name that means "fish with teeth" in Portuguese? | The Piranha |
| 9. Graphology is the study and analysis of what? | Handwriting |
| 10. Which traditional Spanish song has a title that translates as "The Cockroach"? | La Cucaracha |

Round 8 – Double Trouble

10 questions on the theme of comedy. Each correct answer is worth 2 points, but teams can choose to leave answers blank because each incorrect answer costs them minus 4 points!

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1. On the TV show Red Dwarf, what letter did Rimmer have on his forehead? | H (standing for "hologram") |
| 2. Reaching number one in 1986, what was the title of the first Comic Relief charity single? | Living Doll (by Cliff Richard and the Young Ones) |
| 3. On the 2011 series of The Apprentice, what was the first name of the contestant who was asked in an interview to describe himself without using clichés, and replied "I'm exactly what it says on the tin"? | Jim |
| 4. Which city in Ireland is also a type of humorous five line poem? | Limerick |
| 5. Connected with the world of comedy, coulrophobia is a fear of what? | Clowns |
| 6. In 2009, a number of celebrities, including Gary Barlow, Chris Moyles, and Cheryl Cole set off to which country to climb Mount Kilimanjaro and raise money for Comic Relief? | Tanzania |
| 7. Which sign of the zodiac has none of the letters from the word "jokes" in its name? | Libra |
| 8. In 2007, which politician said "The house has noticed the Prime Minister's remarkable transformation in the last few weeks from Stalin to Mr Bean"? | Vince Cable (as acting leader of the Liberal Democrats) |
| 9. Which supermarket is one of Comic Relief's major partners and raised over 11 million pounds for 2011's Red Nose Day? | Sainsburys |
| 10. Which style of comedy has a name that derives from an object made of two pieces of wood that, when struck against someone, would produce a loud sound without hurting them? | Slapstick |

Tie Breaks

In total, how many roles are shared among the members of the Monty Python team in the film Monty Python And The Holy Grail? **37**

The Comedy Awards at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe were first awarded in which year? **1981**