

## Comedy Quiz

### Round 1 – Handout

### 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?
2. Which well known comedy character has the surname Sagdiyev [pronounced "sag-die-ev"]?
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?
4. What was the name of the weight loss group run by Marjorie Dawes on the TV show Little Britain?
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?
6. The tagline "For Harry and Lloyd every day is a no-brainer" was used to promote which 1994 film?
7. Which famous comedy character's best known catchphrase was originally written in a script as "annoyed grunt"?
8. With which TV sitcom would you associate "flay otters", "warty towels" and "fatty owls"?
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"?
10. If all of the Carry On films were listed in alphabetical order, which one would come first?

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### 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?
2. Who was England's first one million pound footballer?
3. The video for which Blur song features the adventures of a milk carton as he goes off in search of guitarist Graham Coxon?
4. What square would you land on if your playing Monopoly and you rolled a double two with your first go?
5. In which district of London was the TV sitcom Steptoe And Son set?
6. Why have McVities been so keen to ensure that Jaffa Cakes are classed as cakes and not biscuits?
7. Who played Pontius Pilate in the 1988 Martin Scorsese film The Last Temptation Of Christ?
8. For three points, what is the comedy related connection between the previous seven answers?

### 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?
2. "I thought that I heard you laughing" is a line from which R.E.M. song?
3. Who painted The Laughing Cavalier?
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?
5. Which character from the comic Viz constantly laughs at the double entendres he hears?
6. According to a well known proverb, who "laughs longest"?
7. The Laughing Cow is a brand of processed cheese products. What colour is the cow that features on the packaging for these?
8. Which gas is commonly referred to as laughing gas?
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?
10. First broadcast in 1979, what type of building was the TV sitcom Only When I Laugh set in?

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### 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?

### 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?

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### 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?
2. Which company has a logo that consists of three interlocking tuning forks?
3. Which legendary Native American woman was the lover of Hiawatha and has a name that means "waterfall" or "rapid water"?
4. Who was the original female presenter of The One Show?
5. Which company was originally called H-B Enterprises when it was founded in 1957?
6. The first three words of which famous movie catchphrase literally translate as "until the viewing"?
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?
8. What type of fish has a name that means "fish with teeth" in Portuguese?
9. Graphology is the study and analysis of what?
10. Which traditional Spanish song has a title that translates as "The Cockroach"?

### 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?
2. Reaching number one in 1986, what was the title of the first Comic Relief charity single?
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"?
4. Which city in Ireland is also a type of humorous five line poem?
5. Connected with the world of comedy, coulrophobia is a fear of what?
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?
7. Which sign of the zodiac has none of the letters from the word "jokes" in its name?
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"?
9. Which supermarket is one of Comic Relief's major partners and raised over 11 million pounds for 2011's Red Nose Day?
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?

### 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?

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