

Alsager U3A Quiz 6 – Fun multiple-choice from Eric

- 1 In 1896 the first person fined for speeding, Walter Arnold of East Peckham, was travelling at what speed?
(a) 24 mph, (b) 12 mph, (c) 8 mph, (d) 33 mph

- 2 In the 1940s, what caused a 5 minute delay to Big Ben?
(a) Struck by lightning, (b) Powerful wind, (c) Flock of birds, (d) Lunar eclipse

- 3 What was the highest temperature ever recorded in the UK and where?
(a) 38.1 °C Kew Gardens, (b) 38.7 °C Cambridge, (c) 34.2 °C Northwood, (d) 39.8 °C Enfield

- 4 Approximately, how many cups of tea are drunk daily in the UK?
(a) 165 million, (b) 239 thousand, (c) 12 million, (d) 88 thousand

- 5 No point in the UK is actually more than 70 miles away from the sea
(a) True, (b) False

- 6 The Anglo-Zanzibar war is known as the shortest war in history. How long did it take for the Zanzibar Sultanate to surrender?
(a) 17 hours, (b) 38 minutes, (c) 3 days, (d) 11 minutes

- 7 According to legend, what is illegal to eat on Christmas Day?
(a) Cheesecake, (b) Black pudding, (c) Mince pie, (d) Haggis

- 8 Journeys on the 451 escalators in the London underground system cover a distance every week which is equivalent to several trips around the globe.
(a) True, (b) False

- 9 The average male life expectancy at birth in the UK was around 47 in 1900. What is it now?
(a) 66, (b) 72, (c) 84, (d) 80