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We promised you a new (again, fiendishly difficult) quiz for the festive season. Here it is!

1. The scientific name for a Magpie is 'pica pica'. But if you saw these words on a Spanish Menu, what would it mean?
2. A Uruguayan Road sign says Treinta y tres is 23. Treinta y Tres means 33, not 23. Explain.
3. In Australia there is a range of mountains called the:
  1. Optical Range
  2. Opticians' Range
  3. Ophthalmia RangeWhich is correct?
4. Odd One Out: three of the following are names of airports. Which one isn't?
  1. Useless Loop
  2. Mafia
  3. Pomegranate
  4. Batman
5. Which food connects H M Stanley ('Dr Livingstone, I presume'), Scott of the Antarctic, Edmund Hilary and the Harvey Nichols department store in London?
6. Madrid was founded in the 10<sup>th</sup> century. But its oldest building is over 2000 years old. Explain.
7. It is common practice for banknotes to be signed on behalf of the issuing bank. Which country's notes were simply signed 'Che' by the president of its national bank?
8. What's in a tuna smoothie?
9. The name of which prison is from the Spanish word for a type of seabird?
10. Leonardo da Vinci hailed from which Italian Town?
11. In which country is half a beer really a quarter?
12. On a trip to Rome a local asks you if you live in the Colosseum. What have you just done, or not done?
13. Which country has a head of state who is elected by the citizens of another country?
14. Which country has a head of state who is appointed by the Pope? (not the Vatican).

15. Which country was already at war with Germany when Britain declared war in 1939?
16. Which is the odd one out? Canary Islands, Channel Islands, Faroe Islands, Isle of Man.
17. Che Guevara played rugby union football for CUBA. True or false?
18. In which country (besides Italy) is Palermo University? (there is a clue in the picture)
19. Which major European country only joined the United Nations in 2002? And which European country is still not a member?
20. The village of Altafulla, in Catalonia, has a castle, but also a statue of a 'castell'. What does it depict?
21. The 1659 Treaty of the Pyrenées finished a long war between France and Spain. It was signed on a river island in the Basque Country. The French call it Ile des Faisans, the Spanish 'Isla de los Faisanes' – the 'Island of Pheasants'. But which country does it belong to?
22. Our walkers see (among others) almond, olive, and carob trees while walking in Catalonia. But which tree's seeds were used for weighing precious stones and pearls?
23. The Spanish for 'with hindsight' is 'a \_\_\_\_\_ pasado', where \_\_\_\_\_ is an animal. Literally, 'with the \_\_\_\_\_ having gone by.' Which animal?
24. In English, for something that will never happen, we say 'When the cows come home'. Why will the people of Catalonia have to invent a new proverb meaning the same thing? In about 11 years time, if things go to plan.
25. La Oreja de \_\_\_\_\_ (the Ear of \_\_\_\_\_) is the name of a well-known Spanish pop group. Whose Ear?
26. Put into order: Bottle, Magnum, Jeroboam, Nabuchodonosor, Balthazar, Mathusalem, Magnum, Rehoboam, Salmanazar.
27. In which countries are the following places: Leibach, Aix-la-Chapelle, Luik, Liege, Aachen, Ljubliana.
28. What is missing in the following?  
Dragon, \_\_\_\_\_, Horse, Goat, Monkey?
29. Why, as in the picture, have people put eggs in the pothole on the road?
30. The flag of which country features an eagle standing on the answer to question No 8 and eating the answer to question No 28?

The answers are waiting for you [here](#). Hope you enjoyed it!

If you'd like more questions, the old quiz is [here](#). And the answers, [here](#).

If you have a favourite quiz question you'd like us to consider including in a future quiz, please email [tony@preferredts.com](mailto:tony@preferredts.com).