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Christmas Quiz Answers 2015

- 1) Pica Pica signifies sharing food dishes around people at a table, rather than each person having a dish each.
- 2) You are 23 km from the town of Treinta y tres, named in honour of the 33 'orientales' who fought for Uruguay's independence from Brazil.
- 3) Ophthalmia – the explorer Ernest Giles, who named the range, had an eye infection at the time.
- 4) Pomegranate. Batman is in Turkey, Useless Loop is in Australia, Mafia is in Tanzania. The Spanish for Pomegranate is Granada, which has an airport, though.
- 5) Oxo - it went with Stanley to Africa, Scott to the Antarctic, and to the top of Everest with Hilary. Harvey Nichols owns and operates the OXO Tower restaurant in London.
- 6) The Egyptian Temple of Debod, presented by Egypt to Spain, stands in Madrid. This took place in the 1960s, at the time the Aswan Dam was built.
- 7) Cuba. Signed by Ernesto Guevara, using his nickname Che.
- 8) Tuna is Latin American Spanish for a prickly pear.
- 9) Alcatraz. People argue about whether it's a pelican, a gannet (modern Spanish for a gannet) or a misidentification of cormorants.
- 10) Vinci. His name means Leonardo from Vinci! Vinci is about 20 miles west of Florence.
- 11) In France - if you ask for 'un demi' you get 0.25 litres.
- 12) You've left a door open. In Roman times, the doors to the Colosseum never closed.
- 13) Andorra - the President of France is a joint head of state.
- 14) Andorra - The Bishop of Urgell is a co-prince with President Hollande.
- 15) Andorra - declared war in 1914 but was not a signatory to the Treaty of Versailles.

- 16) Isle of Man - you can buy duty free goods when you go to all of them except the Isle of Man.
- 17) True. He played fly-half for the Club Universitario de Buenos Aires – CUBA.
- 18) Argentina. Palermo is a district of Buenos Aires.
- 19) Switzerland. The Vatican.
- 20) The castle is...the castle. The castell ie the statue of a human pyramid, a typical catalan activity on feast days.
- 21) It Is Spanish for 6 months and French for 6 months each year. Strictly neutral! And, fortunately, uninhabited.
- 22) The weight of a carob seed became the accepted measure for weighing gold and jewellery – the word ‘carat’ comes (via the Italian carato) from that.
- 23) A toro pasado – the bull. Well, it is Spain....
- 24) The phrase is ‘ that will happen when they finish the ‘Sagrada Familia’. Gaudi’s church should be finished in 2026.
- 25) Van Gogh. The group is called La Oreja de Van Gogh, Van Gogh’s Ear.
- 26) Jeroboam, Rehoboam, Mathusalem, Salmanazar, Balthazar, Nabuchodonosor. They are of course oversize wine/champagne bottles as well as Biblical Kings.
- 27) Leibach and Ljubliana are in Slovenia; Aix-la-Chapelle and Aachen, in Germany. Luik and Liege are in Belgium. Oh, and they are the same places – Leibach is the German for Ljubliana; Luik is Flemish for Liege; and Aix-la-Chapelle is French for Aachen.
- 28) Snake. These are the Chinese zodiacal symbols, that give their name to the Years.
- 29) The French for pothole is ‘nid de poule’, a hen’s nest. So they are sarcastically pointing out to the local authority that there BIG potholes in the road.
- 30) Mexico.