Christmas Trivia

Round One

1 In the song *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*, what kind of pudding do the singers want, and will not leave until they have some?
Answer: Figgy

2 What are Vixen, Cupid and Comet?
Answer: Reindeer

3 In the song *The Twelve Days of Christmas*, how many swans were a-swimming?
Answer: 7

4 According to the Christmas carol, who “looked out, On the Feast of Stephen, when the snow lay round about, Deep, and crisp, and even.”?
Answer: Good King Wenceslas

5 Who are Melchoir, Caspar and Balthasar?
Answer: Magi or the Three Wise Men

6 What did Saint Francis of Assisi first introduced into his a church in 1223 as a setting for Christmas day mass?
Answer: The Nativity

7 What is the carol *O Tannenbaum* about?
Answer: a Christmas Tree

8 What are the six white boomers?
Answer: Kangaroos

9 Composed by Gruber, and according to legend was sung at the battle lines of the First World War, what carol includes the line: “Shepherds quail at the sight”?
Answer: Silent Night

10 What is the title of Moore’s poem which has the lines: “And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.”?
Answer: The Night Before Christmas
1 In the Goon song, *I'm walking backwards for Christmas*, over what does he walk?
   a) The Sarah Desert    b) The Irish Sea    c) The Scilly Isle
   Answer: B

2 What did John Callcott Horsley designed the first example of at the request of his friend Sir Henry Cole, the first director of the Victoria and Albert Museum?
   a) Christmas tree lights    b) Christmas cracker    c) Christmas card
   Answer: C

3 Who wrote in his poem *Christmas Bells*, “I heard the bells on Christmas day Their old familiar carols play”?
   a) Longfellow    b) Keats    c) Shakespeare
   Answer: A

4 In *A Christmas Carol* (1843), what character did Dickens describe as: “a tight-fisted hand at the grindstone” and “a squeezing, wrenching, grasping, scraping, clutching, covetous old sinner!”?
   a) Bob Cratchit    b) The Ghost of Christmas Past    c) Ebenezer Scrooge
   Answer: C

5 The name of which of Santa's reindeer is from the German for “lightening”?
   a) Comet    b) Blitzen    c) Fahrenheit
   Answer: B

6 Who changed the calendar and as a result Christmas in the west is celebrated on December 25?
   a) Pope Gregory    b) Rupert Murdoch    c) King Henry VIII
   Answer: A

7 Who wrote the oratorio *Messiah* (1741), popularly performed as part of the Christmas seasons?
   a) Mozart    b) Granger    c) Handel
   Answer: C

8 With annual Christmas markets, in which city can Wenceslas Square be found?
   A) Prague    b) London    c) Budapest
   Answer: A
1 Which carol first appeared in a Lutheran Sunday School book in 1885?
Answer: Away in A Manger

2 What is the manifestation of Christ to the Magi?
Answer: Epiphany

3 Though the modern incarnation bears little resemblance to the original man, which folk hero is based on a fourth century Bishop of Myra who is said to have punched Arius on the jaw during the Council of Nicaea?
Answer: Father Christmas or Santa Claus

4 According to lore, the ivy represents the female, what Christmas plant represents the male?
Answer: Holly

5 Which of the Magi gave Jesus frankincense?
Answer: Caspar

6 Who composed the popular song *White Christmas* which begins “I’m dreaming of a white Christmas Just like the ones I used to know”?
Answer: Irving Berlin

7 Who wrote in his poem *Oxen*, “Christmas Eve, and twelve of the clock. ‘Now they are all on their knees.’”?
Answer: Hardy

8 Which small village in Germany, noted for its glassblowing, supplied virtually the whole world with Christmas tree ornaments prior to the First World War?
Answer: Lauscha

9 In which Peter Carey novel did the very first taste of a Christmas pudding create a momentous effect?
Answer: Oscar And Lucinda

10 Named after an ancient Roman feast in December, what is now any time of unrestrained revelry?
Answer: Saturnalia