



The Great Harry Potter Quiz of 2015

Given at The Head of the River, St Aldate's, Oxford, on Thursday 15th October 2015.

Canon policy:

The seven *Harry Potter* books, *Quidditch through the Ages*, *Fantastic Beasts and Where To Find Them*, the Muggle edition of *The Tales of Beedle the Bard*, the short story published in the Waterstone's *What's Your Story?* collection, "New from J.K. Rowling" sections of *Pottermore*, and any comments made by J.K. Rowling on her website (including the old version) or in interviews are canon. Anything not directly authored or spoken by Rowling is not canon, including (but not limited to) the films, the video games and fanfic. Questions only relate to information following this canon policy unless otherwise specified.

All references to dates are taken from the dating established by the Deathday cake of Nearly-Headless Nick in *Chamber of Secrets* and confirmed by the Potters' gravestone in *Deathly Hallows*.

The Welcome Feast

These are some introductory questions to get you into the swing of things.

1. Which object presents the Sword of Gryffindor to any worthy member of his House in time of need?
2. Other than a frog and an owl, which pet is permitted at Hogwarts, according to the letter sent by Professor McGonagall to all first-years?
3. Which adjective describes both a Friar and a Lady?
4. Peter Pettigrew's animagus form was as what animal?
5. In the climactic scene of *Philosopher's Stone*, Quirrell describes Snape as "swooping around like an over-grown"—what?
6. In the same scene, Harry shouts what at Voldemort when he tells Harry that his parents "died begging [him] for mercy"?
7. Sanguini, who attends Professor Slughorn's Christmas party in 1996, is a member of which species, with other members of which Gilderoy Lockhart (supposedly) went on *Voyages*?
8. Harry, Ron and Hermione certainly did not "Like it hot, scum" when Vincent Crabbe unleashed what on them in the Room of Requirement?
9. In the films, Professor Flitwick has an additional role leading what student society at Hogwarts? The group isn't mentioned in the books, but is seen performing at the start of the film of *Prisoner of Azkaban*.
10. What did Professor Kettleburn do at the end of Harry's second year, that Professor Slughorn had done before he was brought back to Hogwarts in 1996?

Glossary of the International Confederation of Wizards

In each question we're going to give you a language and a term from the *Harry Potter* books in that language. We want to know what the object in question is in English.

11. Welsh, "Wfftipwff"
12. Hungarian, "Gregory Monstro"
13. Latin, "Angiportum Diagonion"
14. Italian, "No-pupù-no-pipì"
15. Chinese (People's Republic of China): 鬼飛球, which literally means "Flying Ghost Ball"

Death, the Next Great Adventure

In this round we will give you the last words of five characters. All the characters died after saying the words in question (and without speaking again). In each case, name the character.

16. "Severus... please... please..."
17. "Severus... please..."
18. "Avada Kedavra!"
19. "Turn around and face me like a man, why don't you?"
20. "Harry... Potter..."

Kingsley's Patronus¹

For each question in this round we're going to give you a short list. For each, we want the connection between the items in the list.

21. Broomstick, cauldron, head
22. A Galleon, a patronus, a mirror
23. Lightning, handwriting, the Tube Map
24. Hepzibah Smith, Merope Gaunt, the Grey Lady
25. Millicent Bulstrode, Argus Filch, Aberforth Dumbledore, Lily Potter

"This isn't magic—it's logic!"

All five questions in this round involve some sort of wordplay, and a little bit of lateral thinking.

26. What's significant about the sentence "Wake, world, Hermione did well last summer?" (Hint: it has seven words.)
27. Which dragon is unfaithful?
28. What organisation, if it had produced the Mirror of Erised, might have inscribed it with "Sudnalli titmauq nuns neim rodo card"?
29. Which character, had they been as evil as Lord Voldemort, might have chosen similarly their nickname as "Miss Choppily Gonndornet"?
30. Which character dyes in *The Letters from No One*, Chapter 3 of *Philosopher's Stone*?²

The Alphabetical Order of the Phoenix

The questions in this round are probably the hardest in the quiz (at least in terms of the *Harry Potter* knowledge required). To help you, though, the answers are in an alphabetical sequence: so if the answer to Question 1 were to begin with a D, the answer to Question 2 would begin with an E, to Question 3 with an F, and so on. I won't tell you which letter we're starting on, but note that the alphabet is taken to loop around, so if the answer to any question begins with a Z, the next will begin with an A. For any multiple-word answers, only the first word necessarily begins with the appropriate letter; in particular, that means that names of people are sorted by forename, **not** surname (so "Harry Potter" would be an answer beginning with H, not P).

31. What was the name of the prison built by Grindelwald to hold his opponents?
32. When Harry attends his end-of-year Divination exam in his Third Year, Professor Trelawney asks him to "kindly gaze into the"—what?
33. In Harry's third year, which student is Head Girl?
34. Shortly before Christmas in his Sixth Year, Harry pretends to be engrossed in a textbook that Professor Flitwick has set his Charms class to read by the following morning. Harry does this to avoid answering Ron, who is defending his actions after Hermione's bird attack. What was the name of the book?

¹ A lynx. Links, geddit?

² This question works better when read out loud. :-P

35. Complete the name of the law stating that underage wizards who perform magic outside of Hogwarts may be expelled: the Decree for the _____ Restriction of Underage Sorcery, 1875).
36. According to the floor guide of St Mungo's Hospital, what class of ailments would cause you to require treatment on the fourth floor?
37. England were knocked out of the 1994 Quidditch World Cup in an embarrassing defeat to which team, who scored 390 points to their ten?
38. In the office of the Muggle Prime Minister hangs a portrait of a "froglike little man wearing a long silver wig", who announces visits by the Minister for Magic. What is the subject's name?
39. According to JK Rowling on Twitter, which character this year signed the petition for Jeremy Clarkson to be reinstated on *Top Gear*, saying it was the only reason he paid the licence fee?
40. Dean Thomas supports which Muggle football team?

Remembrall or Nothing

We finish with another general knowledge round, but this time with (hopefully!) easier questions. But there's a catch! If you guess any answer, and guess wrong, you will score **no points** for the round. There's no penalty for not guessing an answer, so if you're not sure, it's perhaps better not to write anything at all. But if you do guess **all ten** answers, and get them all right, you score a bonus five points.

41. Little Whinging is in which English county?
42. During a standard Hogwarts Quidditch match, how many individuals are on the pitch? (Assume nobody has retired due to injury.)
43. Zacharias Smith was a member of which Hogwarts house?
44. Which Hogwarts professor has a name that might be taken to mean "white bumblebee"?
45. On what date each year does Nearly-Headless Nick mark his deathday?
46. In *Order of the Phoenix*, Harry and Cho have an awkward conversation, only to be interrupted by Filch, who accuses Harry of ordering Dungbombs. Where (inside) does this scene take place?
47. How is the (real) first name of Mad-Eye Moody spelt?
48. Norberta the dragon belongs to which breed?
49. The distance learning course Filch attempts to use to learn magic goes by what name?
50. Who must Cedric save in the Second Task of the Triwizard Tournament?

Tiebreaker:

In hours, what is the total length of the Harry Potter audiobooks as read by Stephen Fry?

Quiz by Alex Homer, October 2015