

General Quiz 23/7/20 answers

1. How were the characters played by Wilfred Brambell and Harry H Corbett known in the title of a popular sitcom of the 1960s and 1970s? **Steptoe and Son**
2. Which appropriate piece of music by Chopin is the signature tune of the radio programme 'Just a Minute'? **The Minute Waltz**
3. The Roman City of Pompeii was buried in ash by an eruption of which volcano? **Vesuvius**
4. What was the name of the imaginary friend invented by Algernon Moncrieff in the Important of Being Earnest? **Bunbury**
5. The Grand National has been run at Aintree in Liverpool since it started in the 1830s, except 3 occasions during the First World War. Where was it run then? **Gatwick**
6. The followers of the Hellenistic philosopher Zeno of Citium gave their name to a word now applied to someone showing patient endurance – what is the word? **Stoic**
7. Who patented the invention of the ball point pen in Paris in 1938? **Laszlo Biro**
8. If you went to hospital and were referred to the phlebotomy department what would they be going to test? **Your blood**
9. What's the name of the town in Mali which has come to stand for any distant or outlandish place? **Timbuktu**
10. The seemingly never ending Chancery Court case of Jarndyce versus Jarndyce provides the backdrop to which Charles Dickens novel? **Bleak House**
11. Which English King married Elizabeth of York, daughter of Edward IV, thus uniting the Houses of York and Lancaster? **Henry VII**
12. What gives the distinctive flavour to Earl Grey tea? **Bergamot**
13. In the Wizard of Oz the Lion Man wants courage, the Tin Man a heart. What does the Scarecrow want? **A brain**
14. The Ritz hotel in London overlooks which royal park? **Green Park**
15. By what pseudonym is the 19th century novelist Mary Ann Evans better known? **George Eliot**
16. What name connects a popular chocolate wafer biscuit and a London club popular with Whigs and literary figures of the early 1700s? **Kit Kat**
17. In the equation $e=mc^2$ what does the c represent? **The speed of light**

18. Who was John Merrick in the film starring John Hurt? **The Elephant Man**

19. A castle 30 miles south west of Leipzig was home to which famous World War II prisoner of war camp where several daring escape attempts were made?
Colditz

20. What was the name of the ship which took the Pilgrim Fathers to America in 1620? **The Mayflower**