



## East Central 2011 Christmas Family Quiz - ANSWERS

1. When do we celebrate Christmas Day in Great Britain? 25 December
2. Who wrote the poem 'Christmas'? John Betjeman
3. Whose birth do we celebrate on Christmas Day? The birth of Jesus Christ
4. In what town or city was this person born? Bethlehem
5. Why had people gone to this town? Because of the Census
6. Who issued the decree that this should take place? Caesar Augustus
7. In what land is this town or city situated? Judea
8. What gave birth to this child? Mary
9. Who did this mother visit and who was also pregnant? Elizabeth
10. In what receptacle was this baby born? A Manger
11. Why was this? Because there was no room for them in the inn
12. Who was the King at that time? King Herod
13. This king gave orders to kill whom? Kill all the boys under 2 years old
14. Complete the hymn line ...'O come, all ye.....'? Faithful
15. Who was the mother pledged to be married to at that time? Joseph
16. Who appeared to this man in a dream? An angel of the Lord
17. Where were they told to escape to? Egypt
18. Complete the hymn line ... 'On Christmas night all ..... sing' Christians
19. Who were the first people to visit this new born baby? The Magi
20. From what direction had these people come? The East
21. What directed them to where the child was born? The Star
22. What presents did they give to the child? Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh
23. Who 'watched their flocks by night'? The Shepherds
24. Who wrote the hymn 'Angels from the realms of glory'? James Montgomery
25. After the King died, this family were told to go to the land of.....? Israel
26. Where did this baby grow up? Nazareth
27. In what river was this person later baptised? Jordan
28. Who baptised this person? John the Baptist
29. What descended on this person as they came out of the water? Spirit of God/Dove
30. Who wrote 'O little town of Bethlehem'? Phillips Brooks
31. When is St Stephen's Day? 26 December
32. What is this day also know as? Boxing Day
33. What are traditionally given and received on Christmas Day Presents
34. Who wrote 'Once in Royal David's city'? Cecil Frances Alexander
35. What is the day before Christmas Day called? Christmas Eve

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36. When traditionally is 'Stir up Sunday'? Last Sunday before Advent
37. What is Advent? Preparing for the coming of Jesus Christ
38. When is Advent? 4 Sundays before Christmas closest to 30 November
39. What is the liturgical colour for Advent? Purple (or Blue)
40. What was traditionally made on 'Stir up Sunday'? Christmas Puddings
41. What is taken down on Twelfth Night? Christmas decorations
42. Who wrote 'The Snowflake'? Walter de la Mare
43. Who decreed that goose should be eaten at Christmas? Elizabeth 1
44. When was the defeat of the Spanish Armada? 1588
45. Who was the first to eat turkey on Christmas Day? King Henry V 1511
46. Who wrote 'A Christmas Carol'? G K Chesterton, Christina Rossetti, A C Swinburne, S T Coleridge
47. When were 'dumb cakes' traditionally baked? Christmas Eve, Yule Eve, St Agnes Eve, St Faith's Eve
48. Who made the Christmas Tree popular in Great Britain? Prince Albert in 1840
49. When did Norway first give a Norwegian Spruce Tree to London? 1947
50. Where is this tree usually sited each year? Trafalgar Square, London
51. What does this gift commemorate? Help Britain gave to Norway in WW2
52. Who wrote 'Silent night, holy night'? Father Joseph Mohr
53. Where was he a parish priest? Wagrain (previously Oberndorf, & Mariapfarr) in Austria
54. Who wrote 'Joy to the world, the Lord is come'? Isacc Watts
55. On what Psalm is this hymn based? Psalm 98
56. When did the Puritans ban all Christmas celebrations? 1644
57. What year was Christ's Mass, or Christmas, first celebrated? 324–360 AD
58. When were the first Christmas cards printed? 1843
59. Whose idea was this? Henry Cole
60. Where was he The First Director of? Victoria & Albert Museum, London
61. How many Christmas Cards were first printed? 1,000
62. Where were they sold? Felix Summerly's Treasure House, London
63. How much were they each? One shilling
64. Complete... 'Away in a manger, no crib for a .....
65. Who wrote 'A visit from Saint Nicholas'? Bed  
Clement Clarke Moore
66. Which country does the Poinsettia come from? Mexico
67. Who discovered it? Dr Joel Roberto Poinsett
68. In what year was it discovered? 1825–18232
69. Who invented Christmas Crackers? Tom Smith
70. Who wrote 'Hark! the herald angels sing'? Charles Wesley

*Congratulations to the winner*  
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