

I'M DREAMING OF A GREEN QUIZ' MASS

20 natural history and sustainability quiz questions

1. According to Transport & Environment (T&E), a Brussels-based thinktank, how many litres of oil does an average petrol car burn during its lifetime?
a) 7,000 litres
b) 12,500 litres
c) 17,000 litre
2. Which area of London below is NOT expected to be particularly vulnerable to flooding by 2030 according to non-profit organisation Climate Central?
a) Hammersmith
b) Westminster
c) Greenwich
3. According to BusinessWaste.co.uk what percentage of Brits throw away the plastic gifts inside crackers?
a) 58%
b) 73%
c) 99%
4. How many different types of shape of snowflake are there?
a) 26
b) 35
c) 43
5. How many real Christmas trees are sold on average in the UK each year?
a) 3 million
b) 8 million
c) 12 million
6. According to the Carbon Trust, approximately how many years would you need to reuse an artificial Christmas tree for it to be greener than a real tree?
a) 10 years
b) 5 years
c) 17 years
7. Approximately how many advent calendars contain single-use plastics?
a) 2 million
b) 5 million
c) 7 million
8. How many black bags of Christmas packaging do UK households throw away?
a) 1.5
b) 2
c) 3.5
9. As many as 1 billion Christmas cards end up in bins each year, how many trees is that equivalent to?
a) 33 million
b) 34 million
c) 35 million
10. How much does the UK spend on unwanted Christmas gifts?
a) £500 million
b) £600 million
c) £700 million
11. What year has the UK pledged to reach net zero emissions by?
a) 2030
b) 2040
c) 2050
12. How will winters change in the UK due to global warming?
a) They will get colder and drier
b) They will get warmer and wetter
c) They will get warmer and drier
13. What are the Latin names for two plants that feature in the famous Christmas song, The Holly and the Ivy?
a) Taxus baccata and Viscum album
b) Heleborus and galanthus
c) Ilex aquifolium and Hedera helix
14. According to a YouGov survey, what percentage of people in the UK receive at least one unwanted gift?
a) 35%
b) 57%
c) 61%
15. According to one Victorian mistletoe tradition, what had to be done to the bunch before receiving a kiss?
a) Hold it under your chin
b) Move it somewhere else
c) Pick a berry
16. Ivy is another plant closely associated with Christmas but what colour are its fruits when ripe?
a) White
b) Black
c) Green
17. What is the UK's biggest source of renewable energy?
a) Wind
b) Solar
c) Tidal
18. What type of animal is the species Ba humbugi?
a) Beetle
b) Land Snail
c) Mouse
19. There are many types of conifer that can be found throughout the UK, but only three that are native. Which ones?
a) Yew, Juniper and Scots pine
b) Yew, Cedar and Juniper
c) Cedar, Juniper and Scots pine
20. When does the earliest known gingerbread recipe date back to?
a) Ancient Greece and Egypt
b) Middle Ages
c) Early Renaissance



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1. Answer: A – a petrol car will burn an average of 17,000 litres of oil in its lifetime – about 12.5 tonnes.
2. Answer: B – Westminster
3. Answer: C – 99%
4. Answer: B – 35
5. Answer: B – 8 million
6. Answer: A – 10 years
7. Answer: B – 5 million
8. Answer: C – 3.5
9. Answer: A – 33 million
10. Answer: C – £700 million
11. Answer: C – 2050
12. Answer: B – they will get warmer and wetter.
13. Answer: C – Ilex aquifolium and Hedera helix
14. Answer: B – 57%
15. Answer: C – pick a berry. Once all the berries had been picked no more kissing could take place.
16. Answer: B – Black
17. Answer: A – Wind
18. Answer: B – Land snail
19. Answer: A – Yew, Juniper and Scots pine. Cedar originates from Lebanon and the eastern coast of the Mediterranean and Asia Minor.
20. Answer: A – an early form of gingerbread can be traced to the ancient Greeks and Egyptians who used it for ceremonial purposes.

