

Not the Christmas Quiz

A little diversion to take your mind off the stresses of the Festive Season
The questions, mainly that of identifying aircraft, range from
'easy' to 'not quite so' to 'simply diabolical'

No points, no prizes but you may wish to 'mark and grade yourself'

- 1 Fast-moving sugar.
- 2 Sounds incomplete but it flew.
- 3 Aristocratic graduate in the Med. (3 related aircraft).
- 4 Grounded god, now in the care of an arboreal legend.
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- 5 'Be free, and fare thou well! please you draw
near'
(last line of (The) -----) (excluding the epilogue).
- 6 'Twice Vertical' What and why (not an aircraft).
- 7 'Blue'(3) 'Red'(2) 'Yellow' 'Black' 'Grey' 'Fire-'
Name the 9 aerobatic teams and aircraft flown by them
- 8 Fine country home for famous instrument (RAF Station).
- 9 Poor quality porcine product. (USAAF 8th Air Force bomber station).
- 10 Fine weather in antipodes.
- 11 'Spider crab? - never. Renamed as?
- 12 18151 Latticework. Two aircraft link here.
- 13 This aircraft designer's name suggests other military hardware.
- 14 Be sharp to provide more information on these:
'Scimitar', 'Rapier' 'Blades' (twice) 'Cutlass' 'Javelin' 'Sabre' 'Dagger' 'Lance' and 'Dart'.
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- 15 This reptile gives its name to a missile and its 'weapon' identifies an early jet-fighter.
- 16 Scribbling insect.
- 17 Very heavy restraining gear-possibly in the Antarctic
- 18 A trans-Atlantic 'get-rich quick' merchant.
- 19 Highly tuned woodwind instrument over Germany.
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- 20 'Buzzard' 'Kestrel' 'Eagle' 'Griffon' 'Merlin' 'Peregrine' Pegasus' and 'Vulture'
Spot the two 'rogues' and say why.
- 21 Catering post in a religious institution.
- 22 A most handsome pugilist.
- 23 The Gloucester 'Meteor' was a twin-engined, single-seat fighter of the
50s. True or false?

- 24 Stan and Olly may have sung about this one.
- 25 Name at least 7 'River' engines.
- 26 A S.E county and a productive insect combine to give this famous pre-war record breaker.
- 27 Hard, if not impossible to get rid of.
- 28 Who wrote? 'Sigh for a Merlin' 'The Big Show' 'The Dambusters' (original), 'Wing Leader' 'The First and the Last' 'We Landed by Moonlight' 'Most Secret War' 'The Mighty Eighth' 'A Thousand Shall Fall' and 'Enemy Coast Ahead'.
- 29 Can you name the famous wartime aviation cartoonist
- 30 Name the national aerobatic team of Canada.
- 31 Identify three aircraft- 'seaborne robbers' and one for similar land- based activities.
- 32 Name at least 9 aircraft which carry the names of Native American tribes.
- 33 A little more detail required for these 'weather birds:
Typhoon(2), Tempest, Whirlwind, Tornado (3), Hurricane, Thunderbolt, and Lightning.
- 34 Name four aircraft with a 'space' link.
- 35 There are at least 20 aircraft which carry the name of a UK town, city or location. Here are six to help you on your way. Complete them and name the rest.
'B----- Y' 'A -----R' 'S-----G' 'S-----N' 'H ---- Y' 'F ----- E' 'H-----S'
- 36 NEARLY THE BEST TILL LAST!
At the end of a hectic display season, the SIX 'Merlin'-engined fighters of the 'BBMF' returned home feeling a little mixed up. Can you sort their serial numbers for them? To help. One, L---3 was the last of its type in RAF service There are 5 with 2 letters/ 3 numbers and 1 with letter/4 numbers
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REALLY THE BEST TILL LAST!

Using this rather risqué cartoon, one of several based on RAF squadron mottos:

I usually close a talk by claiming that it represents the 'creed of the dedicated researcher' who is always seeking that little 'bit more'. All you have to do is to work out the true translation of the motto. The squadron at the time was flying Buccaneers from Laarbruch in Germany (Reece).

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