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Library quiz 2022

Round 1: '… creamy vanilla and choco-dream …'

(Five questions about ice cream)

1. In 2021 the Magnum ice cream celebrated whose 700th anniversary by releasing three limited edition flavours, each one based on a different part of their most famous work?
2. Which ice cream brand, first devised at Wall's Gloucester factory in 1982, was re-introduced in Indonesia in 2020 after an absence of several years when 75,000 people signed a petition demanding its return? In 2007 to celebrate the brand's 25th birthday a 22.7m-long slab was made, entering the *Guinness Book of Records*.
3. Which antiquary, alchemist, officer and politician made the first mention of ice cream in England at a feast for Charles II?
4. With a name meaning 'covered cup', and traditional flavours including saffron, cardamom and rose, which South Asian frozen dessert first became popular in the Mughal Empire?
5. Which flavour of ice cream, first appearing as a joke in a *Two Ronnies* sketch in 1973, was transformed into a reality by a New York ice-cream parlour in 1982, and more recently by Hester Blumenthal?

Round 2: OMG – that's not even a word!

(Seven questions on words of the year)

1. The first *Oxford Dictionary* word of the year appeared in 2004. First recorded in 1860, one possible etymology is that it derived from the Romany word for 'child'. What is it?
2. In 2010 the Oxford US word of the year was refudiate, possibly an unintentional neologism combining the meanings of both refute and repudiate, coined by which politician?

3. The Oxford word for 2013 led the Russian Ministry of the Interior to issue a safety guide to associated activities two years later. What was the word?
4. Nomophobia, the Cambridge Dictionary word of 2018, is the fear of what?
5. Dictionary.com's word of 2019 refers to a branch of philosophy that explores the meaning, value and purpose of being. What is it?
6. The 2021 *Collins Dictionary* word of the year is defined as a digital certificate denoting ownership of a unique asset. What is it?
7. This year's Oxford word is defined as living without regard to self-image. What is it?

Round 3: Elf! I need somebody!
(Five questions on elves)

1. Which writer, abolitionist and feminist, buried in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery in Concord, Massachusetts, in 1888, first portrayed Christmas elves in an unpublished story for children in 1856?
2. Which Anglo-Saxon name means elf-counselled, and in the 1960s was shared by a sitcom character written by Johnny Speight and the eponymous narcissist of a film set in swinging London?
3. Appearing in the 13th-14th-century Eyrbyggja saga the phrase *ganga alfrek* ('going to drive away the elves') describes which activity?
4. Cliff Richard, Annie Lennox and J.R.R. Tolkien have all sung songs concerning which elf?
5. In the film 2003 *Elf* the central character is played by which American comic actor?

Round 6: Christmas Crackers
(Supply the punchline to five cracker jokes)

1. Doctor, doctor, I've got a mince pie stuck up my nose!
2. What do you call a search engine that sings Christmas songs?
3. What did one cranberry say to the other at Christmas?
4. Why doesn't Ebenezer Scrooge eat at the pasta restaurant?
5. What Christmas carol is about an animal with three legs?

Answers

Round 1

1. Dante. *Inferno* = Charcoal ice cream, raspberry and salted dark chocolate; *Purgatorio* = caramel, vanilla and biscotti; *Paradiso* = pink chocolate and pistachio
2. Viennetta
3. Elias Ashmole
4. Kulfi
5. Bacon

Round 2

1. Chav
2. Sarah Palin
3. Selfie
4. Not being able to access a mobile phone
5. Existential
6. NFT
7. Goblin mode

Round 3

1. Louisa May Alcott
2. Alfred
3. Going to the toilet
4. Galadriel
5. Will Ferrell

Round 4

1. You'll need some cream for that
2. Michael Google
3. 'Tis the season to be jelly
4. Because it costs a pretty penne
5. Little wonkey