

# Chris Kane's Quiz of the Year 2010

Merry Christmas!

One of our family traditions on Christmas Day is to test our recall of the year with a quiz after Christmas dinner.

One of my Christmas traditions is making up the quiz, which I also like to share with friends. I think it's a welcome change from the usual Christmas card.

Please feel free to pass this on and I hope you have fun completing it with family and friends.

Chris Kane  
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## The Rules

- A correct answer to any question is worth one point, unless indicated at the start of the question. There are 100 questions in total, with 123 points possible for a perfect score.
- As always, if there are any arguments about the answers, the quiz master's decision is final!

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This is the two page question sheet  
The answers are contained in a separate sheet

## Round 1: 2010 – Jan to Mar

1. The tallest man made structure in the world, the Burj Khalifa, opened in which country?
2. In which country did a devastating earthquake kill over 200,000 people?
3. Which two BBC radio stations did Director General Mark Thomson announce would close as part of a cost cutting drive? (2pts)
4. Which iconic British firm was taken over by the American company Kraft Foods in February?
5. Which car manufacturer recalled nearly eight million cars worldwide due to an accelerator problem?

## Round 2: In Memorandum (1)

The following people all passed away in 2010. How many can you name?

6. A legendary Scottish Rugby Commentator
7. 4 time winner of *British Fashion Designer of the Year*
8. A novelist and former jockey
9. Leader of the Labour Party from 1980 – 1983
10. The manager of the *Sex Pistols*

## Round 3: Film

11. Which war film won *Best Film* at this year's Oscars?
12. Which animated film was the highest grossing movie of 2010?
13. Who played the title role in the summer movie "Robin Hood"?
14. Which 1980s Saturday tea time favourite TV show was given a big screen makeover in 2010?
15. What was the name of the Harry Potter movie released in December 2010?

## Round 4: Sporting Events

16. Who won the UK's only medal of the Winter Olympics and in what sport? (2pts)
17. Which teams contested the World Cup final and what was the winning score? (3pts)
18. What was the name of the musical instrument that caused quite a stir at the World Cup?
19. Where was the Ryder Cup held in 2010 and who were the team captains? (3pts)
20. In which city were this year's Commonwealth Games held?

## Round 5: Celebrities

21. Singer Jamie Cullum married which model on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2010?
22. Who won this year's *I'm A Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here?*
23. What tropical ailment causes Cheryl Cole to miss much of the *X Factor* audition process?
24. Which singer was jailed for two months for crashing his car after taking cannabis?
25. Who won 2010's *Britain's Got Talent?*

## Round 6: 2010 – April to June

26. The eruption of Eyjafjallajokull in Iceland shut down the skies above Europe for how many days in April?
27. What was the name of the BP oil rig that exploded and sank in the Gulf of Mexico?
28. The President of which country was killed when his plane crashed in what country? (2pts)
29. In June, the Saville Inquiry reported its findings into what incident?
30. The IMF announced a 110 billion Euro bailout package for which European country?

## Round 7: Music

31. What nationality is *X-Factor* contestant Wagner?
32. Which *X-Factor* contestant had the first number one single of 2010?
33. Which band broke records by selling 1.34 million tickets for their 2011 tour in less than twenty four hours?
34. Which singer amassed over 24 million Facebook fans in 2010?
35. Two female artists each had five top ten hits in 2010. Name both artists. (2pts)

## Round 8: General Election

36. The General Election was held on which date?
37. For which party did Caroline Lucas become the first elected MP?
38. What was the name of the first member of the coalition to resign, after less than two weeks in office?
39. Which candidate was involved in a plane crash on Election Day?
40. What's the name of the former Labour party deputy leader who retired from the Commons on Election Day?

## Round 9: Technology

41. What one word, relatively new to the English language, was the most searched term on Google this year?
42. The prototype of which device was found in a bar in California, months before its official release date?
43. Microsoft started selling a revolutionary controller for its Xbox console in December. What's it called?
44. On 3<sup>rd</sup> April, Manchester United v Chelsea became the first UK TV show broadcast using what technology?
45. Following in the footsteps of the first Space Shuttle, what's the name of Virgin Galactic's first passenger carrying spaceship?

### **Round 10: In Memorandum (2)**

The following people all passed away in 2010. How many can you name?

46. Legendary Scottish Trade Union leader
47. Charlie Chaplin's "favourite clown"
48. Actor best known for "City Lights"
49. A tv and newspaper Agony Aunt
50. "Dynasty's" Ben Carrington

### **Round 11: 2010 – July to September**

51. The "News of the World" ran a story about match fixing that caused a scandal in which sport?
52. How many men were rescued from the Copiapo Mine and how many days did they spend underground? (2pts)
53. Who donated 4.6 million pounds to the British Legion in August?
54. Which four cities did the Pope visit during his State Visit to the UK in September? (4pts)
55. Which five MPs contested the Labour Party Leadership election in September? (5pts)

### **Round 12: Television**

56. Four *Coronation Street* characters died in a live episode to mark the show's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in December. However, which *Eastenders* character died in a live episode in February to mark that show's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary?
57. Who won the final series of *Celebrity Big Brother* back in January
58. Which BBC series finished after thirty seven years in August?
59. How many actors have played Dr Who on screen prior to Matt Smith stepping into the role on 1<sup>st</sup> January?
60. Which two presenters swapped the *One Show* for *Daybreak*? (2pts)

### **Round 13: We are the Champions (1)**

Who won the following competitions:

61. Wimbledon Men's Singles
62. British Open Golf
63. British Grand Prix
64. Grand National (horse, not jockey)
65. Snooker World Championship

### **Round 14: Royal Family**

66. Who became the first member of the Royal family to complete the London Marathon?
67. Prince William and Kate Middleton announced their engagement in November. What's the date of their wedding?
68. Which international body did QE2 address in 2010 for the first time in 53 years?
69. Wikileaks revealed in November that US Ambassador Tatiana Gfoeller found which Royal "rude" and "cocky"
70. Which member of the Royal Family flew to Afghanistan to mark Remembrance Day with British troops?

### **Round 15: Books**

71. Which television chef became the fastest selling non fiction author in the UK, selling 750,000 books in a week?
72. Politicians Tony Blair and George W Bush both published their memoirs in 2010. Name both books. (2pts)
73. Which children's book, according to a BBC survey in 2010, is currently the most popular in the UK?
74. Which Swedish author had three books in Amazon's top ten bestseller list of 2010?
75. Howard Jacobson won which major literary prize for his book *The Finkler Question*?

### **Round 16: 2010 – Oct to Dec**

76. Which famous Nobel Peace Prize winner was released from house arrest after seven years?
77. Which European Country declared a state of emergency after a chemical sludge reservoir burst its banks?
78. In December, which two nations did FIFA announce would host the 2018 and 2022 World Cups? (2pts)
79. What's the name of the founder of whistleblower website Wikileaks, who was arrested in the UK in December
80. The Duke and Duchess of Cornwall were attacked in their car on the way to which event in December?

### **Rd 17: We Are the Champions (2)**

81. Which football teams won the SPL and Premiership titles? (2pts)
82. Which English golfer ended Tiger Wood's reign as World Number One?
83. Who won the Formula One Drivers Championship of 2010?
84. Who won this year's Six Nations Rugby Championship?
85. Which country won the most medals at this year's Winter Olympics?

### **Round 18: Crime Doesn't Pay**

86. Which notorious killer was recalled to prison after breaching his parole conditions in March?
87. What was the name of the gunman who went on a killing rampage in Cumbria in June?
88. The High Court ruled in July that the Yorkshire Ripper should never be paroled. What's his name?
89. Which Hollywood Actor was jailed in December for not paying his taxes?
90. Police found a bomb inside what piece of equipment at East Midlands Airport in November?

### **Round 19: Politics**

91. Lord Pearson of Rannoch stepped down as leader of his party on 17<sup>th</sup> August. Which party?
92. What did Lord Young say on 19 Nov that caused him to resign as an Enterprise Adviser to the government?
93. Who was re-elected Commons Speaker after the General Election?
94. Prime Minister David Cameron became a dad again in 2010. What's his daughter's name?
95. Former US President Bill Clinton's daughter got married in 2010. What's her name?

### **Round 20: How Bizarre**

96. What type of sea creature became a celebrity by correctly predicting Germany's results in the World Cup?
97. What four items did former footballer Paul Gascoigne try to give Raul Moat during the police siege?
98. Which famous footballing nation won this year's Blind World Cup?
99. After a successful reintroduction, what animals were found to be breeding in Scotland for the first time in nearly 400 years
100. Which city was named British Curry Capital for the 4<sup>th</sup> time in 10 years in December

***Total points: 123***