

Dear friends,

Well, after a two-week Christmas break, we're back with another activity packet. As usual, you'll find inside 30 multiple choice trivia questions, 20 other trivia questions (this time around based on "numbers in titles"), a page of Points to Ponder (this time around, fitting for a new year, dealing with resolutions), a page of unfinished song lyrics, a page full of the answers, and this opening letter.

We so hope you find it of value – whether as entertainment, mental exercise, conversation starters, inspiration, a fun stroll down memory lane, or whatever else. And we also hope these activity packets remind you that Claire and I are thinking of you, praying for you, and earnestly yearning for the day when we can return and present live "When Swing Was King" shows for you. Pray with us that day comes soon!

Our Christmas season (which includes the whole month of December plus all 12 Days of Christmas and then Epiphany on January 6) was full and very rich. We had several breakfasts with friends, a few dinner parties and "high teas," sent gifts out to family and friends, had a couple of outdoor caroling adventures, attended 2 Christmas Eve church services, and I was honored to preach 3 Christmas-themed sermons at different churches. There was also Christmas music, reading, a few old movies, creating my own recipe for wassail (which has been a huge hit with our friends), and plenty of work on our New Year's resolutions.

But missing among our Christmas blessings this year was the marvelous joy and fellowship we have received throughout the last 10 years by bringing our "When Swing Was King" Christmas show to all of you. So, again, let's pray we get back to that pleasure very, very soon!

In the meantime, here's activity packet #43 for you.

Blessings,

Denny & Claire

Multiple Choice Questions

1) What is the highest possible poker hand?

- A) Royal flush
- B) Four of a kind
- C) Full house
- D) Straight

2) In *The Thin Man* films, William Powell and Myrna Loy played the characters:

- A) Sherlock & Irene
- B) Jack & Kate
- C) Nick & Nora
- D) Mr. Darcy & Elizabeth

3) The writer of the New Testament books *Luke* and *Acts of the Apostles* was, by profession, a...

- A) Fisherman
- B) Tax collector
- C) Soldier
- D) Physician

4) True or False -- The national animal of Scotland is the unicorn. _____

5) The 1952 song that begins "Jambalaya and a crawfish pie and filé gumbo" was written by this country music legend...

- A) Roy Clark
- B) Hank Williams
- C) Ernest Tubb
- D) Merle Haggard

6) What U.S. state has the longest border with Canada?

- A) North Dakota
- B) Wisconsin
- C) Maine
- D) Alaska

7) The famous nickname of basketball pro Julius Erving was...

- A) The Jewel
- B) Dr. J
- C) High Card
- D) The Senator

8) True or False -- The English city of Birmingham has more miles of canals than Venice. _____

9) Which of these Hollywood stars was married to Carole Lombard?

- A) Clark Gable
- B) Douglas Fairbanks
- C) Tom Mix
- D) Charlie Chaplin

10) Back in 1957, this singer (dubbed "The Southern Gentleman") had a huge hit record called "Young Love."

- A) Tom T. Hall
- B) Carl Perkins
- C) Sonny James
- D) Marty Robbins

11) There was a whole lot of dancing and singing in this 1954 movie starring Jane Powell and Howard Keel. The title was *Seven Brides...*

- A) *Seven Heartbreaks*
- B) *in Bridesville*
- C) *for Seven Brothers*
- D) *Change Their Minds*

12) Before Mark Twain wrote *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* in 1884, he had introduced the title character in this book:

- A) *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*
- B) *Roughing It*
- C) *The Christmas Fireside*
- D) *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*

13) Finish the line from this Hank Williams song, "Why can't I free your doubtful mind and..."

- A) win your love again"
- B) melt your cold, cold heart"
- C) come back home to stay"
- D) take back my Chevrolet"

14) The lyrics of "The Star Spangled Banner" come from a poem entitled the "Defense of Fort McHenry." Who was that poet?

- A) Alexander Hamilton
- B) Phillis Wheatley
- C) Walt Whitman
- D) Francis Scott Key

15) True or False -- One of the true pioneers of rock and roll music, "Fats" Domino sold more than 65 million records. _____

16) In the 1960's cartoon series, the wife of Fred Flinstone was named...

- A) Patsy
- B) Thelma Lou
- C) Eulodie
- D) Wilma

17) True or False -- A group of tigers is called a roar. _____

18) "Across the Alley from the Alamo" hit #2 on the charts in 1946 when recorded by...

- A) The Andrews Sisters
- B) The Mills Brothers
- C) The Ames Brothers
- D) The McGuire Sisters

19) Where in the world would you find Edinburgh Castle?

- A) Scotland
- B) Germany
- C) England
- D) Northern Ireland

20) "Linda" was a hit song in 1946 for Ray Noble and Buddy Clark. It was named for a one-year old girl who would eventually grow up to be the wife of a famous rock and roll star. His name?

- A) Ricky Nelson
- B) Bobby Rydell
- C) Paul McCartney
- D) Sam Cooke

21) What legendary beauty was described as possessing “the face that launched a thousand ships”?

- A) Helen of Troy
- B) Cleopatra
- C) Marie Antoinette
- D) Queen Guinevere

22) True or False -- The language that has the most words is German. _____

23) British writer A. E. W. Mason’s 1902 adventure novel *The Four Feathers* was eventually made into several films. Receiving those “four feathers” signified what sin?

- A) Adultery
- B) Forgery
- C) Cowardice
- D) Drug dealing

24) This song (written by Henry Mancini) won the Grammy Award in 1961 after being recorded by Andy Williams.

- A) “Dedicated to the One I Love”
- B) “Moon River”
- C) “Theme from A Summer Place”
- D) “There's a Moon Out Tonight”

25) When on a boat, port is to your left. What do they call the direction to your right?

- A) Aft
- B) Fairhead
- C) About
- D) Starboard

26) Which of these is **NOT** a town in Nebraska?

- A) Lexington
- B) Rulo
- C) Stromsberg
- D) Pine Ridge

27) True or False -- On the average, at least 1 person is killed in the United States every hour by a drunk driver. _____

28) The creator of Sherlock Holmes was this British writer.

- A) G.K. Chesterton
- B) Agatha Christie
- C) Arthur Conan Doyle
- D) Dorothy Sayers

29) The train song that Glenn Miller took to the top of the charts (#1 for 9 straight weeks) in 1941 was:

- A) “Chattanooga Choo Choo”
- B) “Atchison, Topeka, and the Santa Fe”
- C) “Take the ‘A’ Train”
- D) “Sentimental Journey”

30) Les Brown’s big hit in 1945 was “My Dreams Are Getting Better All the Time.” Who sang the vocals?

- A) Dick Haymes
- B) Doris Day
- C) Art Lund
- D) Jo Stafford

Numbers in Titles Quiz (Part 1)

76

12

5

6,5000

39

1

3

5

7

1) This Western movie from 1968 starred Dean Martin & Robert Mitchum: _____ *Card Stud*

2) This John Buchan novel became a 1935 Alfred Hitchcock film starring Robert Donat: *The _____ Steps*

3) This 1940 Glenn Miller song was one of his biggest hits: "Pennsylvania _____"

4) A classic Western film from 1960 that starred Yul Brynner and Steve McQueen: *The Magnificent _____*

5) The 1949 WWII Gregory Peck film about the Army Air Corps: _____ *O'clock High*

6) Count Basie's theme song and biggest hit: "_____ O'Clock Jump"

7) A #1 record in 1946 by Frank Sinatra: "Give Me _____ Minutes More"

8) The closing number from *The Music Man* was "_____ Trombones"

9) In 1955 this song (from a film of the same name) won the Academy Award: "_____ Coins in the Fountain"

10) Bonus question: Which of the above numbers is connected with "drummers drumming" in the Christmas song?

Numbers in Titles Quiz (Part 2)

2 11 73

101 77 3

30 20,000 66

1) The popular Walt Disney animated film from 1961: _____ *Dalmatians*

2) This 1946 song was a huge hit for Nat King Cole: "Route _____"

3) The 1944 MGM movie about the Doolittle raid which starred Spencer Tracy: _____ *Seconds Over Tokyo*

4) A Jimmy Stewart & Shelly Winters Western film from 1950: *Winchester* _____

5) An oft-recorded song originally written in 1924: "Tea for _____"

6) The TV detective show from the 1960s starring Efrem Zimbalist, Jr. was: "_____ Sunset Strip"

7) Many movies have been made from this Alexandre Dumas swashbuckling novel: *The* _____ *Musketeers*

8) This Jules Verne adventure became a popular 1954 film: _____ *Leagues Under the Sea*

9) The Rat Pack heist film from 1960: *Oceans* _____

10) Bonus question: Which of the above represents the pearl wedding anniversary?

Points to Ponder...on Resolutions

“Good resolutions are like babies crying in church. They should be carried out immediately.” (Charles M. Sheldon)

“If you hear a voice within you say ‘you cannot paint,’ then by all means paint, and that voice will be silenced.” (Vincent van Gogh)

“Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do.”
(Coach John Wooden)

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.” (Jeremiah 29:11)

“Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.”
(Theodore Roosevelt)

“Far away there in the sunshine are my highest aspirations. I may not reach them, but I can look up and see their beauty, believe in them, and try to follow where they lead.” (Louisa May Alcott)

“A good resolution is like an old horse -- often saddled but rarely ridden.” (Anonymous)

“The object of a new year is not that we should have a new year. It is that we should have a new soul.” (G.K. Chesterton)

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.” (2 Corinthians 5:17)

“Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it.”
(Chuck Swindoll)

“See first that the design is wise and just;
that ascertained, pursue it resolutely.” (William Shakespeare)

What Comes Next in This Song Lyric?

- 1) "I'll walk alone because to tell you the truth I'll be lonely..."
- 2) "Lipstick on your collar told a tale on you. Lipstick on your collar said you were untrue..."
- 3) "I saw the light; I saw the light. No more darkness, no more night..."
- 4) "Do you hear that lonesome whippoorwill? He sounds too blue to fly..."
- 5) "When we are far apart or when you're near me, love me with all of your heart as I love you..."
- 6) "Once on a high and windy hill, in the morning mist two lovers kissed and the world stood still..."
- 7) "Those cool and limpid green eyes, a pool where in my love lies so deep that in my searching for happiness, I fear..."
- 8) "Marie, the dawn is breaking. Marie, you'll soon be waking to find your heart is aching and tears will fall as you recall..."
- 9) "Rock of Ages, cleft for me; let me hide myself in Thee. Let the water and the blood from Thy wounded side which flowed..."
- 10) "There'll be bluebirds over the white cliffs of Dover tomorrow, just you wait and see..."

The Answers!

Multiple Choice

- 1) A
- 2) C
- 3) D
- 4) True. (No kidding!)
- 5) B

- 6) D
- 7) B
- 8) True
- 9) A
- 10) C

- 11) C
- 12) A
- 13) B
- 14) D
- 15) True

- 16) D
- 17) False – It’s an ambush.
- 18) B
- 19) A
- 20) C

- 21) A
- 22) False – It’s English.
- 23) C
- 24) B
- 25) D

- 26) D
- 27) True
- 28) C
- 29) A
- 30) B

Numbers in Titles (Part 1)

- 1) 5
- 2) 39
- 3) 6, 5000
- 4) 7
- 5) 12
- 6) 1
- 7) 5
- 8) 76
- 9) 3
- 10) 12

Numbers in Titles (Part 2)

- 1) 101
- 2) 66
- 3) 30
- 4) 73
- 5) 2
- 6) 77
- 7) 3
- 8) 20,000
- 9) 11
- 10) 30

What Comes Next in this Song Lyric?

- 1) “...I don’t mind being lonely when my heart tells me you are lonely too.”
- 2) “...Bet your bottom dollar, you and I are through ‘cause lipstick on your collar told a tale on you.”
- 3) “...Now I’m so happy; no sorrow in sight. Praise the Lord, I saw the light.”

4) “...The midnight train is whining low and I’m so lonesome I could cry.”

5) “...Don’t give me your love for a moment or an hour. Love me always as you loved me from the start with every beat of your heart.”

6) “...Then your fingers touched my silent heart and taught it how to sing. Yes, true love’s a many splendored thing.”

7) “...That they will ever haunt me. All through my life they’ll taunt me. But will they ever want me? Green eyes, make my dreams come true.”

8) “...The moon in all its splendor; a kiss, so very tender; the words ‘will you surrender to me, my Marie?’”

9) “...be of sin the double cure. Save from wrath and make me pure.”

10) “...There’ll be love and laughter and peace ever after, tomorrow when the world is free.”