Cambridge Alumni Quiz Questions – Harder version

1. Food for Thought:

1) What was little Miss Muffet eating? **ANSWER:** Curds and whey
2) York, Bayonne, Serrano and Parma are all associated with what type of food? **ANSWER:** Ham
3) Caviar is a prized and expensive delicacy. What actually is it? **ANSWER:** Sturgeon eggs
4) The traditional shape of a wedding cake is said to have been inspired by which church in London? St **ANSWER:** The spire of St Bride’s Church off Fleet
5) Sushi, the traditional Japanese dish, usually consists of small pieces of raw fish or vegetable in a rice roll wrapped in what? **ANSWER:** Seaweed
6) Which foodstuff was the title of Joanne Harris’ best-selling 1999 novel? **ANSWER:** Chocolate (Chocolat)
7) What particular version of a food was named after Queen Margaret of Italy in 1889? **ANSWER:** Pizza Margherita
8) The White Queen states that the rule is “jam tomorrow, and jam yesterday – but never jam today” – in which book? (Full title required) **ANSWER:** Through the Looking Glass and What Alice Found There
9) If savoury dishes are described as Florentine, what ingredient do they contain? **ANSWER:** Spinach (eg Eggs Florentine)
10) Who ate a bowl of gruel and asked “Please, sir, can I have some more?” **ANSWER:** Oliver Twist

2. Red, White and Blue

1. By what nickname was Baroque composer Vivaldi known? **ANSWER:** The Red Priest
2. Which television programme popularised the phrase “And here’s one I made earlier”? **ANSWER:** Blue Peter
3. What sort of shoes did Elvis Presley sing about? **ANSWER:** Blue Suede
4. In which film did Sean Connery, with his usual strong Scottish accent, play a Russian submarine captain? **ANSWER:** The Hunt for Red October
5. What is the name, in English, of the highest peak in the Alps? **ANSWER:** Mount White, White Mountain – ie Mont Blanc.
6. What phrase is used for anti-Communist forces opposed to the Red Army after 1917? **ANSWER:** White Russians
7. Whose national football team is known as the “Azzurri”? **ANSWER:** Italy’s. (Azzurri is The Blues in Italian.)
8. What term is used for overnight flights arriving early in the morning? **ANSWER:** the Redeye
9. Who is Snow White’s sister in the Brothers Grimm fairy tale? **ANSWER:** Rose Red (Different story from the Grimm fairy tale of Snow White and the Seven Dwarves, she doesn’t have a sister)
10. How is Manfred von Richthofen better known? **ANSWER:** The Red Baron, the First World War ace

3. Planes, Trains and Automobiles (and possibly Ships)

1) From which platform does the Chatanooga Choo Choo depart? **ANSWER:** Track 29
2) In which cities would you find JFK, YYZ, CDG, and BRS? **ANSWER:** (score one point if you get all correct, half a point if you get three right) Airport codes: (Kennedy in) New York, (Pearson Airport in) Toronto, (Charles de Gaulle in) Paris, and Bristol.
3) What record is held by The Mallard? **ANSWER:** Speed record for a steam train.
4) When was Britain’s first motorway opened? (You may have two years either way.) **ANSWER:** 1958, (the Preston Bypass, part of the M6)
5) Thomas the Tank Engine was created by whom? **ANSWER:** the Reverend W. Awdry
6) What notable aviation feat did Alcock and Brown first achieve? **ANSWER:** First to fly across the Atlantic Ocean in 1919.
7) Alcock and Brown’s aeroplane engine was made by which British company? **ANSWER:** Rolls-Royce
8) If green is District, silver is Jubilee, what is yellow? **ANSWER:** Circle - They are colours of London Underground lines on the map
9) The famous clipper ship Cutty Sark was named after a phrase in which Robert Burns poem? **ANSWER:** “Tam O’Shanter”
10) Which car manufacturer has recently reached the highest market valuation ever of an American car company? **ANSWER:** Tesla

4. Picture Round

**Answers:**
1. WG Grace: Cricket
2. Katherine Grainger: Rowing
3. Roger Federer: Tennis
4. Tanni Grey-Thompson: Wheelchair racing
5. Virginia Wade: Tennis
6. Martin Johnson: Rugby
7. Nicola Adams: Boxing
8. Christine Ohuruogu: Athletics
9. Jonny Brownlee: Triathlon (half a point if you get the wrong Brownlee)
10. Sachin Tendulkar: Cricket

5. Names and Eponyms

1. Which British prime minister gave his name to a type of boot? **ANSWER:** Wellington
2. Which biscuit is named after a hero of Italian unification? **ANSWER:** Garibaldi
3. Charles Richter devised a scale to measure the magnitude of what? **ANSWER:** Earthquakes
4. What name is shared by the composer of the opera Rusalka and the inventor of an alternative to the Qwerty keyboard? **ANSWER:** Dvorak
5. John Montagu was responsible for the creation of which type of finger food? **ANSWER:** Sandwiches (he was the Earl of Sandwich)
6. Which Irish land agent gave his name to a campaign of organised avoidance or ostracism? **ANSWER:** Captain Boycott
7. World War II RAF slang referred to life jackets using whose name? **ANSWER:** Mae West
8. The SI unit of power is named after which pioneer of the steam engine? **ANSWER:** (James) Watt
9. Which Roman dictator gave his name to an operation? **ANSWER:** Julius Caesar – Caesarian section
10. The baggy ladies’ underwear named after an American women’s rights campaigner were known as what? **ANSWER:** Bloomers

6. Numbers Cardinal and Ordinal
1. Which of Beethoven’s symphonies is often referred to as The Choral Symphony? **Answer:** Ninth Symphony
2. 2017 marked the 500th anniversary of an event seen as sparking the Reformation in Europe. A document was posted up on a church in Wittenburg by Martin Luther. What is this document commonly called? **Answer:** the Ninety Five Theses
3. What 1961 novel by Joseph Heller has a short title which has entered the language as a phrase in its own right? **Answer:** Catch 22
4. The 6 naturally occurring Noble or Inert Gases form Group 18 of the Periodic Table. Can you name four of them? **Answer:** Helium, Neon, Argon, Krypton, Xenon, Radon
5. What measure was brought in by the 18th amendment to the American Constitution in 1920, and repealed by the 21st amendment in 1933? **Answer:** Prohibition
6. 633 Squadron, the 1964 film, had memorable music by which composer? **Answer:** Ron Goodwin
7. In 1974 the British Government changed the definition of the word billion as used in official figures; after that it meant a thousand million in British English as well as American English – what did it mean before that? **Answer:** a million million
8. The 1949 film set in Vienna, written by Graham Greene is called what? **Answer:** The Third Man
9. When is the opening of the Ptarmigan shooting season? **Answer:** 12th August (= The Glorious Twelfth) – the same as grouse.
10. How many dalmations? **Answer:** 101