

Market House Museum's "History Trivia of Great Britain" Quiz

(Answers are on the bottom of page four.)



1. King Edward VIII of England had been a very successful Prince of Wales before becoming King. He was known as the "Salesman of the British Empire" because of his many trips abroad internationally....promoting all things British. But when he met a twice divorced American, Wallis Simpson, he did the unthinkable in order to be able to marry her. What was this action? A) he wrote a letter to her then husband saying they had been having an affair B) He gave up being King after only 10 months, because the Church of England didn't allow a King to marry a divorced woman C) he left the country with her and was never heard from again.



2. In the early 1990s, Windsor Castle caught fire and a large section was heavily damaged. Queen Elizabeth II, who loved the castle, (unlike her ancestor, Queen Victoria) knew it would need to be repaired as a national landmark. The restoration was paid for by allowing visitors to purchase tickets to view palatial rooms in the other houses of the Queen; many being seen by the public for the first time! What caused the castle fire? A) they had been cleaning paintings with naphtha and a hot light ignited a fire B) a workman dropped a cigar in a pile of ashes during a remodeling project C) an faulty electrical panel box .



3. Queen Victoria and her consort, Prince Albert, loved the Highlands of Scotland. They enjoyed the bracing air and lovely vistas, and the prince enjoyed stalking (a form of stag hunting upon the high hills.) He built a house for his growing family in Scotland, which still stands today. What was its name? A) Balmoral B) Osborne C) Hartshorne House.



4. Edward Albert, Queen Victoria's son, who was Prince of Wales, married Alexandra, a Danish beauty whose sister Dagmar would marry Alexander of Russia and become mother to the last Russian Czar, Nicholas. Alexandra developed a medical handicap after a bout with a fever, which influenced her social life , although she was always very popular. What was this handicap? A) she became paralyzed B) she became deaf C) she became mute.



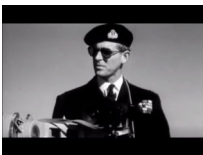
5. One of Queen Victoria's daughters married Lord Lorne of Scotland, and they moved to Canada to represent the Crown, living at Rideau Hall. Louise was very artistic; she was an artist and a sculptor, and studied under Boehm. What happened to Louise, nearly killing her, while in Canada? A) a moose chased her relentlessly B) she had a serious sleighing accident, gashing her head and causing terrific headaches C) she was attacked by a Fenian assassin.



6. Henry VIII of England wanted a male heir more than anything. He dealt with Catholic and Church of England laws and representative officials to allow him to marry as he pleased to obtain a wife who would bear him a son. If the queen did not deliver the desired heir after an attempt or two, Henry was off to find her replacement (always with the need of an heir in sight.) Some wives were disposed of by having them beheaded. Some were banished to die later, one held her position when Henry died unexpectedly himself! How many wives did Henry VIII actually marry? A) four B) eight C) eleven.



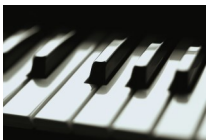
7. Queen Elizabeth II met her cousin Phillip when she was a pre-teen. He was the nephew of the dashing Lord Louis Mountbatten. After a tennis match, Elizabeth was said to have uttered to her nanny, "Look how high he jumped" when he leapt over the net to greet her. They married in the late 1940's. Where was Elizabeth and Phillip when her father died in 1952, and she became Queen? A) in a treehouse sleeping while on a tour B) on the royal yacht C) In the United States.



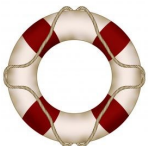
8. Prince Phillip had many ties to the royal families of Greece, Russia, and Britain himself, before he ever married Elizabeth II. In the latter part of the 1900s bones were found in a forest in Russia; they were proven to be the remains of Nicholas II of Russia and his family and servants, murdered by the Bolsheviks seventy years earlier. What service did Phillip provide in order to ascertain the identity of the remains? A) travelled over to identify the clothing and jewelry from family photos B) he provided a DNA sample as close kin C) he took dental records of the Czar and the Czarina to the Russian experts.



9. When Elizabeth II's mother, Elizabeth the Queen Mother (now deceased, having lived to be over 100) lost her beloved husband, King George VI, she was heartbroken. Going to visit friends in Scotland, she found an old castle and fell in love with its remoteness and its romantic past. She decided to purchase it and restore it. It had been called Barogill Castle. What did she rename it? A) Castle of Mey B) Loch Ness Castle C) Fotheringay.



10. Princess Margaret, the sister of Queen Elizabeth, who married Lord Snowdon, was quite the talented lady. She played piano so well she could have been on the stage. She cheered her lung cancer stricken father, George VI, with her musical abilities during his last years of life. What movie star was she a close friend of before marrying Snowdon? A) Danny Kaye B) Benny Goodman C) Fred Astaire.



11. A shipping company came to George V and told him of their plan to build a lovely ship and name it after the most illustrious English queen of all. (They were actually referring to naming the ship 'Queen Victoria.') George V thought they were proposing to name it after his wife, Queen Mary! He said, "The Queen will be pleased with your proposing to name it the Queen Mary." Thus, the grand ship was named. A) True B) False.



12. Queen Mary was not originally intended as George V's bride and queen. The marriage, which was a highly successful, if arranged marriage, was based largely on devotion to the monarchy and dedication to one's duty for the country. They worked tirelessly to promote English ideals and to support the troops during WWI. Even after George died, Mary carried on, and became a dependable icon to millions around the world. Who was she engaged to first, before marrying George? A) her cousin Alfred of Roumania B) her cousin and George's brother, Eddy, who died of typhoid C) her fifth cousin, Leopold.



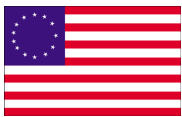
13. Prince Albert was the sole love of his wife, Queen Victoria. He came from Saxe Coburg and Gotha in Germany, and was her first cousin. His father was the brother of her mother! They had nine children together, and many married into other royal houses of Europe. When Albert died in 1861, Victoria built a mausoleum to house his remains. Forty years later, she was entombed with him there. They had to hunt to find her recumbent effigy, when it came time to add it to Albert's. Where had it had been hidden years earlier? A) hidden away in the walls of the castle B) in the cellar under a tarp C) in the royal jewel vault.



14. The late Queen Mother was born in St Paul's Walden but also called Glamis Castle in Scotland, home. The castle had a sad mystery associated with it; and the legend survives today. It has never been proven, only alluded to. What is the mystery we are speaking of? A) the Monster of Glamis B) The Witch of Scotland C) the Ghost of Robert the Bruce.



15. Queen Mary was a rather reserved woman in many ways, since her husband, George V liked her to remain the blushing bride he first fell in love with in the 1890's. He didn't like change, and because of that, she never changed her style of dress and remained a bit of a Victorian lady to her finger tips. Once, a lady in waiting was teaching her a new song when George walked in and frowned upon the song being sung. What was the song they were singing? A) Alexander's Ragtime Band B) Yes, We Have No Bananas C) Red River Valley.



16. Remembered as the King who lost the American colonies during the American Revolution, King George III was known as "the Farmer King" because he loved to piddle and poke around on his 'model farm'. He especially like working with sheep and hogs! He and his Queen, Charlotte, had 15 children. What did they call the procession when the Royal Family took their airings at Windsor Castle, in a long line, with the children in pairs of two? A) the Royal Procession B) the Royal Crocodile C) The Royal Ramble.



17. One of the Queen Mother's, Elizabeth's, and Margaret's favorite WWII patriotic songs, and one that they sang frequently with their phonograph, was one about a plane and its crew flying home from a mission. What was the name of the tune? A) Flying Over England B) Coming In On A Wing And A Prayer C) Blasted, Bombed, but Returning.



18. The future Queen Elizabeth II and her sister Margaret were allowed to participate in something they had never before been allowed to do at the end of WWII, when victory was announced. What was this special activity that they were allowed to enjoy? A) they joined the huge celebratory crowds that evening in the streets in front of Buckingham Palace, doing conga lines, and cheering the King and Queen on the balcony, incognito B) they attended an adult ball C) they were allowed to go to a music hall and drink beer with the war weary, yet celebrating Brits.



19. Portly Edward VII was one to enjoy fine dining, fast horses, card playing, and European travel. He admired many pretty ladies and actresses, but was easily offended if someone stepped out of line with his royal personage. What was one episode that cooled what had been a fast friendship with a female actress he was rather fond of? A) She poured ice down his neck collar at a party B) she called him by his first name rather than 'His Majesty' or 'Sir' C) she cut up his steak for him without asking when he had a broken hand.



20. One of the Royal Horses that won a race had an unusual name. The future George V, then Prince of Wales, told his father, King Edward VII that his horse had just won a race (this happened just hours before the King died.) What was the horse's name? A) Clod Hopper B) Pretty Miss C) Persimmon.



21. The royal family has always enjoyed yachting, and in the late 1890s there was much competition between various cousins of different countries with their different vessels to try and win the races. The German Emperor, who always wanted to beat his English uncle, Edward VII, was NOT a favorite with the British royal family! What was the name of the German Emperor that sailed in the competition many years at Cowes? A) Wilhelm II B) Wilhelm I C) Frederick II.



22. Queen Alexandra of England, and Empress Marie (Dagmar) of Russia, who were sisters, decided to show England and Russia's friendship (and mute opposition to the Germans) by appearing for a week at various functions in two identical wardrobes. The public went wild and clapped enthusiastically each time they appeared. What country was their native country? A) France B) Denmark C) Spain.



23. One of Queen Victoria's artistic sons, Leopold, was afflicted with a wasting disease which later cropped up in several of the offspring of her royal children . Leopold fell down some stairs and died when outside of England. What was this disease called? A) diabetes B) hepatitis C) hemophilia.

ANSWERS: 1-B; 2-A; 3-A; 4-B; 5-B; 6-B; 7-A; 8-B; 9-A; 10-A; 11-A; 12-B; 13-A; 14-A; 15-B; 16-B; 17-B; 18-A; 19-A; 20-C; 21-A; 22-B; 23-C.