

## **GIFT BRINGERS—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

Choose the correct answer.

1. What is the equivalent figure to Santa Claus in Russia and other Slavic countries?
  - a. Old Man Frost/Ded Moroz
  - b. Winter Grandfather/Dzmer Pap
  - c. Grandfather Christmas/Dyado Koleda

Answer: a

2. In Russia the Santa Claus figure delivers presents with the help of:
  - a. Snow Beauty/Qarhiliw
  - b. The Snow Maiden/Snegurochka
  - c. Little Jesus/Isusek

Answer: b

3. The Snow Maiden is said to be the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Russian Santa Claus.
  - a. Wife
  - b. Daughter
  - c. Granddaughter

Answer: c

4. Old Man Frost is said to carry \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. A long magical staff
  - b. An enchanted sword
  - c. A magical cape.

Answer: a

5. In Russia Old Man Frost delivers the gifts:
  - a. Secretly
  - b. In person, on an arranged visit
  - c. On the second day of Christmas.

Answer: b

6. In Bulgaria the Santa Claus figure is called:
  - a. Grandfather Christmas/Dyado Koleda
  - b. Winter Grandfather/Dzmer Pap
  - c. Old Man Frost/Ded Moroz

Answer: a

7. In France Saint Nicolas brings gifts on the 6<sup>th</sup> of December carried by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. A dragon
  - b. A Unicorn
  - c. A donkey

Answer: c

8. In France Saint Nicolas usually brings for children:
  - a. gifts, biscuits and sweets

- b. toys and biscuits
- c. toys and a small rod

Answer: a

9. In some regions of Italy Saint Nicholas/San Nicolò is celebrated with a feast called:

- a. Fiera di San Nicolò
- b. Festa a mare
- c. Rito delle nubile

Answer: a

10. In a region of Portugal Saint Nicholas/ São Nicolau is the patron saint of:

- a. Children
- b. High School students
- c. Widows

Answer: b

11. On 5<sup>th</sup> December children in the Netherlands and Belgium put \_\_\_\_\_ in their shoes, as a gift for Saint Nicholas' horse.

- a. Cookies
- b. A carrot and some hay
- c. Apples

Answer: b

12. In The Netherlands and Belgium Saint Nicholas/ Sinterklaas is helped by:

- a. Elves
- b. Dwarves
- c. Black Petes

Answer: c

13. In The Netherlands and Belgium if the children have been naughty, Saint Nicholas' helpers will:

- a. Put the children in sacks and take them to Spain
- b. Not give them any presents
- c. Give them a rod.

Answer: a

14. In Austria Saint Nicholas is accompanied by \_\_\_\_\_ who punishes children for being bad.

- a. Krampus
- b. Schmutzli
- c. Gumphinckel

Answer: a

15. In Poland Saint Nicholas/ Mikołaj is also accompanied by:

- a. An elf
- b. A troll
- c. An angel

Answer: c

16. In Romania and Hungary children leave \_\_\_\_\_ on the windowsill, so that Saint Nicholas can fill them with presents.

- a. Boots
- b. Gloves
- c. Hats

Answer: a

17. In Italy children receive gifts on the 5<sup>th</sup> of December from:

- a. La Befana
- b. La Strega
- c. La Regina

Answer: a

18. On 5<sup>th</sup> December in Italy La befana will fill children's socks if they have been bad with:

- a. A lump of coal or dark candy
- b. Bugs
- c. Mice

Answer: a

19. In Italy La befana is usually portrayed as an old woman, covered in soot, wearing a black shawl and riding:

- a. A dragon
- b. A broom
- c. A poney

Answer: b

20. In Spain the children receive presents on the 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> of December from:

- a. Santa Claus
- b. The three Magi/ Reyes Magos
- c. Little Jesus

Answer: b

21. In some parts of Spain, such as Catalonia, candies and nuts are also delivered by:

- a. The Winter fairy
- b. The Christmas log/ Tió de Nadal
- c. Santa Claus

Answer: b

22. In Turkey people exchange gifts:

- a. On the 6<sup>th</sup> of December
- b. On the 25<sup>th</sup> of December
- c. On New Year's Eve

Answer: c

23. The traditional Turkish New Year's Day meal includes:

- a. Roasted lamb
- b. Roasted beef
- c. Roasted turkey

Answer: c

24. On Christmas Eve in Sweden, Denmark and Norway people put \_\_\_\_\_ for the Santa Claus figure:

- a. Cookies and milk
- b. A bowl of porridge
- c. Candies and figs

Answer: b

25. The traditional Santa Claus figure in Sweden is called:

- a. The Yule/Christmas Gnome / Jultomten
- b. The Yule Goat/ Julbock
- c. The Yule Nisse

Answer: a

26. A gift bringer to children in countries such as Germany, The Christkind is:

- a. A mischievous elf
- b. Santa Claus' helper
- c. A sprite-like child, with blond hair and angelic wings.

Answer: c

27. In Poland on 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> December children will find gifts in their shoes or:

- a. Under the Christmas tree
- b. Under their pillows
- c. Under the bed

Answer: b

28. In Greek tradition children receive gifts on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January from:

- a. Santa Claus
- b. Saint Nicholas
- c. Saint Basil

Answer: c

29. In France on Christmas children get presents:

- a. In their stockings
- b. Under their pillows
- c. In their shoes placed under the Christmas tree

Answer: c

30. In Britain people help Father Christmas/Santa Claus by:

- a. Cleaning the chimneys
- b. Leaving sherry and mince pies
- c. Decorating the Christmas tree

Answer: b

## TRADITIONAL FOODS –QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Match the traditional food/drink in the picture with its right name and originating country:



1.

- a) Panettone-ITALY
- b) Yule log or bûche de Noël -FRANCE
- c) **Plum Pudding- THE UNITED KINGDOM**

Answer: c



2.

- a) *Pepparkakor – Gingersnaps-SWEDEN*
- b) Turrón is a confection, typically made of honey, sugar, and egg white- SPAIN
- c) Börek / burek- TURKEY

Answer: a



- 3.
- a) Pepperkake Christmas Tree- NORWAY
  - b) Uszka (small dumplings)-POLAND
  - c) Yule log or bûche de Noël -FRANCE

Answer: b



- 4.
- a) Christstollen -GERMANY
  - b) Pepperkake Christmas Tree- NORWAY
  - c) L'agnello - lamb accompanied with vegetables, mashed potato and lentils- ITALY

Answer: a



5.

- a) Piernik - Honey Cake – POLAND
  - b) **Aquavit/Aqvavit** is a potato-based spirit flavoured with herbs such as caraway seeds, anise, dill, fennel and coriander-NORWAY
  - c) Bombardino - Italian version of eggnog- ITALY
- Answer: c



6.

- a) Panettone-ITALY
  - b) Koledna Pitka-BULGARIA
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- Answer: a



7.

- a) Pepperkake Christmas Tree- NORWAY
- b) Gravlax-salt-cured raw salmon – DENMARK
- c) Börek / burek- TURKEY

Answer: b



8.

- a) Janssons frestelse ("Jansson's Temptation") - warm scalloped potato casserole with anchovies-SWEDEN
- b) Barszcz (clear beetroot soup) -POLAND
- c) Melomakarona, a cookie drizzled with an aromatic honey syrup and sprinkled with walnuts-GREECE

Answer: a





9.

- a) Polvorones- SPAIN
- b) Yule log or bûche de Noël –FRANCE
- c) Chleb Wigilijny-POLAND

Answer: b



10.

- a) Christopsomo - the Bread of Christmas-GREECE
- b) Ris ala Mande- rice porridge- DENMARK
- c) Caltabosi - sausages made from heart, liver, lung and meat of the head-ROMANIA

Answer: c



11.

- a) Barszcz (beetroot soup) –POLAND
- b) Risgryngrot, special rice porridge with one almond in it- SWEDEN
- c) Piftie - pork and beef based aspic, with pork meat, vegetables and garlic- ROMANIA

Answer: a



12.

- a) Maslenki-BULGARIA
- b) Piftie - pork and beef based aspic, with pork meat, vegetables and garlic- ROMANIA
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Answer: b



13.

- a) Turrón is a confection, typically made of honey, sugar, and egg white- SPAIN
- b) Piernik - Honey Cake – POLAND
- c) Sachertorte is a specific type of chocolate cake, or torte, invented by Austrian Franz Sacher in 1832 for Prince Wenzel von Metternich in Vienna, Austria-AUSTRIA

Answer: a



14.

- a) Uszka (small dumplings)-POLAND
- b) Bacalhau is dried and salted codfish- PORTUGAL
- c) Maslenki-BULGARIA

Answer: c



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- a) Kerstkransjes (Christmas wreath cookies)- THE NETHERLANDS
- b) Kerststol (fruited Christmas loaf)- THE NETHERLANDS
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## WINTER TRADITIONS-QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Choose the correct answer.

1. Traditionally, in the United Kingdom on December 26<sup>th</sup> or Boxing Day, servants and tradesmen would:
  - a. Receive gifts in a box from their employers
  - b. Decorate boxes with ribbons
  - c. Give boxes of fruit to children.

Answer: a

2. In the United Kingdom the twelve days of Christmas are also known as:
  - a. Twelfth night
  - b. Christmastide
  - c. Feast of the Epiphany

Answer: b

3. In the United Kingdom on 5<sup>th</sup> of January or Twelfth Night it is customary to:
  - a. Give presents to neighbours
  - b. Build snowmen
  - c. Take down all Christmas decorations.

Answer: c

4. In Poland on Christmas day it is traditional to:
  - a. Have a traditional Christmas meal/Wigilia
  - b. Have a snowball fight
  - c. Decorate the Christmas tree

Answer: a

5. Because of the thirteen-day difference between Gregorian and Julian calendars, in Russia Christmas is celebrated on:
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> of January
  - b. 28<sup>th</sup> of December
  - c. 7<sup>th</sup> of January

Answer: c

6. The traditional Russian Christmas dinner has:
- a. 3 courses
  - b. 9 courses
  - c. 12 courses

Answer: c

7. In Finland on Christmas day it is traditional for people to:
- a. Have a public party
  - b. Go skiing
  - c. Listen to the Declaration Of Christmas Peace

Answer: c

8. In Iceland between the Old year day (Gamlársdagur) and the New Year's Day (Nýársdagur) it is traditional to:
- a. Have a party
  - b. Shoot up fireworks
  - c. Go ice-skating

Answer: b

9. Starting with Saint Lucy's Day/Luciadagen) Swedish people begin to prepare for the holiday season by:
- a. Decorating the Christmas tree
  - b. Decorating their houses
  - c. Putting electric candles and glowing stars in almost every window.

Answer: c

10. In Sweden traditionally a Christmas present must have:
- a. Red ribbon and green wrapping
  - b. A rhyme hinting at the contents, written on the wrapping paper
  - c. Double bows and no wrapping

Answer: b

11. In Romania the Christmas tree is traditionally decorated on:
- a. The 25<sup>th</sup> of December
  - b. The 1<sup>st</sup> of January
  - c. The 24<sup>th</sup> of December

Answer: c

12. In Romania on the first day of Christmas groups of children go from house to house:
- a. Singing carols
  - b. Asking for gifts
  - c. Playing tricks

Answer: a

13. In Bulgaria on Christmas eve it is traditional to:
- a. Invite carolers to the house

- b. Place a log/Budnik on the fire in the house
- c. Decorate the house with Christmas lights.

Answer: b

14. The tradition of the Christmas tree first appeared in regions of:

- a. Germany
- b. France
- c. Spain

Answer: a

15. In southern Italy on Christmas Eve there is *the Ndocciata*, an ancient festival when:

- a. People carry torches through the city
- b. People carry statues of saints through the city
- c. People build human towers.

Answer: a

16. In Italy on the 6<sup>th</sup> of January it is traditional to:

- a. Burn female puppets, symbolizing the end of the old year
- b. Build huge bonfires
- c. Change the Christmas decorations

Answer: a

17. In Spain the Christmas period or NAvidad lasts from:

- a. 25<sup>th</sup> of December to 31<sup>st</sup> of December
- b. 25<sup>th</sup> of December to 1<sup>st</sup> of January
- c. 24<sup>th</sup> of December to 6<sup>th</sup> of January

Answer: c

18. In Spain it is customary, especially for young people, to spend New Years' Eve:

- a. Having a family meal
- b. Going out for a big feast in bars and pubs, known as a "cotillón"
- c. Shoot up fireworks

Answer: b

19. In France the long dinners or parties held on Christmas Day and New Years' Eve are called:

- a. Habbillement
- b. Réveillon
- c. Merveille

Answer: b

20. In the United Kingdom the Christmas wreath traditionally must be made:

- a. with three purple, one pink and one white candle
- b. with three red ribbons and a white candle
- c. with no other decorations

Answer: a

21. In the United Kingdom on Christmas day most theaters have a tradition of:



- a. Putting on a Christmas play
- b. Putting on a Christmas pantomime for the children
- c. Having a free day

Answer: b

22. In Austria on New Year's Eve, at midnight, all radio and television programmes broadcast:

- a. the sound of the Pummerin, the bell of St. Stephen's Cathedral in Vienna, followed by the Donauwalzer ("The Blue Danube") by Johann Strauss II
- b. The president's speech
- c. The New Year declaration of peace

Answer: a

23. On New Year's Day Belgian farmers traditionally:

- a. Give gifts to their neighbours
- b. Sing carols
- c. Wish their animals a happy new year.

Answer: c

24. In Finland *molybdomancy* or telling the fortunes of the New Year is done by:

- a. melting tin or lead in a pan and throwing it quickly in cold water, then interpreting the shapes
- b. making tea and interpreting the shapes of the tea leaves
- c. melting candle wax and interpreting the resulting shapes

Answer: a

25. In Germany on New Year's Eve an auspicious action is said to be:

- a. Touching a chimney sweep for good luck
- b. Wearing a red ribbon on one's coat
- c. Wearing red boots

Answer: a

26. In Italy on New Year's Eve eating a lentil stew when bell tolls midnight, one spoonful per bell is said to bring good luck, with the lentils representing:

- a. Gifts
- b. New friends
- c. Coins

Answer: c

27. In Poland on New Year's Eve/ Sylwester traditionally there is a large open-air concert held:

- a. in the Main Square in Krakow
- b. In front of the Presidential Palace
- c. In front of Parliament

Answer: a

28. In Russia it is traditional in the last twelve seconds of the old year to:

- a. Remember the happy moments of the year
- b. Make secret wishes for the New Year
- c. Pray for health and fortune

Answer: b

29. In Scotland New Year's is sometimes celebrated with First-Footing, which involves:

- a. Friends or family members going to each other's houses with a gift of whisky and sometimes a lump of coal
- b. Friends or family members going to each other's houses to sing carols
- c. Friends or family members going to each other's houses to put up decorations.

Answer: a

30. In Spain on New Year's Eve it is good luck to:

- a. Wear new boots
- b. Wear new, red underwear
- c. Wear blue ribbons

Answer: b