

Brian's Infamous and Fiendish BSCC Christmas and Technology Quiz

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- Questions are either Christmas or Technology related
- To make it easier, at least three possible answers are given for each question – all you have to do is pick the right one
- Possible answers are generally listed in alphabetical order
- There are 20 questions this year
- If you know your Christmas films and Christmas songs and have paid attention during our Friday morning sessions you will find many of the questions very easy!

Q1: According to the song, what was Frosty the Snowman's nose made out?

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C: Kansas

D: Ohio

E: Utah

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C: Marvin

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B: Ottawa

C: Tokyo

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A: Australian Dollar

B: Chilean Peso

C: Indonesian Rupiah

D: Singapore Dollar

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B: Germany

C: UK

D: USA

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Answers

Q1: According to the song, what was Frosty the Snowman's nose made out?

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Answer A: Button

*Frosty the snowman was a jolly happy soul
With a corncob pipe and a button nose
And two eyes made out of coal.*

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Answer A: Ladies Dancing

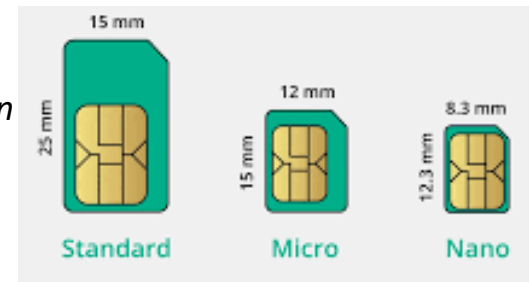
*Nine ladies dancing,
Ten lords-a-leaping,
Eleven pipers piping etc.*

Q3: In a phone, what does SIM stand for?

A: Simple Interface Manager B: Standard Interface for Mobile C: Subscriber Identity Module

Answer C: Subscriber Identity Module

The first SIM card was invented in 1991 by Giesecke+Devrient, a German smart card manufacturer. It was about the size of a credit card. The Mini SIM was launched in 1996, the Micro SIM in 2010 and the Nano SIM in 2012. The Nano SIM is still used in most modern phones.



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Answer A: The Fox

The mouse first encounters a fox, then an owl and finally a snake.

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The German keyboard uses a 'QWERTZ' layout, where the Z key is to the right of the T key. This is because Z is more common than Y in German, and the two letters often appear together. There are other differences.

France and Belgium use a 'AZERTY' layout where the letters Q and A are swapped as well Z and W. There are other differences. A Spanish keyboard layout differs from a UK keyboard layout primarily by including dedicated keys for Spanish characters like the 'ñ' and the inverted question and exclamation marks (¿ ¡),

Q8: When will Microsoft stop support for Windows 10?

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Answer B: 14 October 2015

After 14 October 2025, Microsoft will no longer provide free software updates from Windows Update, technical assistance, or security fixes for Windows 10. Your PC will still work, but Microsoft recommend moving to Windows 11.

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A: Bert

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Answer B: Henry

Bert Lahr played the Cowardly Lion and 'Zeke'

Ray Bolger played the Scarecrow and 'Hunk'

Jack Haley played the Tin Man and 'Hickory'.

Uncle Henry was played by Charley Grapewin.

Q10: The hills are alive with the sound of music. How many children did the von Trapp family have?

A: 4

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Answer D: 7

Liesl (16 going on 17), Friedrich(14), Louisa (13), Kurt (10 but almost 11), Brigitta (9), Marta (7) and Gretl.

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Answer A: 2

Cobham and Clacket Lane.

South Mimms at J23 is also accessible to traffic on the A1 and the A1081.

Thurrock at J30 (southbound) and J31 (northbound) is also accessible to traffic on the A13, A282, A1090, A1306 and the B186.

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Alaska can be typed using only the middle row of a standard keyboard.

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Answer D: £50

£5 features Sir Winston Churchill.

£10 features Jane Austen/

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Answer B: Deep Thought

Deep Blue was a chess computer developed by IBM and is famous for defeating the chess world champion, GM Garry Kasparov, in their 1997 match.

Marvin was the name of the paranoid android in The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy.

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A: http

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Answer C: //

The double-slash was commonplace in programming back in the day but doesn't really do anything. Sir Tim argued he could have saved countless hours of effort, and countless trees from making paper, if he'd just left it out..

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Answer B: Underline the current selection

*Press SHIFT + F3 until you get the case you require
CTRL+Z undoes the last action.*

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In 1958, the island was excised from Singapore and sovereignty was transferred to Australia. As part of the transfer, Australia paid Singapore £2,800,000 as compensation for lost phosphate revenue. Christmas Island became an Australian territory on 1 October 1958 – a day still celebrated on the island as Territory Day.

The Chilean Peso is the official currency of Easter Island.

Q19: The custom of sending Christmas cards started in which country?

A: Austria

B: Germany

C: UK

D: USA

Answer C: UK

Sir Henry Cole is credited with sending the first Christmas card in 1843.

Cole, the founder of the Victoria and Albert Museum, came up with the idea to send Christmas cards to save time and effort. He was bothered by the pile of unanswered mail he had at Christmas and wanted a way to wish his friends and family a Merry Christmas quickly.

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Answer C: Your computer will get sticky keys

The Sticky Keys feature enables you to press one key at a time when using keyboard shortcuts (e.g. CTRL+U)

There are several ways to turn off Sticky Keys including:

- Simultaneously pressing two keys (e.g. Ctrl, Alt, Shift, Windows Logo Key, etc.) on the keyboard, or*
- via Settings -> Ease of Access, or*
- via the Sticky Keys icon in the Notification area of the Task Bar.*



Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year