

## Round 1: Number crunching

1. According to the RAC Foundation, the South West has more miles of road than any other UK region. How many does it have?  
31,301 miles
  2. To the nearest 1000 years, how old is the Stonehenge monument in Wiltshire?  
5,000 years old
  3. What year did the first Apple iPhone launch?  
2007
  4. What unit of length is equal to around 5.8 trillion miles?  
Light year
  5. How many national parks are there in the South West?  
2 (Dartmoor and Exmoor)
  6. In what year was the Glastonbury festival first held?  
1970
  7. According to Google Maps, what is the walking distance between Bristol and Penzance? (closest wins)  
178 miles - Bishop Fleming only 2 miles out!!
  8. How many cities are there in the South West?  
Eight - Salisbury, Bath, Wells, Bristol, Gloucester, Exeter, Plymouth, Truro
  9. Salisbury Cathedral has the highest spire in the UK. How tall is it?  
123m
  10. In which decade were mineral springs discovered in the Gloucestershire town of Cheltenham?  
1710s (1716)
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## Round 2: History of innovation

1. In 1901, what travelled from Poldhu in Cornwall to Newfoundland in Canada?  
The first transatlantic radio broadcast
2. In which year was Clifton Suspension Bridge in Bristol declared open?  
1824, **1854**, 1874
3. Which inventor, born in Devon in 1791, originated the concept of the digital programmable computer?  
Charles Babbage
4. 'Camborne Hill' is a Cornish song from 1801 that celebrates Richard Trevithick's development of what technology?  
Steam engine

5. Edward Jenner, born in Gloucestershire in 1749, pioneered the development of a vaccine for which virus-transmitted disease?  
Smallpox
  6. What name is given to the limestone quarried in Dorset that has been used in the construction of St Paul's Cathedral, Buckingham Palace and the United Nations headquarters in New York?  
Portland Stone
  7. Which Bristol-born MP and social reformer gave his name to the line on a ship's hull denoting the safe legal limit to the level of the waterline on a ship? The measure was introduced against fierce opposition from ship-owning MPs.  
Samuel Plimsoll (the Plimsoll line)
  8. Which Cornish chemist first isolated potassium, sodium and calcium, and invented a safety lamp for use by miners?  
Humphry Davy
  9. Which military inventor, born in Wiltshire in 1761, gave his name to a hollow cannonball that exploded in mid-air?  
(Henry) Shrapnel - invented the 'shrapnel shell'
  10. In 2001 the stretch of coastline from Orcombe Point near Exmouth to Old Harry Rocks near Swanage became a what?  
UNESCO World Heritage Site
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### Round 3: Miscellaneous miscellany

1. Which airport has the longest runway in the South West?  
Newquay Airport, at 2,744m
2. As of August 2020, the most liked picture on Instagram (with over 54 million likes) is a picture of a what?  
An egg
3. What does the acronym LASER stand for?  
Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation
4. 802.11a was an early version of which standard?  
Wi-Fi
5. Skinny horizontal ads on websites are called what?  
Banner ads
6. In May 1991, 27-year-old Dr Helen Sharman became the first British person to do what?  
Go to space
7. In 1996, Dolly the sheep became the world's first cloned mammal. Who was she named after?  
Dolly Parton (the sheep was cloned from a mammary gland cell)
8. Which type of technology was named after Danish-Norwegian king Harald Blátönn?

Bluetooth

9. What is the world's largest single machine?  
Large Hadron Collider
  10. What is the name of the highest point above sea level in the South West?  
High Willhays. Dartmoor (621m)
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## Round 4: Crazy culture

1. A 'Dorset knob' is an example of what?  
Biscuit
2. What are the four primary ingredients in a traditional Cornish pasty?  
Beef, onion, potato and swede
3. What is the name of the hill near Gloucester where the famous cheese-rolling event takes place every Spring Bank Holiday?  
Cooper's Hill
4. Rebecca, My Cousin Rachel, and Jamaica Inn are novels by which Cornwall-based novelist?  
Daphne Du Maurier
5. What is the highest-grossing film to date produced by Bristol-based film studio Aardman Animations?  
Chicken Run (\$224 million, becoming the highest-grossing stop motion animated film in history)
6. The abbey of which town in Gloucestershire has the tallest Norman tower in England?  
Tewkesbury
7. Which Cheltenham-born composer composed the Orchestral Suite *The Planets*, and wrote the tune for the Christmas carol *In the Bleak Midwinter*?  
Gustav Holst
8. The Devon village of Ottery St Mary has an annual festival each year on November 5th, in which participants carry burning what?  
Barrels
9. The largest biome at the Eden Project sustains an artificially created environment of what type?  
Rainforest
10. Which South West town is home to the infrastructural marvel known as the Magic Roundabout?  
Swindon

**End of Quiz**