Mama always said “A quiz is like a box of chocolates: You never know what you’re gonna get”.
QUESTION 1 – LONG CON 1

14 Pics – 3 Sets - 4,5 and 5
Not Ordered, Nearly Exhaustive

+5, -3
+3, -2
+2, -0
SET 1
SET 2
SET 3
“Does a former drill sergeant make a terrible therapist?”
“Did the little piggy cry ‘wee wee wee’ all the way home?”
“Did The Waltons take way too long to say good night?”
“Does Charlie Daniels play a mean fiddle?”
“Can fútbol announcer Andrés Cantor make any sport exciting?”
“Does it take two to tango?”
“Is Ed ‘Too Tall’ Jones too tall?”
“Do woodchucks chuck wood?”
“Does a ten pound bag of flour make a really big biscuit?”
“Is a bird in the hand worth two in the bush?”
“Was Abe Lincoln honest?”
“Is having a snowball fight with pitching great Randy Johnson a bad idea?”
“Does Elmer Fudd have trouble with the letter R?”
“Did the caveman invent fire?”

ANSWER 1

GEICO rhetorical ads
QUESTION 2

Section from an article in the Onion. Title? Please be very specific.

1. A X may not immerse a human being or, through lack of flotation, allow a human to come to harm.

2. A X must obey all commands given by its human Y, except where such input would conflict with the First Law.

3. A X must preserve its own flotation as long as such preservation does not conflict with the First or Second Law.
ANSWER 2

I, Rowboat
QUESTION 3

X is a parody of the pre-existant Y, still seen in Europe and Australia. To date, X has featured in over 115 commercials and alongside fictional villains such as Darth Vader, Dracula, Wile E Coyote, The Wicked Witch of the West and King Kong in many of the later ones. In all of these ads, X would battle the villain and win as the villain collapsed from exhaustion or some other circumstance allowed for X’s escape (i.e. the sun coming out to kill Dracula before he could seek shelter, or a fire sprinkler being inadvertently triggered leading to The Wicked Witch of the West melting). X = ?
ANSWER 3

X = The Energizer Bunny
Y = The Duracell Bunny
Viv Richards, Richie Benaud, Don Bradman, Len Hutton, Douglas Jardine & Warwick Armstrong captained their respective countries in at least 10 tests and never lost a series as captain.
The phrase was first recorded by Rudyard Kipling in his 1891 novel, The Light That Failed. It is often stated that it is derived historically from a practice used to allow a patient to cope with a surgical procedure without an anesthetic, though evidence for this is sparse. It may also have evolved from a practice that was common during the British rule in India (around 1857).
To bite the bullet
QUESTION 6

• Mycle Brandy – To raise awareness of the early warning signs of stroke

• Joseph Casamassima – To raise money and awareness for Multiple Sclerosis

• Helga Estby – To save her farm

• Louis Michael Figueroa – To fulfill a promise to a dying friend

• Steffen Hem Lian – To raise awareness for kids with cancer

• Doris Haddock – Attention to campaign finance reform

• Rick Hammersley – For charity

• George Martin – To raise money for medical care of the first responders to the Sept, 11th attacks
ANSWER 6

All these people walked across the US for a cause
Keith William Relf (22\textsuperscript{nd} March 1943 - 14\textsuperscript{th} May 1976), was best known as the lead singer and harmonica player of The Yardbirds. After the Yardbirds broke up Relf formed the acoustic duo, Together, with fellow Yardbird Jim McCarty followed by Renaissance which also featured his sister, singer Jane Relf. Relf also produced tracks for artists such as folk-rock band Hunter Muskett, the acoustic, world music, group Amber, Saturnalia and Medicine Head. Relf was 33 when he died in an accident at home while rehearsing new material for the regrouping of the original Renaissance line-up, called Illusion. What was the cause of his death?
Relf died from electrocution, while playing his improperly grounded electric guitar
14 yr old Robert Nay developed bubble ball which beat angry birds to claim the top spot of the most downloaded free app.
QUESTION 9

• A customer in a camera store playing with a camera

• A bi-plane gunner

• A drunken, carrot-chomping citizen

• A spear-throwing defender

• The boatswain of a murderous corsair ship

• A biker bumped into by Frank Bannister
Partial list of Peter Jackson cameos
The Lovely Bones, King Kong, LOTR 1,2 & 3 and The Frightners
QUESTION 10

X was founded in 1949 originally to sell brackets for use in construction. Its co-founders met on a tour of Dartmouth college. Prior to its 2010 acquisition by the Tallahassee-based Y conglomerate, X was based in New York City, with branches in smaller Northeastern cities such as Buffalo, Rochester, Yonkers, Albany and Camden and traded on the NYSE under the ticker symbol DMI. X = ?
ANSWER 10

X = Dunder Mifflin
Y = Sabre
The name X is an acronym and is also a pun meaning “feet too”. It is claimed that the name had nothing to do with famed writer Y. There are about 100 X units in existence, each costing around USD 1 million to manufacture. Each X weighs about 52-54 kg and has a continuous operating time of around 30 min. X was inducted into CMU’s hall of fame in 2004. X = ?
ANSWER 11

X = Asimo
Y = Isaac Asimov
ANSWER 12

US Missiles

Titan, Tomahawk, Trident
Polaris, Sidewinder, Patriot
And while he lives, he 
\textit{wields} \ the boasted prize
Whose value all can feel, the weak, the wise;
Displays in triumph his distinguish'd boon,
The solid honours of X

The recipient had to kneel before the institute's (Cambridge's) Vice-Chancellor, while X, elaborately hued and emblazoned with poetry, was lowered from the upstairs balcony of the Senate House. The person had to carry X off with him into the distance with as much equanimity as he could muster. The practice was discontinued in 1875 though the last X was handed out as late as 1909 and is now in possession of St. John's College. X = ?
ANSWER 13

X = The Wooden Spoon
The scientific name of the common species is *Cavia porcellus*. They originated in the Andes, and studies based on biochemistry and hybridization suggest they are domesticated descendants of a closely related species of cavy and therefore do not exist naturally in the wild. One theory regarding their name is that the animals were brought to Europe by way of X, leading people to think they had originated there. X was also frequently used in English to refer generally to any far-off, unknown country, and so the name may simply be a colorful reference to the animal's foreignness. A common misconception is that they were named after their typical selling price, but this theory seems incorrect as their name predates this. The animal in question?
ANSWER 14

The Guinea Pig
Tis true my form is something odd,
But blaming me is blaming God;
Could I create myself anew
I would not fail in pleasing you.

If I could reach from pole to pole
Or grasp the ocean with a span,
I would be measured by the soul;
The mind's the standard of the man.

“He often said to me that he wished he could lie down to sleep 'like other people' ... he must, with some determination, have made the experiment ... Thus it came about that his death was due to the desire that had dominated his life—the pathetic but hopeless desire to be 'like other people'.”

- Frederick Treves
ANSWER 15

Joseph Merrick - The Elephant Man
QUESTION 16 - CONNECT
ANSWER 16

English words of Hindi origin

Pyjama, Bandanna, Avatar, Shampoo, Jungle, Shawl, Dacoit
And there’s a country called Argentina
It’s a place I’ve never seen
But I'm told for fifty pesos
You can buy a human spleeeeen

They're tiny and chubby and so sweet to touch
Soon they'll grow up and resent you so much
Now they're yelling at you and you don't know why
And you cry and you cry and you cry

My favorite shoes so good to me
I wear them everyday
Down at the heel, holes in the toe
Don't care what people say
My feet's best friend, pals to the end
With them I'm one hot chicky
Though late one night
Not much light
I stepped in something icky

It only takes two heart attacks
to finally make you see
one of them won't do it
but the second will set you free
Tell all your hate and anger
it's time to say good bye
and that is just what I will do
as soon as those bastards I work for die

Love is sweet as summer showers,
Love is a wondrous work of art,
But your love oh your love, your love...
Is like a giant pigeon...crapping on my heart

I'm in the shower and I'm writing a song
Stop me if you've heard it.
My skin is soapy, and my hair is wet,
and Tegrin spelled backward is Nirget
ANSWER 17

Songs by Phoebe Buffay
QUESTION 18

What was set up by English writer and journalist Auberon Waugh to “draw attention to the crude, tasteless, often perfunctory use of redundant passages of _______ _______ in the modern novel and to discourage it”? 
ANSWER 18

The Bad Sex Award
Inspirations for the Adventures of Tintin
Auguste Picarde – Prof. Calculus
Palle Huld – Tintin
Aino Ackte – Bianca Castefiore
Château de Cheverny - Marlinspike Hall
QUESTION 20 – WRITTEN

0.5 Points for each blank
SO YOU'RE WATCHING A CHRISTOPHER NOLAN MOVIE...

Does it feature a well-dressed morally-ambiguous protagonist?

YES
Does the protagonist have sex?

YES
With a duplicitous blonde femme fatale?

YES
Who is an English woman played by...

An English woman

Following

Every five minutes

Once at the middle, then at the end

YES
I prefer plot twists...

David Julyan

NO
I prefer music by...

Hans Zimmer

Does Ken Watanabe die?

YES, but only in a dream

Inception

NO
Christopher Nolan did not direct this movie.

NO
Do they have a dead wife?

YES
She’s a brunette.

Scarlett Johansson

NO
How about dead parents?

NO
Insomnia

NO
The Dark Knight

NO
The Prestige

NO
Memento

NO
Does the film feature flashbacks galore?
In the naval battle of Copenhagen in 1801, X lead the attack of the British fleet against a joint Danish/Norwegian enemy. The British fleet of the day was commanded by Admiral Sir Hyde Parker. He and X disagreed over tactics and at one point Hyde Parker sent a signal (by the use of flags) for X to disengage. X was convinced he could win if he persisted and decided not to withdraw. Which phrase did this incident give birth to?
ANSWER 21

X = Horatio Nelson

The phrase is turning a blind eye, which is what Nelson was supposed to have done.
ANSWER 22

Only men to score a 100 in a WC final

Lloyd, Richards, de Silva, Ponting, Gilchrist
QUESTION 23

X was invented and developed by naval engineer Richard James in the early 1940s and demonstrated at Gimbels department store in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in November 1945. X was a hit, selling its entire inventory of 400 units in ninety minutes. X was originally priced at $1, and has remained modestly priced throughout (costing $4-5 in 2008) its history as a result of Betty James' (Richards’s wife) concern about X’s affordability for financially disadvantaged customers. United States troops in the Vietnam War used Xs as mobile radio antennas, NASA has used them in zero-gravity physics experiments in space shuttles and they have also been used to create LASER gun like sound effects. 

X = ?
ANSWER 23

X = The Slinky
“I laid my raincoat on the table in such a way as to be able to remove the ice axe which was in the pocket. I decided not to miss the wonderful opportunity that presented itself. The moment X began reading the article, he gave me my chance; I took out the ice axe from the raincoat, gripped it in my hand and, with my eyes closed, dealt him a terrible blow on the head.”

X = ?
X = Leon Trotsky

He was assassinated by Soviet agent Ramón Mercader in Mexico
There have been many Xs. The list comprises names such as Alan Scott, Guy Gardner, John Stewart etc. All have been part of an organization with strict rules and an oath. The oath has varied from member to member but the most popular one is that of Y’s:

In brightest day, in blackest night,
No evil shall escape my sight.
Let those who worship evil's might,
Beware my power... _________ ________________ ____!

X = ? Y = ? (For Tiebreaker Points)
ANSWER 25

X = Green Lantern
Y = Hal Jordan
The blanks are: Green Lantern’s Light
QUESTION 26 - CONNECT
The 12 apostles of Christ

Peter (Pan), Andrew (Symonds), John (Lennon), James (the greater) (Bond), Philip (Seymour Huffman), Bartholomew (Simpson), James (the lesser) (Franco), Thaddeus (Rex), Matthew (Perry), Thomas (Alva Edison), Simon (Cowell), Judas (Priest)
X is an organophosphorus compound with the formula 
\[(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CHO}]\text{CH}_3\text{P(O)F} \]. It is a colorless, odorless liquid and was discovered in 1938 in Wuppertal-Elberfeld by two scientists attempting to create stronger pesticides. The compound X was named in honor of its discoverers: Van der Linde, Ambros, Rüdiger and Schrader. X = ?
X = Sarin nerve gas

It was named after the initials of its creators.
For a long time no company could give Standard Oil any competition. Then an event occurred which changed everything. Oil was discovered in Spindletop, Texas. One big company that emerged was Gulf Oil, which was managed by Andrew Mellon and at one time accounted for 1/5ths of the world’s oil production. The next company that grew out of Spindletop’s unquenchable oil rush was X. X was a stand alone company until 2001 when it merged into Y. One of X’s long running advertising jingles/slogans has been “You can trust your car to the man who wears the star”. \( X = ? \)
X = Texaco
Y = Chevron
The band X began playing instrumentals and “juke box standards” under the name *The Blue Velvets*. For the band's first release, however, they were renamed, *The Golliwogs*, apparently to cash in on a wave of popular British bands with similar names. Eventually the band members settled on the name X, inspired by the name of a friend of theirs, a TV ad for Olympia beer and an oath that spoke to them of a renewed commitment to their band. Rejected contenders for the band's name included ‘Muddy Rabbit’ and ‘Gossamer Wump’. X = ?
ANSWER 29

X = Creedence Clearwater Revival
QUESTION 30 - CONNECT
ANSWER 30

William Shakespeare

Anne Hathaway (was his wife), Globe Theater and his father’s house in Stratford-upon-Avon
QUESTION 31 - CONNECT
Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, BIOT, Brunei, Canada, Cayman Islands, Dominica, East Timor, Ecuador, El Salvador, Fiji, Grenada, Guyana, Hong Kong, Jamaica, Kiribati, Liberia, Marshall Islands, Montserrat, Federated States of Micronesia, Namibia, Nauru, New Zealand, Palau, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent, Saint Pierre and Miquelon, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Suriname, Taiwan, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos Islands, Tuvalu, US, Virgin Islands, Zimbabwe
ANSWER 31

All these countries have the dollar as their currency name.
The X ads were a collaborative production of New York ad agency Calkins and Holden; Cluett, Peabody advertising director Charles Connolly; and commercial illustrator J. C. Leyendecker. Hundreds of printed advertisements were produced from 1907 to 1931 featuring the X. The X became an icon, was receiving fan mail by 1920 and eventually got over a 10000 marriage proposals and 137 dedicated poems. X even inspired a Broadway musical (Helen of Troy) in 1923. X = ?
ANSWER 32

X = The Arrow Collar Man
Xs are particularly bad batsmen, usually specialist bowlers, who often seem unsure of how they should even hold their bats, as typified by Phil Tufnell, Allan Donald, Courtney Walsh, Glenn McGrath and Chris Martin. Ys are even worse batsman as they go in after the Xs. X = ? Y = ?
ANSWER 33

X = Rabbits
Y = Ferrets
QUESTION 34 - CONNECT
Foods named after people

Beef Wellington, Kaiser Roll, Kung Pau Chicken, Mapo Doufu, Reuben Sandwich, Salisbury Steak, Cobb Salad, Peach Melba, Garibaldi Biscuit
QUESTION 35

X was (inadvertently) discovered by the American metallurgist Dr. Myron MacLain in an attempt to recreate a previous discovery. It has extremely stable molecular structure and in its solid form, is colorless, shiny, and resembles high-grade steel or titanium. X has thirteen allotropes, all of which are unstable, and short-lived, but poisonous. The noun/adjective X’ has long been used in standard English to refer to the embodiment of impregnable or to describe a very firm/resolute position. $X = \ ?$
ANSWER 35

X = Adamantium
X’ = Adamant
QUESTION 36
ANSWER 36

Chester Carlson of Xerox with the world’s first photocopied message
The exact origins of the word X are unknown, however the most widely held theories are:

1. From the fact that poor actors used X’ to remove heavy makeup

2. From the cockney slang Y for an ‘amateur actor’

X=?
X = Hamming

X' = Ham

Y = Hameteur

ANSWER 37
QUESTION 38

• Albania: Plaku i Vitit te Ri
• Bosnia and Herzegovina: Djeda Mraz
• Croatia: Djed Božičnjak
• Czech Republic: Svatý Mikuláš
• Netherlands & Flanders: Kerstman
• Portugal: Pai Natal
• Slovenia: Sveti Miklavž
• Sweden: Jultomten
• Turkmenistan: Aýaz baba
• US: ?
ANSWER 38

Santa Claus
QUESTION 39 – LONG CON 2

10 Pics – 3 Sets - 3,3 and 4
Will serve as a tiebreaker

+4, -3
+3, -2
+2, -0
SET 1
SET 2
SET 3
ANSWER 39

The 12 labors of Hercules (with 2 left out to make the question tougher)

The ones missing are the Capture of Cerebrus and the Slaying of the Stymphalian Birds

All the other 10 are present but in the wrong order
That's all Folks!

A Warner Bros. Cartoon