



# Dickensian Derbyshire Country Christmas Quiz



## *Part One: A Walk in the Park Answers and Points*

Points are awarded for each part of the answer, with a total of 30.

1. A 'fat ox' (1 point) and bread (1 point). (Total points available: 2.)
2. 21 December (1 point) / St Thomas' Day (1 point). (Total points available: 2.)
3. Holly (1 point). (Total points available: 1.)
4. Prosecution for theft (1 point); prison (1 point) for three months with hard labour (1 point). (Total points available: 3.)
5. Coaches (1 point); horses (1 point); wagons (1 point); delivery / carrier's carts (1 point); people riding (1 point); people walking (1 point); coach horns (1 point). (Total points available: 7.)
6. Boxing Day (1 point) / St Stephen's Day (1 point). (Total points available: 2.)
7. In the tack room (1 point) in the centre section of the stable block (1 point); and loft above (1 point). (Total points available: 3.)
8. Merry Christmas (1 point) and a Happy New Year (1 point). (Total points available: 2.)
9. In the basement kitchen (1 point), in a south-wester room (1 point), where heat-damage to the brick-floor was identified (1 point). (Total points available: 3.)
10. Two pounds (1 point). (Total points available: 1.)
11. Fear of riots / rioters (1 point) protesting against opposition to the Reform Bill (1 point), by Mr Mundy (1 point). (Total points available: 3.)
12. I Saw Three Ships (1 point). (Total points available: 1.)



How well did you do? Share your score!



## ***Part Two: At the Hall .Answers and Points***

Points are awarded for each part of the answer, with a total of 55.

1. Tips (1 point) / Vails (1 point); Christmas Boxes (1 point). (Total points available: 3.)
2. 26 December (1 point) / St Stephen's Day (1 point) / Boxing Day (1 point) / day following Christmas Day (1 point). (Total points available: 3.)
3. Employers often give to servants: working clothes / livery (uniform) (1 point), or fabric to make them (1 point); or 'improving' / work-related (recipes / household-manuals) books (1 point); on or before Christmas Day (1 point). Parents to children: 'improving' / 'moralising' books (1 point); or toys (1 point) - for poor, generally home-made (1 point); on or before Christmas Day (1 point). Adult friends and family of similar status: clothing and accessories (1 point), such as gloves (1 point); calendars / almanacks (1 point); and money (1 point); at New Year (1 point); and produce (1 point), on or before Christmas Day (1 point). (Total points available: 14.)
4. Evergreens (1 point) – typically holly, ivy and mistletoe (1 point), but also any other greenery found at this time of year, such laurel (1 point); usually put up on Christmas eve (1 point), and taken down on 5 or 6 January (1 point), or sometimes 2 February (1 point). Holly was put behind and in objects (1 point); and a 'kissing bough' (1 point), frequently from the ceiling of a kitchen (1 point) in a large house, or kitchen-living-room of a small cottage (1 point). (Total points available: 10.)
5. Late 18<sup>th</sup> century (1 point). (Total points available: 1.)
6. Yule Clog (1 point). (Total points available: 1.)
7. Twelfth-Night / -Eve (1 point); in the basement kitchen (1 point), perhaps in the south-west room with heat-damage to the brick floor (1 point). (Total points available: 3.)
8. Blind Man's Buff (1 point) and Apple Bobbing (1 point), Bullet Pudding (1 point), Hunt the Slipper (1 point), Hot Cockles (1 point). (Total points available: 5.)
9. Plum Pudding (1 point); boiled in a cloth (1 point) in a copper (1 point), in the basement kitchen (1 point), perhaps in the south-west room with heat-damage to the brick floor (1 point). (Total points available: 5.)
10. On Christmas Eve (1 point), perhaps because bell-ringing kept away evil spirits (1 point). (Total points available: 2.)
11. Servants in the basement (1 point); family and guests on the first floor (1 point); cooked in the basement kitchen (1 point), perhaps in the south-west room with heat-damage to the brick floor (1 point). (Total points available: 4.)
12. Down the chimney (1 point); and through holes in and around windows (1 point), doors (1 point), and floors (1 point). (Total points available: 4.)



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