

Christmas quiz

This year's Christmas quiz has been set by the pharmacists in the Royal Pharmaceutical Society's information centre. Test your knowledge of the world of pharmacy and you could win a New Year hamper from Sullivan & Allan Fine Foods (see p909). Winning entries will be drawn on 8 January. Two runners up will each receive vouchers to buy books from the Pharmaceutical Press

- Propicia was licensed in the United Kingdom in 1999 for which indication?
 - mild to moderate pain
 - male pattern hair loss
 - hypertension and angina
 - symptoms of seasonal allergic rhinitis
- Which of the following is false? NICE has published technology appraisals for:
 - wisdom teeth removal
 - COX II inhibitors for osteoarthritis
 - cholinesterase inhibitors for Alzheimer's disease
 - use of triptans in migraine
- In relation to medicine/pharmacy what do the following stand for:
 - ATC
 - DDD
 - FIP
 - USP
 - IJPP
- Match products (a–f) with the reason for their UK withdrawal (i–vii). Reasons can be used more than once or not at all.
 - cisapride
 - Osmosin
 - troglitazone
 - practolol
 - mibefradil
 - terodiline
 - cardiac side effects
 - teratogenicity
 - oculomucocutaneous syndrome
 - risk of serious drug interactions
 - liver toxicity
 - ototoxicity
 - gastrointestinal side effects
- Put these compounds in order of their use as a therapeutic agent (earliest first):
 - penicillin
 - aspirin
 - sulphonamides
 - linezolid
- On a prescription dated 1910 what is meant by a bougie?
 - phantomine 435
 - pantheon 345
 - pantone 354
 - partisan 534
- What was cost per NHS prescription item on 1 April 1971?
 - two shillings and sixpence
 - 50 pence
 - one pound sterling
 - 20 pence
- Approximately how many books are held in the Society's library?
 - 100,000
 - 10,000
 - 60,000
 - 140,000
- What is the name of the plant that was used to poison Socrates?
 - burdock
 - hemlock
 - holly
 - mistletoe
- In which year was the Society's 150th Royal Charter anniversary?
 - 1985
 - 1977
 - 1993
 - 1950
- What is the name of the person who inspired the song "Lily the Pink"?
 - 1972
 - 1976
 - 1979
 - 1981
- When was the single transferable vote system first used in the Society's Council election?
 - 1972
 - 1976
 - 1979
 - 1981
- How many secretary and registrars have there been since the foundation of the Society? (Joint Secretaries are counted as one.)
 - 9
 - 11
 - 13
 - 15
- DA-9601 has potential value in colitis. From which plant is it derived?
 - Hedera helix*
 - Artemisia asiatica*
 - Ilex aquifolium*
 - Viscum album*
- Fluoxetine is used for aggression in:
 - hamsters
 - dogs
 - reindeer
 - Santa's helpers

Rules

The competition is only open to members of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society. Employees of the Society and their families are not eligible to enter. Entries should be marked "Quiz" and should include your name, address and daytime telephone number. They should be sent to The Editor, *The Pharmaceutical Journal*, 1 Lambeth High Street, London SE1 7JN. Alternatively you may e-mail your entries to editor@pharmj.org.uk. Please do not send any other material with your entry. Names of competition winners and the correct answers will be published in *The Journal*. The editor's decision is final.

17. What was Veronal?
- barbitone
 - phenobarbitone
 - methylphenylbarbitone
 - amylobarbitone
18. What is the rough split of male to female pharmacists currently registered with the Society?
- 40:60
 - 45:65
 - 50:50
 - 60:40
19. Which was the first prescription-only medicine to be reclassified as a pharmacy-medicine at its manufacturer's request?
- ibuprofen
 - terfenadine
 - hydrocortisone 1 per cent cream
 - loperamide
20. What does the "Duthie report" (1988) concern?
- addition of drugs to intravenous fluids
 - microbial contamination of medicinal products
 - the safe and secure handling of medicines
 - modernisation of the NHS
21. How many editions of 'Martindale the Extra Pharmacopoeia' had editorial input from a "Martindale"?
- 28
 - 20
 - 4
 - 10
22. What is Venice turpentine?
- eucalyptus oil
 - larch oleoresin
 - red whortleberry oil
 - alies balsamea oleoresin
23. According to the World Health Organization, acupuncture needles must be sterilised by which method to prevent HIV transmission?
- immersion in isopropyl alcohol
 - a quick wipe on the labcoat
 - gamma irradiation
 - heat sterilisation
24. What is Gingergrass oil?
- a combination of oils of zingiber and cannabis
 - olive oil
 - Turkish or Indian geranium oil
 - croton oil
25. Name the people who currently hold the following posts:
- Chief Pharmaceutical Officer for England
 - Secretary of the Society in Scotland
 - President of the Society
 - Chairman of NICE
26. Clinically important drug interactions can occur with St John's Wort. According to the Committee on Safety of Medicines, St John's Wort should not be taken with which other medicine?
- oral contraceptives
 - quinolone antibacterials
 - cyclophosphamide
 - comfrey
27. In which condition has thalidomide recently been found to be beneficial?
- leprosy
 - hypertension
 - obesity
 - impotence
28. Are the following pharmaceutical statements and definitions true or false?
- A preparation must be freshly prepared* indicates that it must be made not more than about four weeks before it is issued for use
 - Water for preparations* is potable or freshly boiled and cooled purified water
 - Refrigerator temperature* is defined as 8–15 degrees Celsius
 - Shellac* is used in pharmaceutical formulations for the enteric coating of tablets and beads
29. What percentage of voting papers were returned in the 2001 Council election?
- 10–15 per cent
 - 20–25 per cent
 - 30–35 per cent
 - 40–45 per cent
30. Brinerdin is an antihypertensive compound preparation available in South Africa. Which ergot derivative does it contain?
- ergometrine
 - ergotamine
 - co-dergoerine
 - dihydroergocristine