



Colwall Orchard Group

Restoring, promoting and celebrating traditional orchards

Orchards Quiz – Autumn 2020

Are you an orchards oracle, or a fruit fanatic?

Test your knowledge with our slightly less-than-serious Orchards Quiz, with twenty questions and multiple-choice answers ranging from brain-tingly difficult, to the considerably more fanciful...

1. Our domestic apple (*Malus domestica*) originated from a species of wild apple (*Malus sieversii*) from the fruit forests of which country/region?
 - a. Uzbekistan
 - b. Azerbaijan
 - c. Kazakhstan
 - d. Afghanistan

2. Sue Clifford and Angela King, from a pioneering environmental charity, wrote 'The Community Orchards Handbook' which inspired the creation of many community orchards. What's the name of their charity?
 - a. Common People
 - b. Common Ground
 - c. The Commoners
 - d. The Communards

3. Which famous variety of cooking apple was raised by Miss Mary Anne Brailsford, and planted in a garden in Church Street, Southwell, Nottinghamshire?
 - a. Newton Wonder
 - b. Catshead
 - c. Bramley's Seedling
 - d. Grenadier

4. What's the name of the junction between the rootstock and the scion of an apple tree?
- The graft union
 - The knuckle
 - The elbow
 - The joint



5. What is the correct order of the vigour of these apple rootstocks - from extremely dwarfing to very vigorous?
- M27 – M26 – MM106 - M25
 - M25 – M26 – M27 – MM106
 - MM106 - M25 - M26 - M27
 - M27- M26 – M25 – MM106

6. Which of the following is *not a disorder* applicable to apple trees and their fruit?
- Waterlogging
 - Frost damage
 - Brown rot
 - Phosphorus deficiency

7. Certain local areas are associated with growing different types of orchard fruit. For what type of fruit growing is the Pershore area usually associated?
- Cherries
 - Apples
 - Plums
 - Pears

8. Some fruit varieties have an exceptionally localised area where they are found. The area around Redditch in Worcestershire has its own distinct apple variety the fruit of which are bright green, turning yellowish as they ripen; are no bigger than a golf ball and are traditionally eaten whole (core and all). What's its name?
- Doddin
 - Dubbin
 - Dunno
 - Dunnin



9. Which types of apple tree were traditionally planted in apple orchards due to their long flowering season that helped with pollination of the orchard fruit?
- Crab apples
 - Dessert apples
 - Culinary apples
 - Cider apples

10. What type of insect pest has caused the damage to this apple?

- Capsid bug
- Tortrix moth
- Apple sawfly
- Woolly aphid



11. Colwall in Herefordshire has associations with its own variety of modern, hardy apricot. What's its name?

- Golden Globe
- Golden Glebe
- Golden Glow
- Golden Goblet

12. There's an old Gloucestershire folklore saying that 'If a perry pear can't see <Blank> then it won't flourish'. What's the <Blank>?

- Gloucester cathedral
- May Hill
- The Malvern Hills
- Gloucester Rugby Club

13. The popular dessert apple varieties Spartan, Pink Lady, Gala and Discovery were all raised in which century?

- 18th Century
- 19th Century
- 20th Century
- 21st Century

14. Brown Snout, Dabinett, Fair Maid of Taunton, and Slack-ma-Girdle are all varieties of what?

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15. Which is the best month to carry out routine pruning of restricted forms of apple fruit trees (cordons, fans, espaliers)?

- a. February
- b. May
- c. August
- d. November



16. A remote garden, with no other fruit trees around for miles, has three mature apple trees all of the same pollination group. They are a triploid apple tree, a self-fertile diploid apple tree and a self-sterile diploid apple tree. Which of the trees would you usually expect to be pollinated each year?

- a. None of them
- b. All of them
- c. Only the self-fertile apple tree
- d. The self-fertile apple tree and the triploid apple tree

17. The United Kingdom's National Fruit Collection famously has one of the largest fruit tree collections in the world and is held at Brogdale Farm. In which English county is this located?

- a. Herefordshire
- b. Essex
- c. Kent
- d. Somerset

18. You want to prune an apple tree and wish to cut off a branch which is 50mm (2 inches) in diameter. What's the best tool for the job?

- a. A pair of secateurs
- b. A bow saw
- c. A pruning saw
- d. A Swiss army knife

19. A Mirabelle is a type of what sort of fruit?

- a. A plum
- b. An apple
- c. A cherry
- d. A quince

20. A pomona is what?

- a. The Australian term for an English orchard owner
- b. A fizzy alcoholic drink manufactured and sold by Bulmers Cider
- c. The smell of rotten apples in an orchard
- d. An illustrated guide to apple varieties

Answers

- 1. c
- 2. b
- 3. c
- 4. a
- 5. a
- 6. c
- 7. c
- 8. a
- 9. a
- 10. c
- 11. c
- 12. b
- 13. c
- 14. d
- 15. c
- 16. b
- 17. c
- 18. c
- 19. a
- 20. d

