

Section 1

Riddles

1. Frolic and laughter;
Fun and flit...
What is the name of foolish Wit?
2. The apple of your eye is that which you
admire, but what is the flower of your eye?
3. In time of Winter's icy blast,
The Mites and Tites grow cold and round,
For Stalagmites and Tites are found;
But which grows up, while which grows down?
4. My heart is like a small bird in captivity,
But if my body was built as yours,
What would be its prison?
5. Where are the pillars of Hercules?
6. Dutch Elm disease makes trees turn bare.
What condition makes humans turn yellow?
7. A flying Fox is an insect. True or False?
8. Riddle-oh-Ree
Begins with a Tee,
It's Tortoise on land
And Turtle in sea,
But now you must think of
And then must deliver,
The name of their cousin
Who lives in the river!
9. The first clock was a sundial. True or false?
10. Gall Stones are found on the Banks of
Galway Bay. True or False?
11. Before the fast of lent,
All stocks of eggs and flour
and butter must be spent.
A cake they cook to use the larder up.
Name now the cake upon which they sup.
12. What name do you give to a footprint in a rock?
13. Before the Elephant there walked,
A creature similar too yet,
Hairier by far than any
Who'd been Hannibal's Great Pet.
14. Who owned the box which contained all the
evils of the world; the box which should never
have been opened.
15. Nine goddesses there were in Greece,
Of music, art and rhyming piece;
Now tell me quick and answer true
What name they called this magic crew....
16. Adam was the first man;
Eve was the first woman,
But who was the first murderer?
17. You may not see him anymore,
This fabled creature had a flaw.
He could gallop fast, but could not float.
And worst of all – he missed the boat.
Who is he?
18. The Atlantic is bigger than the Pacific. True or
False?
19. Who didn't have to worry about the Ides of
March?
20. A mother cow is called a Heifer. True or
False?
21. Kilimanjaro is taller than Everest. True or
False?
22. How can a Knight be known, other than by his
name?
23. In another Legend, who was the first Hobbit
to hold the ring?
24. A Knight Errant will often follow a Maid,
But name me the Maid who follows Night.
25. Though Faerie not,
But very grand,
A Queen of England's
Fair great land,
Is dubbed; by some –
The Faerie Queen,
But tell me which Queen
Do they mean?
26. What are the apples of the Oak?
27. If air is clear and sunlight
Falls across the land,
Then where in all the world
Would it be best to stand,
To see the furthest of them all?
28. Who were the soldiers who sailed in
Dragonships?
29. Who is the sailor who is doomed,
To sail forever but never land?
30. Now everyone knows what a singlet is,
But do two singlet's make a doublet?
True or False?
31. Name the ship of heroes, the ship in which
Jason sailed to find the golden fleece?
32. He is the messenger of the Gods and the
measurer of temperature. Name him.
33. The smallest country in the World is the
Vatican City. True or False?
34. The first word in most dictionaries is
AARDVARK. True or False?
35. Time and Tide wait for no man, yet one
substance will measure it for him. Name it!
36. In nature, the Polar bear and the Penguin
never meet. True or False?
37. The twins who founded Rome were raised by
a Wolf. True or False?
38. Which playing card has the largest symbol
of all the pack?

39. What nationality was the first marathon
runner?
40. The Red Sea is saltier than the Dead Sea.
True or False?
41. Nickel is the name of a legendary goblin
who lived in a German copper mine. True or
False?
42. A tree died for it; ink dried on it. It can be
read, and then rolled. What is it?
43. A male witch is called a Warlock. True or
False.
44. Wart charming effectively removes warts.
True or False?
45. When a Roman Legion cohort mutinied, the
punishment wreaked upon them was
decimation. Tell me – what was decimation?
46. If we surmise the world is round,
And gravity's a force for ground
Then tell me now:
'What must come down?'
47. A Crossbow fires bolts; a bow fires arrows,
but what does a blow-pipe fire?
48. What is the bird that is born when it burns?

Solutions

1. Folly.
2. The iris.
3. Tites grown down and Mites grow up.
4. My ribcage.
5. The Mediterranean *or* Gibraltar.
6. Jaundice.
7. False.
8. Terrapin.
9. True.
10. False.
11. Pancakes.
12. A fossil.
13. The mammoth.
14. Pandora.
15. The muses.
16. Cain.
17. The Unicorn.
18. False.
19. Julius Caesar.
20. False.
21. False.
22. His Coat of Arms.
23. Bilbo, Smeagol *or* Gollum.
24. Dawn.
25. Elizabeth I.
26. Acorns.
27. Everest.
28. The Vikings.
29. The Flying Dutchman.
30. False.
31. Argo.
32. Mercury.
33. True.
34. True.
35. Sand.
36. True.
37. True. Romulus and Remus.
38. The Ace of Spades.
39. Greek.
40. False.
41. True.
42. A scroll, parchment *or* paper.
43. True.
44. True.
45. 1 in 10 is killed.
46. Whatever goes up.
47. Darts.
48. The Phoenix.



Section 2 Riddles

1. Why can a Shark never rest?
2. A ring a ring a roses,
A pocket full of poses,
Atishoo! Atishoo!
We all fall down.
It's a pretty little rhyme, isn't it,
But can you tell me its real meaning?
3. The Hercules, the Stag, the Bombadier, the Devil's Coachhorse and the Caterpillar Hunter are all forms of what?
4. Henry VIII had nine wives. True or False?
5. On Salisbury plain long years ago
Men raised a ring of standing stones.
Stonehenge it's called,
But where is found
The largest ring on English ground?
6. In a legend written of little folk, there was a dragon who lived beneath a mountain and slept on treasure, and all around him was a great desolation. Of course, in the book they made him the villain, but what was his name?
7. Moonlight makes my hair grow longer,
Moonlight makes my jaw grow stronger,
Daylight finds me bare of face;
A member of the human race.
Who am I?
8. Steel cuts something, yet rock breaks steel.
Then something covers rock. No one can win this game, but what is something?
9. Spill your salt, and earn bad luck,
What action clears the matter up?
10. 'Babes in the Wood' is a tale of Royal Murder. True or False?
11. The cuckoo comes in April,
He sings his song in May,
To make it hard,
We'll change the rhyme...
So when does he fly away?
12. The depth of the deepest ocean is greater than the height of the highest mountain. True or False?
13. What are the oldest living things in the world?
14. How can you find out how old a tree is?
15. Paddy fields are found in Ireland. True or False?
16. Artistic trees are, so name the connection between trees and artists' drawings?
17. A garnet is a jewel. True or False?
18. Which metal is pink when you dig it up, but then turns red, before turning green.
19. Quick and red was I,
When my mother gave me birth.
Downwards I flowed;
Ever colder, ever blacker.
Rock I am now, but what was my mother?
20. I have the knowledge of centuries;
My wisdom is beyond price.
You are puny and ignorant.
How much are your thoughts worth?
21. Adam was the first man; Eve was the first woman, but who was the first zoo-keeper?
22. Who sang songs to the sailormen.
Who sang songs of promise,
But delivered only death?
23. The Norsemen's ship bears shields in rows,
But what creature sits upon its bows?
24. In dungeons deep and darkness cold,
The silent spinner awaits the bold.
She never has to buy her threads,
And walks the night on six great legs.
What is she?
25. Shiny brown I is, and good to taste.
Green my jacket and prickly is my waist.
Who am I?
26. The tail of the Manx Cat is docked shortly after birth. True or False?
27. Sits in a cup but isn't an egg,
Fruit of a tree, but best never eat...
My name I beg.
28. Thugs originated in India and worshipped Kali, the goddess of destruction. True or False?
29. The Norsemen first discovered America. True or False?
30. Sometime grey and sometime red,
Leaf and twig will make its bed,
Collector, hoarder, scrounger too,
Leaper, climber, tell me who?
31. A male goose is called a Cob. True or False?
32. Through centuries, the frozen giant crawls.
No eye can trace him moving, yet he scars the very surface of the world. Name this force of nature.
33. Wings it has, yet not a bird.
Scales it has, yet justice does not serve.
Hot its breath, yet cold as ice its heart.
Name the worm that serves
The forces of the dark.
34. It was the Noblest Knight
Who broke the Table Round
Because a woman dragged him down.
To penance and to death
He wore a priestly gown.
Who was he?
35. Waves it does.
Though sea air seldom breathes.
Spells it does.
Though words it never speaks.
Shorter than a staff,
And blunter than a sword.
With it you can conquer knights,
With just a word.
36. The blade that cuts,
Will feed the cow,
The friend that trusts will bread a bow,
It's all the same when common said,
So give the name of nature's bed?
37. Three elemental forces formed me;
Name all three or else avaunt thee.
38. What is layed and served;
Is not a table, but almost a bird.
39. A giraffe has the same number of bones in its neck as a human. True or False?
40. Parasite, it is.
Berries white, it is.
Kisses, it gets.
Name it.
41. Constantinople is the capital of Istanbul. True or False?
42. The Gnu is also known as the Wildebeest. True or False?
43. The shark cannot float. True or False?
44. What is produced by the Cork Oak and the Live Oak.
45. The branch of which tree is a symbol of peace?
46. What do you call branches that grow down?
47. Gravity was discovered with the aid of a plum. True or False?
48. Alexander the Great solved a knotty problem with a sword. True or False?

Solutions

1. Because it will drown if it rests.
2. Plague or Sickness or Black Death.
3. Beetle.
4. False.
5. Avebury.
6. Smaug.
7. A werewolf.
8. Paper.
9. Throwing salt over your shoulder.
10. True.
11. July.
12. True.
13. Trees or the Giant Redwood.
14. Count its Rings.
15. False.
16. Charcoal.
17. True.
18. Copper.
19. A volcano.
20. A penny.
21. Noah.
22. The sirens.
23. A dragon or serpent.
24. A spider.
25. A chestnut.
26. False.
27. Acorn.
28. True.
29. True.
30. A squirrel.
31. False.
32. Glacier.
33. A dragon.
34. Lancelot.
35. A wand.
36. Grass.
37. Earth, Fire and Water.
38. An egg.
39. True.
40. Mistletoe.
41. False.
42. True.
43. True.
44. Cork.
45. The Olive Tree.
46. Roots.
47. False.
48. True.

Section 3 Riddles

1. Tell us: Who was the red chief of the Greenwood?
2. The hip connects to the thigh bone. True or False?
3. Where be the Wailing Wall?
4. The frog is a reptile. True or False?
5. Orion's belt has three stars. True or False?
6. Beneath the waves
And far below,
The fish now swim
Where people strolled,
Her like again can never be,
So name the great City beneath The Sea....
7. Little Jack Horner, sat in a corner,
While Bo it was who counted sheep.
Little Miss Muffit sat perched on a tuffet,
But who was it who told us
It was time to go to sleep?
8. Sightless I be,
Yet with hands I spell,
What language can I read,
That touches words so well?
9. Amid the ashes where they burnt the Maid,
They found her heart, intact and brave,
For with it a Kingdom did she save.
Who do I speak of?
10. In ancient Greece a young maid challenged the Goddess Athene to a weaving and spinning competition. The Goddess was so angered by her defeat that she turned the girl into a different creature. The girl's name was Arachne. What creature did she become?
11. A male duck is called a Mandrake. True or False?
12. When is daylight on the Moon but midnight on earth at midday.
13. Who is the Great Wizard of the West?
14. No earthly, earthbound steed am I.
My hurdles are the mountains,
And my racetrack is the sky. Who am I?
15. Who was the son of Uther Pendragon?
16. Eve gave Adam the Apple. That's why only men have an Adam's apple. True or False?
17. Tomorrow I will sit upon it,
Later still I will write upon it,
Today I rest beneath it.
What is it?
18. With a blade, David slew Goliath, but what weapon brought him down?
19. It is written: who is stronger – the Warrior or the Scribe?
20. Which is the easiest to carry:
A lead vase or a feather in the wind?
21. Which is deepest – the Ocean, or a saucer of water?
22. What happened to Cinderella's Coach at midnight?
23. Aesop was a slave who told stories about animals. True or False?
24. The Flying Dutchman was an early aviator. True or False.
25. From the scriptures, if you read them,
There was more than Adam's Ale in Eden.
So answer, if you have the courage,
What drink is made from the fruit of Knowledge?
26. If you would a warrior be, name the skin that saves your skin?
27. Sometimes I forget my name,
Or one forgets to play the game;
Sometimes one forgets one's head,
But what does an elephant ever forget?
28. It is born of an egg,
Yet its mother never feeds it;
A song it sings,
But only two notes ever leave it.
29. Jumping beans jump because of the action of small insects which live within them. True or False?
30. Salamanders are completely unaffected by intense heat or flames. True or False?
31. Who is the giant of the Greenwood?
32. The Holy city of Mecca is in Africa. True or False?
33. If one, two is buckle my shoe,
Why tell me then,
What's nine and ten?
34. The glittering warrior of the Night
Stands poised to strike yet may not fight.
Three stars are belted at his waist,
Where the hunter's sword is placed.
Name him!
35. Some people count on fingers,
And some they count on thumbs,
But what was the very first machine
On which man did his sums?
36. In some parts trees will give no shade,
In others grain no yield,
But tell me please which kind of weed
Will never grow in any field?
37. The Holy Grail is preserved in Westminster Abbey. True or False?

38. Invaders came upon these shores;
One book they wrote of lands and laws.
One book to wrap a Kingdom in;
So name it, puny mannikin!
39. Mother of Pearl is a giant oyster. True or False?
40. Who was it who was so vain, that he fell in love with his own reflection?
41. On a far-flung island of this world
Some sailors found a stupid bird,
It couldn't run, and couldn't fly,
And thus was sadly doomed to die,
It isn't with us any more,
So give a name to nature's flaw?
42. It isn't a monkey,
It isn't a dog,
It isn't a bird,
And it can't be a hog.
If it isn't a cat,
And it isn't an ox,
Then what sort of animal
Is a Flying Fox?
43. Who is the maiden whose voice one may hear again and again and again?
44. A sort of domestic pet came from the region of Atabia in Arabia, thousands of years ago. What is it?
45. Before the coming off the cross,
There was another God of Light,
But they never worshipped him at night!
Name him!
46. The colour green is deemed lucky for sailors. True or False?
47. The common cold is a bacteria. True or False?
48. The pterodactyl was the world's largest flying animal. True or False?

Solutions

1. Robin.
2. True.
3. Jerusalem.
4. False. It's amphibian.
5. True.
6. Atlantis.
7. Wee Willie Winkie.
8. Braille.
9. Joan.
10. A spider.
11. False.
12. During a total eclipse.
13. Merlin.
14. Pegasus.
15. Arthur.
16. False.
17. A tree.
18. A sling.
19. The scribe. The pen is mightier than the sword.
20. A vase. How can you even catch a feather in the wind?
21. The ocean.
22. It turned into a pumpkin.
23. True.
24. False.
25. Cider or apple juice.
26. Armour or chain-mail.
27. Nothing, for an elephant never forgets.
28. Cuckoo.
29. True.
30. False.
31. Little John.
32. False. It's in Saudi Arabia.
33. A big fat hen.
34. Orion.
35. The Abacus.
36. Seaweed.
37. False.
38. The Doomsday Book.
39. False.
40. Narcissus.
41. The dodo.
42. A bat.
43. Echo.
44. Cat or Tabby Cat.
45. The Sun.
46. False.
47. False.
48. True.

Section 4 Riddles

1. Bats are blind. True or False?
2. The day is passed; the race is run.
Second to last I came, and I was third.
But how many did I race?
3. From an egg I was born,
With no feathers to dry;
Birds I may eat, yet I never fly;
Cold I am, but what am I?
4. There are sixty seconds in an hour, but how
many firsts are there?
5. Once I roamed free and ate deer,
Now I watch bars and eat Christians.
What am I?
6. All that glitters is not gold, but know you the
magic science that will make it so?
7. Richard III was called 'Crookback Dick'.
True or False?
8. A Will'O the Wisp is an insect. True or False?
9. Evergreen do we call those,
Who keep their coats when snow doth fall,
But what's the name for other trees,
Who lose their coats when rain doth freeze?
10. Once was pride so great in man that
Monarch bade the waves retreat.
Name me now this foolish king,
Whose pride was soaked, just like his feet.
11. With it, I may carry more than I can ever carry.
Without it, roads may as well be tracks.
12. A heavenly body lights the day, but tell me
now – what moves the waves?
13. A baby goose is called a gosling. True or
False?
14. Greenland is called "The Emerald Isle". True
or False?
15. On Monday I planted a magic tree.
On Tuesday it grew twice its height.
Each day it doubled.
On Sunday it was fully grown.
But which day was it half-grown?
16. I swallow ships – but how for I am small?
I have a mouth, but never drink at all.
I have a neck, but not a head.
You throw me out, when I am dead.
17. Name the ship that sails without wind,
and crosses oceans to the sound of a
drumbeat?
18. In forest green, an outlaw horde,
Would rob the rich to feed the poor;
But tell me puny dungeoneer,
What garment did their leader wear?
19. Millipedes have a thousand legs. True or
False?
20. Their father was a god; their mother was a
human, and their stepmother was a wolf.
They founded an empire. Who were they?
21. The Portuguese Man-of-war is a jellyfish.
True or False?
22. What is the proper name for a noisy ghost?
23. Honey for beehives is collected by drones.
True or False?
24. There are fifty-two signs of the zodiac.
True or False?
25. If the pen is mightier than the sword, which
bird is mightier than the Hawk?
26. The science of changing base metals into
gold is called alchemy. True or False?
27. Young princes keep servant boys to be
punished in their stead. These are called
Whipping Boys. True or False?
28. What runs, but has no legs,
And has a bed, but never rests?
29. What is the manlike monster of the snows,
Whose face and form, nobody knows?
30. Name the Sword that was found in stone,
But lost in water?
31. Those noble priests who saw this Holy cloth
Were not allowed by oath to shed your blood.
Instead a club they used, to crush and maim.
This weapon: I would know its name?
32. The Cimmerian Barbarian was called Onan.
True or False?
33. How do you turn an Oak into an Ash?
34. The Blue Whale is the largest creature on
earth. True or False?
35. The Roc was a monster bird. True or False?
36. In the Middle of England grew the
Shire-Wood. What name do you know it by?
37. The food of the Gods was called Manna.
True or False?
38. What's the tallest kind of tree?
39. Ice and snow will make you cold.
Centuries will make you old.
Fire and water will make steam,
But how on earth do you make green?
40. What rolls, but is not round
Yet tells the score, but speaks no sound?
41. Before the coming of the Grail.
Before the norseman's Viking hordes.
Before even the Romans came,
These priestly rulers held these shores.
Who were they?
42. Rock it harms not; humans it harms not;
It is the weakness of ages, but the strongest
Iron and Steel cannot defeat it.

43. It is written, but not easily read.
It rhymes with doom yet doom is not all it say.
It may be cast, but not away
Know you the truth of what I say?
44. Lancelot and Galahad sought it.
Others seek it still.
It has been called the Cup that Heals.
Give me its common calling.
45. What sleeps for days yet never lays to rest.
What flies but never was a bird?
46. Through Dungeons deep and darkness cold,
The miner goes in search of gold.
Short of leg, yet strong of arm,
If you take what's his,
He'll do you harm.
47. It swims in water, but isn't a fish; It fells great
trees, but isn't an axe; Its coat is costly, but it
isn't a mind. What is it then?
48. The Manx Cat comes from Manchester.
True or False?

Solutions

1. False.
2. Four.
3. A snake.
4. One.
5. A lion.
6. Alchemy.
7. True.
8. False.
9. Deciduous trees.
10. Canute.
11. The wheel or cart.
12. The Moon.
13. True.
14. False.
15. Saturday.
16. A bottle.
17. A galley or Trireme.
18. A hood.
19. False.
20. Romulus and Remus.
21. True.
22. A poltergeist.
23. False.
24. False.
25. The dove.
26. True.
27. True.
28. A river or stream.
29. The Yeti.
30. Excalibur.
31. A mace.
32. False.
33. Set fire to it.
34. True.
35. True.
36. Sherwood Forest.
37. True.
38. The Giant Redwood.
39. Blue and yellow.
40. A die.
41. The Druids.
42. Rust.
43. A rune or runes.
44. The Holy Grail.
45. A bat.
46. A dwarf or dwarves.
47. A beaver.
48. False.

