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1. In which year was Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol' first published?

- B) 1843
- C) 1861
- D) 1901

2. Which country started the tradition of the Christmas tree?

- B) France
- C) Germany
- D) Norway

3. In 'Home Alone,' where are the McCallisters flying when they leave Kevin behind?

- B) Paris
- C) London
- D) Hawaii

4. What is the best-selling Christmas single of all time?

- B) All I Want for Christmas Is You
- C) White Christmas
- D) Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree

5. Which of Santa's reindeer is named after a weather phenomenon ('lightning' in German)?

- B) Comet
- C) Blitzen
- D) Cupid

6. 'Silent Night' was first performed in which country in 1818?

- B) Germany
- C) Switzerland
- D) Italy

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7. In 'Elf,' what are the four main food groups according to Buddy?

- B) Cookies, cake, pie, and ice cream
- C) Sugar, spice, chocolate, and frosting
- D) Taffy, fudge, gumdrops, and marshmallows

8. How many ghosts visit Ebenezer Scrooge in 'A Christmas Carol'?

- B) Four
- C) Five
- D) Seven

9. In which modern-day country was St. Nicholas born?

- B) Turkey
- C) Italy
- D) Spain

10. What does 'Feliz Navidad' mean in English?

- B) Merry Christmas
- C) Joyful New Year
- D) Peace on Earth

11. Which Christmas movie features a fragile leg lamp as a major plot point?

- B) A Christmas Story
- C) National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation
- D) The Santa Clause

12. The first commercial Christmas card was sent in which decade?

- B) 1840s
- C) 1860s
- D) 1880s

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13. What is the name of the Grinch's loyal dog?

- B) Rex
- C) Bruno
- D) Sam

14. In 'Love Actually,' which song does the Prime Minister dance to?

- B) Jump (For My Love)
- C) Christmas Is All Around
- D) Last Christmas

15. Which plant is known as the 'Christmas flower' of Mexico?

- B) Amaryllis
- C) Holly
- D) Mistletoe

16. What is traditionally hidden inside a British Christmas pudding?

- B) A ring
- C) A bean
- D) A thimble

17. In 'Die Hard,' whose company's Christmas party is John McClane attending?

- B) His wife's
- C) A neighbor's
- D) A police fundraiser

18. Christmas Island is in which ocean?

- B) Pacific
- C) Indian
- D) Arctic

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19. 'Jingle Bells' was originally written for which holiday?

- B) Thanksgiving
- C) New Year's
- D) Easter

20. In 'The Nightmare Before Christmas,' what is Jack Skellington's title?

- B) Pumpkin King
- C) Ghost King
- D) Skeleton Lord

21. Which country made eating KFC a Christmas Eve tradition?

- B) Japan
- C) The Philippines
- D) China

22. What is the last spirit to visit Scrooge called?

- B) The Spirit of Christmas Future
- C) The Phantom of Christmas
- D) The Ghost of Christmas Past

23. In 'It's a Wonderful Life,' what happens every time a bell rings?

- B) A wish comes true
- C) A star falls
- D) A baby is born

24. Which song contains the lyric 'pa rum pum pum pum'?

- B) Do You Hear What I Hear
- C) Carol of the Bells
- D) O Holy Night

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25. In 'The Polar Express,' the main boy character is known as what?

- B) Hero Boy
- C) Chris
- D) Tom

26. In which U.S. state is there a town officially named North Pole?

- B) Alaska
- C) Maine
- D) Vermont

27. What color are mistletoe berries?

- B) White
- C) Blue
- D) Black

28. Which ballet is traditionally performed at Christmas?

- B) The Nutcracker
- C) Giselle
- D) Sleeping Beauty

29. In 'A Christmas Story,' what does Ralphie want for Christmas?

- B) A bicycle
- C) A train set
- D) A football

30. Boxing Day falls on which date?

- B) December 25
- C) December 26
- D) January 1

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31. Which company's 1930s advertising shaped the modern image of Santa Claus?

- B) Coca-Cola
- C) Macy's
- D) Hallmark

32. How many sizes too small is the Grinch's heart?

- B) Two
- C) Three
- D) Four

33. What do the French call Santa Claus?

- B) Babbo Natale
- C) Weihnachtsmann
- D) Sinterklaas

34. Which carol was famously sung during the WWI Christmas Truce of 1914?

- B) O Come All Ye Faithful
- C) Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
- D) Away in a Manger

35. In 'National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation,' about how many lights does Clark put on the house?

- B) 25,000
- C) 50,000
- D) 100,000

36. What is the traditional Italian Christmas Eve feast called?

- B) La Vigilia
- C) Both of these
- D) Il Cenone

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37. Rudolph first appeared in 1939 as part of what?

- B) A Montgomery Ward coloring book
- C) A TV special
- D) A newspaper comic

38. In 'The Santa Clause,' what happens after Scott Calvin startles Santa off his roof?

- B) He is arrested
- C) He moves to the North Pole
- D) He forgets Christmas

39. What is the English translation of 'Stille Nacht'?

- B) Holy Night
- C) Peaceful Night
- D) Still Night

40. Which is the oldest Christmas market in Germany, dating to 1570?

- B) Strasbourg
- C) Dresden
- D) Munich

41. In 'Scrooged' (1988), who plays TV executive Frank Cross?

- B) Chevy Chase
- C) Dan Aykroyd
- D) Steve Martin

42. What fruit is traditionally placed in Christmas stockings?

- B) Orange
- C) Banana
- D) Pear

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43. The Twelve Days of Christmas begin on which date?

- B) December 26
- C) December 24
- D) January 6

44. In 'Bad Santa,' what is Willie T. Stokes' mall job?

- B) Elf
- C) Security guard
- D) Photographer

45. Which U.S. president put up the first White House Christmas tree?

- B) Franklin Pierce
- C) Theodore Roosevelt
- D) John Adams

46. What is 'wassailing'?

- B) Ice skating
- C) Gift wrapping
- D) Tree decorating

47. In 'The Holiday,' which two countries do the women swap homes between?

- B) The US and France
- C) The UK and Italy
- D) The US and Spain

48. What does the 'X' in 'Xmas' stand for?

- B) The Greek letter Chi, for Christ
- C) Nothing - it's slang
- D) The Roman numeral 10

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49. In 'Gremlins,' what are the three rules for a Mogwai?

- B) No sunlight, no snow, never feed after noon
- C) No cameras, no rain, never feed after 10pm
- D) No loud music, no cold, never feed after midnight

50. Which pop star holds the record for the most-streamed Christmas song of the streaming era?

- B) Michael Bublé
- C) Ariana Grande
- D) Wham!

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Answer Key

1. B - 1843
2. C - Germany
3. B - Paris
4. C - White Christmas
5. C - Blitzen
6. A - Austria
7. A - Candy, candy canes, candy corn, and syrup
8. B - Four
9. B - Turkey
10. B - Merry Christmas
11. B - A Christmas Story
12. B - 1840s
13. A - Max
14. B - Jump (For My Love)
15. A - Poinsettia
16. A - A coin
17. B - His wife's
18. C - Indian
19. B - Thanksgiving
20. B - Pumpkin King
21. B - Japan
22. A - The Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come
23. A - An angel gets its wings
24. A - The Little Drummer Boy
25. B - Hero Boy
26. B - Alaska
27. B - White
28. B - The Nutcracker
29. A - A Red Ryder BB gun
30. C - December 26
31. B - Coca-Cola
32. B - Two
33. A - Père Noël
34. A - Silent Night
35. B - 25,000
36. C - Both of these
37. B - A Montgomery Ward coloring book
38. A - He becomes the new Santa

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- 39. A - Silent Night
- 40. B - Strasbourg
- 41. A - Bill Murray
- 42. B - Orange
- 43. A - December 25
- 44. A - Santa
- 45. B - Franklin Pierce
- 46. A - Caroling door to door with a drink
- 47. A - The US and the UK
- 48. B - The Greek letter Chi, for Christ
- 49. A - No bright light, no water, never feed after midnight
- 50. A - Mariah Carey