FOOD AND DRINK TRIVIA QUIZ XV



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1> Also called the biscochito, the bizcochito is traditionally served at Christmas with hot chocolate. And it's what state's official cookie?

- a. Florida
- b. Louisiana
- c. New Mexico
- d. Hawaii

2> Tapioca is made from what plant, which protects itself from predators by releasing a cyanide-like compound called linamarin from its roots?

- a. Grapefruit
- b. Date palm
- c. Cassava
- d. Chickpea

3> Nutmeg comes from nutmeg seeds. But what milder spice do we get from the web-like membranes covering those same seeds?

- a. Cinnamon
- b. Clove
- c. Mace
- d. Ginger

4> Rich in vitamin A, collard greens are the leaves of the collard, a type of kale, which is in turn a type of what vegetable?

- a. Lettuce
- b. Okra
- c. Cabbage
- d. Corn

5> If brie is served "en croute", how is it served?

- a. In a crust
- b. Over lettuce
- c. Raw and runny
- d. Skewered

6> Originally imported to Japan from China, what dish's name is Japanese for "pulled noodles"?

- a. Sashimi
- b. Ramen
- c. Miso
- d. Tempura

7> What Japanese fermented-soybean paste is typically eaten in a soup of the same name?

- a. Miso
- b. Hoisin
- c. Wasabi
- d. Soy

8> Baloney is named for Bologna, but it's based on that city's true Italian sausage. What is it?

- a. Capicola
- b. Mortadella
- c. Prosciutto
- d. Sopressata

9> What country's national dishes include a pancake-like sourdough bread called injera, on top of which is served a spicy stew called wot?

- a. Thailand
- b. Brazil
- c. Ethiopia
- d. Greece

10> The Hass is most common variety of what fruit, also known as the alligator

pear or the butter pear?

- a. Eggplant
- b. Kiwi
- c. Avocado
- d. Artichoke

11> What selection of breakfast dumplings and pastries gets its name from the Chinese for "touch the heart"?

- a. Dim sum
- b. Poi
- c. Sashimi
- d. Chow mein

12> In part because of convection, if you shake a bag of mixed nuts, large ones will rise to the top, a phenomenon that physicists name for what large nut?

- a. Pistachio
- b. Peanut
- c. Brazil nut
- d. Almonds

13> Born in northern Italy in 1898, Hector Boiardi moved to Cleveland and became famous selling something. What?

- a. Spaghetti
- b. Wine
- c. Cake
- d. Chocolate

14> Brewed in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, what beer has a mysterious "33" on its label?

- a. Pabst Blue Ribbon
- b. Sam Adams
- c. Rolling Rock
- d. Duff

15> Kir is creme de cassis and white wine, but what do you get when you use champagne instead of wine?

- a. Kir Supreme
- b. Kir Royale
- c. Kir Ultimate
- d. Kir Deluxe

Answers:

1> New Mexico - New Mexico became the first state to have an official cookie.

2> Cassava - Cassava is an especially important part of African diets.

3> Mace - Myristica fragrans is also called the nutmeg tree and, as you might expect, is the source of the nutmeg spice, which we get from its seeds.

4> Cabbage - That's soul food!

5> In a crust - To be precise, it is wrapped in pastry and baked.

6> Ramen - In 1910, two Chinese cooks added noodles to a salty broth at Tokyo's Rairaken restaurant. It was called shina soba, or China noodles, a name that seemed pejorative after WWII.

7> Miso - White and red miso are the most common.

8> Mortadella - It's a pork sausage with lard pieces that's very popular in Brazil
9> Ethiopia - Injera is also used to pick up other food, since Ethiopians
traditionally don't use utensils.

10> Avocado - The Hass avocado was created in California by mail carrier and amateur horticulturist Rudolph Hass.

11> Dim sum - Some translations are 'dotted heart' or 'heart's delight' or 'a bit of heart.'

12> Brazil nut - When you shake a can of nuts, you create empty spaces into which smaller nuts can fall. But friction also rubs nuts against the container itself, creating a sort of convection, which pushes larger nuts to the top.

13> Spaghetti - The company took the easier-to-spell Chef Boyardee.

14> Rolling Rock - The number comes from the number of words in its quality pledge.

15> Kir Royale - Kir is named for Canon Kir, the mayor of Dijon and a hero of the French Resistance.

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