

STIRLING CASTLE QUIZ 2014 – ANSWERS

1. From which language is Scots most directly descended?

- a) French b) Latin c) Gaelic **d) Old English ✓** e) Old Norse f) Dutch

Scots has many words from all these languages, but it is descended from old English.

See <http://www.dsl.ac.uk/about-scots/history-of-scots/>

2. In the 2011 Census, how many people said they spoke Scots?

- a) 15,000 b) 150,000 **c) 1,500,000 ✓**

3. Would you use a winter-dyke for ~~a) keeping sheep in the field?~~

b) drying clothes (it is a clothes-horse) ✓

~~c) keeping a river from flooding?~~

4. Which is the odd one out? *harns (brains), neb (nose), harigals (guts), **TUMSHIE (swede) ✓**, oxters (armpits), kist (chest), bahouchie (bottom).*

All the others are parts of the body, so a TUMSHIE, also know as a NEEP, is the odd one out – ideal with haggis, or hollowed out to make a Scottish traditional Halloween lantern. If someone refers to you as a tumshie-heid, it is not a compliment.

5. What would you do with a soor ploom?

- a) ~~make jam~~ **b) suck it (it is a boiled sweet) ✓** c) ~~hit it with a hammer~~

6. Which would you NOT find on the roof of a house: *lum (chimney), **ASHET (serving dish or pie dish) ✓**, sklata (slate), granny (chimney cowl), thack (thatch).*

ASHET is the odd one out.

7. Which is the odd one out? *clunkertonie, Barra bramble, scaldar, **ATHOLE BROSE ✓**, seal-skitter.*

ATHOLE BROSE is a delicious after-dinner drink made with whisky, honey and cream. The others are names for jellyfish.

8. Would you keep your cuddy (donkey) in

- a) **a park? (Scots for a field) ✓** b) ~~in the fridge?~~ c) ~~under the bed?~~

9. What language did James VI of Scotland speak? **Scots.**

His own manuscripts are in Scots, although his work was often printed in English.

10. Give a Scots word for *silly*:...**glakit, gype, feel, nae wyce**, etc.

THANKS TO ALL WHO TOOK PART