Stirling Castle Quiz

Well done to all who gave it a go!

The correct answers and comments are shown in red

1. Is Scots
   a) a language?
   b) a dialect?
   c) bad English?

It is a language recognised by and protected under The European Charter for Minority and Regional Languages.

2. From which language is Scots most directly descended?
   a) French
   b) Latin
   c) Gaelic
   d) Old English
   e) Old Norse
   f) Dutch

It is descended from Northern Old English but has many borrowed words from these other languages

3. Would you use a spirtle for
   a) hurling dung?
   b) stirring porridge?
   c) taking stones out of horses' hooves?

4. Which is the odd one out? *hornie gollach, clipshear, forkietailie, pismire, switchpool, gavelack*
A pismire is an ant. The others are all words for earwig.

5. What would you do with a Selkirk bannock?
   a)put it in a rock pool
   b) eat it
   c) wear it on your head

It is a kind of rich fruit bread.

6. How many are there in a deil's dizzen? 13

7. Which is the odd one out? *pee-the-bed, powheid, carl doddie, grannie's thimmles, sticky-willie*
A powheid is a tadpole. The others are all plants.

8. Would you keep your kebbock in
   a) a cauld press?
   b) a printing press?
   c) a trouser press?

A kebbock is a cheese and a press is another name for cupboard. A cauld press is a fridge.

9. Which is the odd one out? *Jethart snail Berwick cockle, hairy oobit, soor ploom, granny sooker.*
A hairy oobit is a caterpillar. The others are sweeties.

10. Give a Scots word for *head-over-heels*: Suggested answers include heelstergowdie and tapsalteerie. Tummle yer wulkies means to do somersaults and that was accepted too.