A NIMROD Quiz

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There may be no answer or more than one. Consult your table-mates.


2.  What was her previous name?  ❑ Bjørn  ❑ Stern  ❑ Polaris  ❑ Polar Star.

3.  What was Nimrod’s last British port of call as she headed south?  ❑ Cardiff  ❑ Torquay  ❑ Cowes  ❑ Plymouth

4.  On 31 October 1907 Shackleton left Britain by train for Marseilles to catch a P & O liner for Australia. From what rail station did he leave?  ❑ Victoria  ❑ Charing Cross  ❑ Waterloo  ❑ Paddington

5.  Who was the master of the Nimrod?
   First voyage:  ❑ William Colbeck  ❑ John King Davis  ❑ Rupert England  ❑ Frederick Pryce Evans  ❑ C.A. Larsen  ❑ J.R. Stenhouse
   Second voyage:  ❑ William Colbeck  ❑ John King Davis  ❑ Rupert England  ❑ Frederick Pryce Evans  ❑ C.A. Larsen  ❑ J.R. Stenhouse

6.  About how far below the Plimsoll line was the Nimrod when she departed Lyttelton?  ❑ 1 foot  ❑ 2 feet  ❑ 3 feet  ❑ 4 feet

7.  In 1907 Shackleton sought support for the expedition from the Royal Geographical Society. At that time who was president?  ❑ Markham  ❑ Keltie  ❑ Goldie  ❑ Darwin

8.  How thick in inches was the cable used by the Koonya to tow the Nimrod?  ❑ 1  ❑ 2  ❑ 3  ❑ 4  ❑ 5


10. How many were in the Shore Party at Cape Royds?  ❑ 12  ❑ 15  ❑ 18  ❑ 22

11. Who was the oldest member of the Shore Party?  ❑ David  ❑ Wild  ❑ Shackleton  ❑ Murray
12. Who was the youngest member of the Shore Party?  
   - Roberts  - Day  - Armytage  - Brocklehurst

13. Which man’s mother was a direct descendant of Captain Cook?  
   - Murray  - Wild  - Brocklehurst  - Adams

14. What university was Prof David associated with?  
   - University of Cambridge  - University of Sydney  
   - University of Canterbury  - University of South Australia

15. Captain Oates was to Scott’s Terra Nova expedition, as who was (were) to Shackleton’s Nimrod expedition?  
   - Armytage  - Joyce  - Brocklehurst  - Mawson

16. What is the approximate gross square footage of the Cape Royds hut?  
   - 592  - 627  - 713  - 1,106

17. The door of the hut at Cape Royds faces in what direction?  
   - South  - Northeast  - Southwest  - Northwest

18. Around Cape Royds are several lakes. Which one can’t be found there?  
   - Blue Lake  - Clear Lake  - Skua Lake  
   - Green Lake  - Tarn Lake  - Coast Lake  - Pony Lake

19. About how many miles is it to walk from Cape Royds to Hut Point?  
   - 13  - 17  - 20  - 41

20. What make was the motor vehicle taken on the expedition?  
   - Arol-Johnson  - Arrol-Johnson  - Arol-Johnston

21. Who owned the company that made it?  
   - Kinsey  - Beardmore  - Bell  - Dawson-Lambton

22. Who did not reach the summit on the climb up Mt Erebus?  
   - David  - Mawson  - Brocklehurst  - Mackay  - Adams  
   - Marshall

23. Who of these were not on the journey to the South Magnetic Pole?  
   - Mackay  - David  - Priestley  - Mawson  - Armytage

24. In what city can be found the flag that flew at the South Magnetic Pole?  
   - Canberra  - Christchurch  - Cambridge  - Adelaide
25. What did Macintosh lose?  ❑ Right Ear  ❑ Left Ear  ❑ Right Eye  ❑ Left Eye

26. What did Brocklehurst lose?  ❑ Left toe  ❑ Right toe  ❑ Left Thumb  ❑ Right Thumb


28. Who did not assist in the illustrating, printing and/or binding of the Aurora Australis?  ❑ Joyce  ❑ Day  ❑ Mackay  ❑ Wild  ❑ Marston

29. What other name was considered for the Aurora Australis?  ❑ Penguins A-Plenty  ❑ Antarctic Ice-Flowers  ❑ Southward Ho!  ❑ Forty Below

30. What did the Polar Party drink with their cigars on Christmas day 1908?  ❑ Brandy  ❑ Crème de menthe  ❑ Cointreau  ❑ Port


32. Shackleton returned to England arriving at what port?  ❑ Plymouth  ❑ Southampton  ❑ Eastbourne  ❑ Dover

33. From that port Shackleton travelled to London by train. At what rail station did he get a tumultuous welcome home?  ❑ Victoria  ❑ Charing Cross  ❑ Waterloo  ❑ Paddington  and who were among the welcoming party?  ❑ Scott  ❑ Markham  ❑ Queen Alexandra  ❑ King Edward VII

Tie breaker.

Who was the expedition’s Secretary?  ____________________________

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