

1. How many fortnights are there in a year?
A fortnight equals 14 nights, ie 2 weeks, so $52/2=26$.
2. Starting from Midnight, which comes first: vespers or complin?
Vespers was around sunset or dinner time, complin was later in the evening say at bedtime.
3. To what language does Heraldry owe most of its terminology?
French. (and a little Latin)
4. What would you find in a "Mews"?
A mews was essentially a "stable" for the hunting birds: hawks, falcons, etc.
5. In what month was Candlemas celebrated? Michaelmas?
February and August respectively.
6. Is a palfrey a more suitable mount for a knight or a lady?
A palfrey was a gentle mount, though some knights rode them and saved their "destriers" (or warhorses) for battle.
7. What was Henry the VIII's older brother's name, and who did that brother marry?
Henry's elder brother, Arthur, was Katherine of Aragon's first husband. Henry obtained a special dispensation from the pope in order to marry her after Arthur died and Henry became heir to the throne.
8. Name a heresy, any heresy?
Albigensian, Waldensian, Nestorian...
9. What was a Nuremburg egg?
An egg shaped forerunner of pocketwatches, which became a popular dress accessory in Germany.
10. Name a famous Book of Hours.
The Tres Belle Heurs, The Visconti Heurs, The Heurs of the Master of Mary...
11. Which of the crusades was least successful?
The Children's Crusade never made it out of Europe. Many of the children who joined it died enroute to Italy. Survivors fell prey to slave traders and the like.
12. Who would have employed a "philosopher's stone", and for what purpose?
Alchemists sought a substance called philosopher's stone in an effort to change base metal to gold.
13. Under whose patronage was the "Carolingian" style of calligraphy developed?
Charlemagne, ie Charles the Great.
14. Other than ballads and sonnets, name two forms of poetry written in period.
Rondels, Villanelles, Sestinas, Madrigals, Alliterative half-line, Tanka, Lyrics, Odes...
15. What did an Almoner do?
This member of a religious community oversaw the distribution of alms (ie food) to the poor.
16. List the four humours.
Blood, phlegm, black bile, and yellow bile.
17. From heaviest to lightest, what were the four elements "of which all matter is composed"?
Earth, Water, Air and Fire. (The Chinese cited 5 elements: Metal, Earth, Water, Air, and Fire.)
18. Who hung out in a "solar"?
The ladies of a noble family most often. It was generally the sunniest, most comfortable room in a castle. Guests and other members of the family might be entertained there.
19. What were "mangonels" for?
They are a type of sling catapult which is powered by twisted ropes rather than counterweights. They were used as siege weapons, for battering down walls and fortifications.