

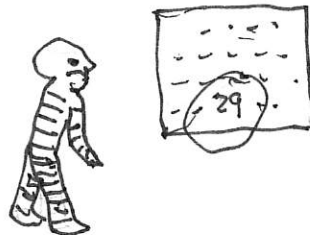
PUNK WHIZ 23

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Perth, Australia

An old series of Pun Quizzes returns from 2014-52, to practice your groaning on. They're like cryptic crossword clues but harder without the benefit of cross letters.

1. Quit after counting backwards steadfastly until you reach zero. (4 2 7)
2. the fallback plan when Egypt gets extremely pressed for cash (7 7)
3. how to avoid losing your head, literally but secretly (4 2 5 4 3) —
4. how local motives drive laws, usually on old tracks (4|4)
5. The garden is overplanted. (Ith's dithguthting!) (3 4 8)
6. p.c. name for far future mail delivery individual (4|5)
7. enthusiastic nymphomaniac who gives a dam (5 6)
8. describing the original Eden orphan moth (2 6)
9. (un)employed riding a wild Indian dog (2 3 5)
10. create a line by taffy-pulling a dot (7 1 5)
11. ...and kill a penny at the same time (4|4) —
12. Don't take a defeat lying down. (5 2 4)
13. One divides my wealth. [rebus] (5)
14. proffer arguments for Brexit (3|5)
15. we are, you are, they are (3 5 4)
16. one resembling a starf (4|4)
17. a whacky humour (4|5)
18. autumn leaves (6 5)
19. a kind of typo typo (4)
20. painting the town Red (11)
21. laugh up-uproariously (6 2)
22. His days are 'numbered'. (3|4) —
23. the Beatles' 100cm girlfriend (4)
24. one third of a cat yard waffle (5|4)
25. having puppies again and again (2|7)
26. covered only in blue feathers (5 2 1 3|4)
27. dogtags, army gear and a little cash (7 8)
28. a tiny cot no bigger than Elizabeth II (5-4 3)
29. to have an unflattering ceiling mirror (4 4 2 8)
30. researchers getting it on with the natives (8 12) —
31. symbology as practised by the hard of hearing (4|5)
32. totally successful deception by a *complete* idiot (7 4)
33. the holding power of a belligerent small dog's bite (3|6)
34. where a rich person is plagued by bees and chiggers (2 3 6)
35. why crazy Quasimodo had to call the Vampire busters (4 2 3 6)
36. elephants, whales, sequoias, fungal networks, coral reefs, Gaia (5|7)



ANSWERS to Punk Whiz 23

1. stop at nothing
2. pyramid selling
3. keep it under your hat
4. railroad
5. The plot thickens.
6. posthuman
7. eager beaver
8. no mother
9. on the dhole
10. stretch a point
11. coincide
12. stand to lose
13. MoneY
14. propound
15. the three ares
16. starfish
17. slapstick
18. winter comes
19. type
20. McCarthyism
21. double up
22. pothead
23. Rita (meter maid)
24. pussyfoot
25. recurring
26. naked as a jaybird
27. Private property
28. queen-size bed
29. look down on yourself
30. physical anthropology
31. semiotics
32. perfect fool
33. pugnacity
34. in the clover
35. bats in [his/the] belfry
36. macrobiotics