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## SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW YOUR STAMPS

Another set of post-prandial posers to test your knowledge (answers on back page).

1. Although five colours were used to print the 1975 Health stamp 4c + 1c, sheets from the 'A' plate show only four plate numbers - the red number is missing. There has been a very similar occurrence at least once previously in a Health issue. Which one ?
2. Ignoring face values and dates, one N. Z. stamp has no less than eight separate numbers, ranging from 1 to 17, incorporated in its design. Which stamp ?
3. In what way does the K. G. V 8d (in both indigo-blue and red-brown) differ from all other recess-printed stamps of the same series ?
4. And, incidentally, in what way does the above-mentioned 8d red-brown differ from all other values in the recess-printed series, including the 8d indigo-blue ?
5. Which Health stamp does not include an animate form of some kind (whether animal, bird or human) in its design ? (For the purpose of this question treat statues as animate forms).
6. Sir Winston Churchill was featured (posthumously) on the 1965 commemorative stamp - but can you name three other 'Sirs' who have appeared on stamps listed in our Catalogue ?
7. Which was the first issued definitive stamp (if any) to have neither 'POSTAGE' nor 'REVENUE' included in the design ?
8. Which is the 'odd man out' among the four best-known varieties of the 1d Dominion - 'Feather', 'Globe', 'Q' and 'NNY' ?

9. Three different stamps found in N. Z. booklets are known se-tenant with a label. Which three ?
10. Which is the only N. Z. booklet stamp to appear with the plate number of a printed sheet on the booklet pane binding selvedge ? Careful !
11. Great Barrier Island is famous for the Pigeon Post stamps of 1899, but which other N. Z. stamp has a connection with the island ?
12. In which year did Mitre Peak last appear on a N. Z. stamp - 1898, 1935, 1946, 1963 or 1973 ?
13. Mount Aspiring is featured on one other N. Z. stamp besides the 1954 Health set. Which stamp ?
14. The coastal outline of New Zealand appears on eight different N. Z. stamps. Can you name them ?
15. Besides the 'Queens on Horseback', name 6 other N. Z. stamps which include horses in the design.
16. The word 'Health' appears three times on only one Health stamp and not at all on one other. Which are they ?
17. Pursuing this a little further, the word 'Health' appears twice on six other Health stamps. Can you list them ?
18. Single stamps from unwatermarked booklets of the 1970 - 75 Pictorial issue are indistinguishable from unwatermarked sheet stamps. True or false ?
19. Which two N. Z. stamps had their colours changed, not because of U. P. U. regulations, nor to avoid any confusion, nor because of difficulties with postmarks, but because they were considered to be too drab ?
20. In which year did plate numbers first appear on an issued sheet of stamps - 1907, 1906, 1882, 1874 or 1864 ?

#### BRITISH PHILATELIC EXHIBITION, 1975

Our congratulations to all the following, whose N. Z. entries in the above national exhibition gained the awards indicated:

G. M. Cooper (bronze-silver, with felicitations); J. D. Evans (silver); A. B. Johnstone (bronze); P. Marks (bronze); J. A. W. Smith (bronze); E. G. Ward (bronze); and M. D. Jackson, an entrant in the under-15 Junior Class (bronze).  
In the Literature Class, A. B. Johnstone (bronze).

#### KING GEORGE V RECESS PRINTS, MINT

Some superb and unusual offers from these beautiful and colourful issues.

- 1201 (a) Comprehensive Set. 35 stamps, all values and colours from 1½d - 1/-, representing both main perfs and the "Pictorial" paper issues. In fact, ignoring shades and "two-perf", vertical pairs, this set is absolutely complete per the C. P. Catalogue listings, excepting K5h (and we will gladly give a priority placing on the waiting list for this stamp, if required). One stamp (K9b) has a crease - not visible on the front - otherwise condition is very good throughout. A really magnificent kaleidoscope of colour. The set of 35 .....

£30. 00

- (b) As above. Similar coverage of the values overprinted OFFICIAL. In this case there are 10 stamps, the sole absentee being the 9d (K011a). Total current Cat. £46. 50 and rising ! (The 8d - K010d - has already taken off in a big way, and the copy included is a magnificent one).  
The 10 Officials, mint ..... £42. 50
- 1202 (a) 1½d Grey. Mint plate block on "Pictorial" paper (K1d) with plate number 14 absolutely complete and intact. (Rare thus, on this paper). In addition, two stamps in the block of 4 have no watermark. The block ... £15. 00
- (b) As above. An exactly similar block in all respects, except that the plate number is almost, but not quite, complete ..... £11. 00
- (c) As above. Two-perf. vertical pair, mint ..... £1. 95
- 1203 (a) 2d Yellow. Two-perf. block of 4, brilliant mint ..... £4. 00
- (b) As above, but vertical pair only, with the two perfs se-tenant. Again superfine mint ..... £1. 95
- (c) As above. Block of 4 on "Pictorial" paper (K2g). Unhinged and superfine £1. 75
- 1204 2½d Proving Block. Mint bottom left corner block of 4 with brownish gum and perforated 14 x 13¼, thus proving it to be from one of the early sheets which were perforated 14 x 13¼ throughout.  
The specialist piece, superfine ..... £4. 50
- 1205 4d Violet Proving Block. Lovely mint block of 4 with bottom selvedge and perf. 14 x 13¼ (K5d), again demonstrating a sheet perf. 14 x 13¼ throughout (this time from the period 1922-26 and thus, as one would expect, the stamps show distinct evidence of plate wear). The block ... £4. 50
- 1206 4d Deep Purple. Bottom selvedge block of 4, perf. 14 x 14¼ (K5g). Although technically this is again a proving block, in fact the great majority of sheets from plate 44 were perf. 14 x 14¼ throughout, so it does not have quite the same significance. Nevertheless, it is a delightful piece on its own account ..... £2. 75
- 1207 4d Plate 44. A mint copy in the rare violet shade, perf. 14 x 14¼ (K5g2). The crude retouching to the shading in the three-o'clock star at the bottom right proves it conclusively to be a plate 44 stamp. A normal copy in deep purple is included for comparison ..... £12. 50
- 1208 4½d Deep Green Proving Block. Bottom left corner block of 4 perf. 14 x 13¼, and therefore from an early printing "14 x 13¼ throughout" sheet. Lovely mint ..... £12. 50
- 1209 (a) 5d Blue. A really breathtaking set of shades, all in corner blocks of 4. The set comprises a block (with sheet number) in ultramarine, perf. 14 x 14¼; and in perf. 14 x 13¼, three blocks - one (with sheet number) in blue, one (bottom left corner) in steel blue, and one (again bottom left corner) in quite the brightest and most outstanding shade of blue we have ever seen in the 5d, totally different from the three normal shades. A once-in-a-lifetime set ..... £45. 00
- (b) As above. A flawless mint plate block of 4 (with full selvedge) perf. 14 x 14¼, in pale ultramarine. Sheer perfection ..... £17. 50

1209 (c)	<u>As above.</u> An equally fine top selvage block in the same perf. and shade (but not a plate block). The mint block .....	£13. 75
1210	<u>5d Proving Block.</u> Bottom left corner block of 4 perf. 14 x 14 $\frac{1}{4}$ in ultramarine - proving the sheet to be perf. 14 x 14 $\frac{1}{4}$ throughout. Superfine mint .....	£20. 00
1211	<u>6d Carmine.</u> Bottom right corner block of 4, perf. 14 x 14 $\frac{1}{4}$ (K8b), in a delightful and delicately pale shade. The beautiful block, mint .....	£4. 15
1212	<u>7<math>\frac{1}{2}</math>d Deep Red-Brown Proving Block.</u> Perf. 14 x 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ , and with bottom selvage attached, this block is manifestly from the earlier printings. The mint block of 4, condition again superfine .....	£3. 75
1213 (a)	<u>8d Indigo-Blue,</u> perf. 14 x 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ (K10a). Mint plate block of 4. An insignificant gum-crease - invisible on the face - affects the lower two stamps .....	£5. 50
(b)	<u>As above.</u> An exquisite block of 4, perf. 14 x 14 $\frac{1}{4}$ (K10b). Mint, and absolutely flawless .....	£4. 00
N. B. The 8d indigo is an underrated stamp - it was not issued until 1921, and had a life of less than a year before the colour was changed to red-brown.		
1214	<u>1/- Salmon.</u> A mint marginal block of superlative quality in this distinctively pale shade (also known as 'pale orange-red'). Blocks of the 1/- - in any shade - are extraordinarily scarce. The 'salmon' block .....	£11. 00

#### MINT MISCELLANY

1215	<u>1898 Pictorial 4d White Terrace (E11a).</u> The four superb shades of rose - dull, deep, bright and lake - as listed in our Catalogue. Fine mint .....	£3. 50
1216	<u><math>\frac{1}{2}</math>d Mt Cook Green,</u> perf. 14, Basted Mills paper (F2b). Top grade mint block of 4, incidentally with wmk inverted (not so very unusual on B. M. issues). The fine block .....	£8. 25
1217 (a)	<u><math>\frac{1}{2}</math>d Mt Cook Green,</u> perf. 14, Cowan wmk'd paper. The variety 'Watermark inverted-and-reversed' (F4bW). Mint block of 4, very fine. The rare block (unpriced mint in our Catalogue) .....	£55. 00
(b)	<u>As above.</u> The same variety, but a mint single copy .....	£15. 00
1218 (a)	<u>1d Universal.</u> Two delectable mint blocks of 6, one being the London Print (G1a) - one stamp in this block has a minor re-entry - and the other G5a. Not specially rare, just two contrasting blocks in unusually fine condition, and both perfectly centred .....	£3. 00
(b)	<u>As above.</u> Complete booklet pane of 6 stamps overprinted OFFICIAL. The top right stamp shows the excellent Booklet Plate re-entry at R4/10 (and the pane is therefore identifiable as no. 12). The mint booklet pane .....	£2. 25
1219	<u>K. E. VII <math>\frac{1}{2}</math>d Booklet.</u> A star item, both literally and metaphorically, being a horizontal strip comprised of a $\frac{1}{2}$ d stamp in pair with an ornamental star label, and full selvages on either side. Rare .....	£12. 50
1220 (a)	<u>K. G. V Surface Prints.</u> Collection of 16 blocks of 4, some marginal/corner, with $\frac{1}{2}$ d (6, incl. K13b), $\frac{1}{2}$ d War Stamp, 1d, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d Local (2), 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d London Black, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d Orange-Brown, 2d (2) and 3d (2). A marvellous basis for expansion. The 16 blocks, all fully identified .....	£45. 00

- 1220 (b) As above. Set of 6 blocks of 4 overprinted OFFICIAL, representing the issues on De La Rue paper complete ( $\frac{1}{2}$ d,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ d Local,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ d London Black,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ d Orange-Brown, 2d, 3d). Difficult to duplicate.  
The 6 mint blocks ..... £5. 00
- (c) As above. Exactly similar set, but in mint pairs ..... £2. 50

1221 K. G. V  $\frac{1}{2}$ d - A UNIQUE COLLECTION

Less well-known, perhaps, than the  $\frac{1}{2}$ d Mt Cook, 1d Universal, 1d Dominion, 2/- Capt. Cook and 4c/ $2\frac{1}{2}$ c Moth, the George V  $\frac{1}{2}$ d nevertheless stands alongside all of these as a veritable paradise for the specialist, and the collection here offered is proof positive of this fact. A really remarkable study of the adhesive in all its forms - proofs, "ordinary" and booklet issues, 'War Stamp', 'Official', and Dependency overprints - the material is at present in two sections. The first of these, displayed on album leaves, formed the basis of an award-winning entry in two National exhibitions; the second includes a vast quantity of additional items housed in a large stockbook. Combined and re-arranged, the whole will form a collection of outstanding merit and interest. In all there are 30 plate proofs and well over 750 stamps (the vast majority mint), replete with blocks of varying size, and varieties of all kinds, many of which are unlisted. Condition is generally very fine; the few items of lesser quality have been generously discounted or ignored in the price of ..... £295. 00

- 1222 1d Field Marshal, perf. 14 (K15a). Complete booklet pane with selvedge bars (no advertisements). Some slight toning on the back, but facial appearance is absolutely brilliant. The pane (now Cat. \$30) .... £10. 50
- 1223 3d Chocolate, perf. 14. Superfine mint pair, one stamp showing the Catalogued "Flaw on Face" variety ..... £6. 60
- 1224 2/- and 3/- Admirals. Mint copies of each value on Jones paper with wmk. inverted (K20aZ/21aZ). According to Volume 1 of "The Postage Stamps of New Zealand", only about one sheet in four had the wmk. inverted - our price is the same as for normals. The two "inverts"... £27. 50
- 1225 (a) 2/- Admiral. Mint copy as above, with wmk. inverted (K20aZ)..... £11. 00
- (b) As above. The 2/- (on Cowan paper) overprinted for Official use, is one of the comparatively few 20th century stamps which are even today seriously underrated. The 2/- Official (KO20b), a little off-centre - most copies are - but very fine mint ..... £8. 80
- 1226 Second Pictorial 2/-. Mint corner pair from top left of sheet perf.  $12\frac{1}{2}$ , coarse paper (L13f), with portion of the burele band design in the left selvedge (this was normally removed completely when sheets were guillotined). The interesting and attractive piece ..... £5. 50
- 1227 2/- Capt. Cook Reference Set. Mint copies of the final issue (L13g) from each of plates 1, 2 and 3 (see illustrations on Temporary Page L10 in our Catalogue). The reference set of 3 mint ..... £5. 25

1228 Q. E. 1/- Double Print, One Albino (N10aY). Top marginal block of 4, all stamps with the pronounced blurring of the black printing which is characteristic of the variety. Additional evidence is a distinct pressure line in the selvage (marking the edge of the sheet under which this one first passed through the printing machine, when it received the albino print). The variety block, perfect mint ..... £33. 00

(If unsold, we will be pleased to consider orders for individual copies from the above block as follows: marginal £10. 50 each; non-marginal £6. 75 each).

1229 Q. E. 1/- Die 2 (N10b). As we have emphasised many times in the past, this stamp is very much scarcer than is generally realised (it is on record that a search through something like two million used copies of the 1/- at the period of the Die 2's currency - when it would obviously be reasonable to expect if anything an abnormally high incidence - revealed a ratio of no more than one copy in 6000). We can offer a well-centred copy, mint unhinged, and guaranteed of course, at .. £22. 00

1230 Queen Elizabeth Middle Values. A fine and extensive specialised collection of the 9d, 1/-, 1/6 and 1/9d, particularly strong in the series of interesting plate varieties, and altered sheet value blocks. In addition there are a number of coil pairs, some with varieties, including pairs of the 1/- and 1/6, one stamp in each being 'double print, one albino'. This variety is also represented by three marginal copies of the 1/-. Among the many other items of note is a magnificent series of blocks showing progressive states of the plate crack on centre plate 1B. As in the George V 3d collection offered elsewhere in this Bulletin, a good deal of reorganisation is required, but the material is there to make a superb showing. Well over 1100 stamps, mainly mint, but a few used are included. Catalogue value is around £650. The collection ..... £450. 00

1231 Q. E. 1d 'Large Figure', Plate 11. Two mint plate blocks showing the R10/22 variety in both states (NV31a 1 and 2). This is from every point of view the most outstanding plate variety of the entire issue. Its sheet position is such that it appears on the bottom left stamp in a plate block of 6, and such a block therefore 'plates' it to perfection; the extensive retouch normally present is far and away the most prominent in the whole series; and the reason for this retouch - an area of defective (very weak) entry - is of course even more naked-eye than the retouch. Furthermore, the weak entry state is exceedingly rare (less than a dozen examples are believed to exist). The two blocks, truly exhibition material, and essential to any serious Q. E. collection ..... £165. 00

1232 1937 Coronation. 1d plate blocks (8) and imprint block, and 6d plate blocks (3, incl. 3L with and without re-entry) and imprint block. The set of 13 blocks - complete except the 2½d value - mint ..... £4. 25

1233 (a) 1940 Centennial. A superb lot of plate numbers (all different, with ½d (4), 1d (14), 1½d (6, incl. the very scarce B2), 2d (25, incl. B4), 2½d, 3d (4), 4d, 5d, 6d, 7d, 8d, 9d (2), 10d on 1½d (4) and 1/-). Two of the 1d's are in pairs, the 1/- is a strip of 4, all the others are in blocks of 4. The 66 plate pieces, an excellent basis for expansion ..... £55. 00

- 1233 (b) As above. The complete set of 14 values,  $\frac{1}{2}$ d - 1/-, each in a plate block of 4 (the 1/- a strip of 4). The set of 14 plate blocks, mint . . . . . £19. 50
- 1234 "Joined ff" Varieties. These occurred in several values of the 1940 Centennials overprinted 'Official', due to the use, in error, of one stereo previously used for the 'Official' overprints of the Second Pictorials. We can offer the following individual examples, all with "Joined ff" :
- |  |       |                    |        |
|--|-------|--------------------|--------|
|  | (i)   | 1d, mint . . . . . | £2. 50 |
|  | (ii)  | 3d, mint . . . . . | £4. 00 |
|  | (iii) | 8d, mint . . . . . | £4. 00 |
- 1235 1946 Peace 4d. Imprint block (of 6 stamps) with variety "Partial triple perforations", the result of two extra strikes in the selvedge encroaching into the bottom row of stamps. We have seen only one other example of this variety. The rare block . . . . . £18. 50
- 1236 1946 Peace 1/-. Corner block of 4, with variety 'Partial triple perfs' at left. Because of the nature of the variety, the selvedge perfs. have been strengthened, otherwise the block is superfine mint . . . . . £4. 50
- 1237 1948 Otago Centennial 1d. Superb example of the rare variety "Hand of Maori missing" at R12/7 from frame plate 2. In mint marginal block of 4 with three normals, lightly hinged in selvedge only . . . . . £42. 50

1238

1931 HEALTH - FIRST DAY COVERS !

Both values on separate covers, each tied by c. d. s. (of Whakatane and Edgecumbe respectively) of 31st October, 1931. Adequate words of description fail us here - covers and stamps are all of incredible brilliance, and the buyer can be absolutely confident that better condition than this will never be obtainable.  
The exquisite pair of F. D. C., rare and highly desirable . . . . . £185. 00

- 1239 1962 Health. Shortly after the issue of these stamps, a single sheet of the 3d + 1d value was found with the orange background omitted from the last two vertical rows (12 stamps). These 12 remain the total known quantity extant. We can offer the unique top corner copy (with sheet value in selvedge) from this sheet, with the background totally missing. Certainly one of the most dramatic (and one of the rarest) of all Health varieties. The spectacular major error, mint, Cat £330 (supplied with a matched sheet value corner copy from a normal sheet)... £275. 00

EXCEPTIONAL USED

A series of offers as they come from as fine a collection of used stamps as we have seen for a long time.

- 1240 (a) First Sideways, Perf. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ . 1d (3 shades), 2d (3), 3d (2), 4d, 6d (2), 1/- (2). The set of 13, all values in this perf. well represented. One or two of the stamps are on paper slightly blued. Condition exceptionally fine for these issues . . . . . £20. 00
- (b) First Sideways, Perf. 10 x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Short set of 4 - 1d, 3d, 6d and 1/- (the 2d and 4d are missing for absolute completion). The 4 scarce stamps, again extremely fine . . . . . £17. 50

- 1240 (c) First Sides, Irregular Compound Perf. 10 and 12½. Another short set of 4 (2d, 4d, 6d and 1/-), all having three sides perf. 12½ and one side perf. 10. All four again merit the description fine used - it would be difficult to find a better quartet. (Cat. \$92) ..... £42. 50
- (d) First Sides, Perf. 12 x 11½. 1d - 5/-, complete set of 7 (there was no 3d issued in this perf. of course). The 1/- could be improved upon - and is included at no charge - the other six (including the rare 2/- and 5/-) are lovely copies. The used set (we have seen the 5/- offered elsewhere at a price exceeding ours for the set ! ) ..... £52. 50
- 1241 (a) Second Sides, Perf. 12 x 11½. Set of 14, all values included, with ½d (a very elusive stamp), 1d, 2d, 2½d (3 shades), 3d (2), 4d, 5d, 6d, 8d (somewhat off-centre), 1/- (2). The set, fine to superb (unchecked for papers) ..... £19. 50
- (b) Second Sides, Perf. 10. Set of 14 - ½d, 1d, 2d, 2½d (2 shades), 3d (4), 4d, 5d, 6d, 8d (with advertisement on the back as it must have in this perf), and 1/- - matching the previous lot for quality ..... £12. 50
- (c) Second Sides, Perf. 10 x 11. ½d, 1d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 4d, 5d (2 shades), 6d (2), 1/-. The set of 11 top quality used stamps ..... £6. 50
- 1242 (a) Second Sideface "Adson". The advertisement experiment of 1893-94 involved all values of the series with the exception of the ½d. Thus 11 values appeared with "Adson", and the set here offered illustrates this fact. The set of 11 stamps, 1d - 1/-, all with "Adson" ..... £20. 00
- (b) As above. 1d, 2d, and 2½d, all with advertisements printed in green. These are the only values which exist thus, so the set is complete (and very scarce) ..... £9. 00
- (c) As above. 1d (with green ad.) showing the rare variety watermark and advertisement inverted. The wmk variety is self-evident; the inverted advertisement is not so obvious unless one is aware that all green ads. are from the Second Setting, and are therefore normally upright (or sideways reading up) in relation to the design. In this copy the ad. is inverted to the design. Finally the advertisement printing is considerably misplaced, resulting in large portions of two different "Beechams" ads. appearing on the stamp. The remarkable variety ..... £17. 50

#### ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ.

1. 1965 4d + 1d - green plate number omitted.
2. 1971 Lord Rutherford 7c.
3. A dot appears in the value tablet after 8d.
4. The 8d red-brown does not appear in the "two-part" form, all sheets being pert 14x1 3/4 throughout.
5. 1933.
6. Sir Truby King (1957 Plunket Jubilee), Sir James Hector (1967 Royal Society 8c), Sir E. Shackleton (4d and 3c Ross Dependency).
7. 1 ½d Q. E. Heads (C. P. N3a).
8. Q. Flaw. This occurred on plate 13, the others were all on plate 12. (Plate 13 was withdrawn from use prior to 1920, thus the Q. Flaw is found only among the original De La Rue paper printings).
9. K. E. VII ½d, 1967 1c, 1970 1c.
10. K. G. VI 1d. The 1960 and 1967 booklet pane selvage markings are not plate numbers.
11. 1974 Offshore Islands, 6c.
12. 1973 (N. Z. Mountains, 6c.)
13. 1967 Royal Society 4c.
14. 1d Map Stamp, 1d and 6d 1940 Centennial, 1957 Lamb 4d, 1959 Red Cross, 1964 Road Safety, 1969 Cpt Cook 28c and 1971 Rotary Int. 10c.
15. 1900 Boer War Stamp 1 ½d, 1934 Health, 1946 Peace 6d, 1948 Otago Cent. 2d, 1953 Coronation 4d and 1970 Cardigan Bay 10c.
16. 1934 and 1929 respectively.
17. 1933, 1936, 1955 (all three values) and 1969 (4c+1c). False. The booklet stamps have horizontal mesh in relation to the stamp design, and the sheet stamps have vertical mesh in relation to the stamp design.
19. 1960 Pictorials 1/9 and 3/-.  
1874 (First Sideface 1d - 1/-).