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SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW YOUR N.Z. STAMPS

Test yourself out with the following set of teasers. No prizes — other than self-satisfaction!

1. What is common to all N.Z. definitive postage stamps issued prior to 1953, and common to **none** issued since then? There's a clue somewhere in the question!
2. Since the decimal Arms issue went over to unwatermarked paper in April 1986, no N.Z. stamps issued since then have ever shown a watermark. True or false?
3. Many stamps have been printed in 'multicolour' but, as evidenced by the plate numbers, what is the largest number of colours used in the printing of any N.Z. stamp?
4. Auckland, Dunedin, Greymouth, Greendale, Havelock North, Howick, Invercargill, Levin, New Plymouth, Rangiatea, Russell, Wakefield, Wellington. That's a complete alphabetical list of places in N.Z., all having something in common with each other and with no others. What, precisely?
5. Ignoring face values and dates, which N.Z. stamp has eight separate numbers, ranging from 1 to 17, incorporated in its design?
6. Where and when did $100 \times 9c = 90c$, apparently?
7. In what way does the K.G.V 8d red-brown differ from all other recess printed values (including the 8d indigo-blue) of the same series?
8. Sir Winston Churchill was featured (posthumously) on a 1965 commemorative stamp — but can you name at least five other 'Sirs' who have appeared on stamps listed in the C.P. Catalogue?
9. Which is the odd one out among the four best-known varieties on the 1d Dominion — 'Feather', 'Globe', 'Q' and 'NNY'. There's a choice of two answers to this one!
10. Three different stamps found in N.Z. booklets are known se-tenant with a label. Which three?
11. Numerous booklet issues have appeared with plate **markings** on the selvages of panes, but just one where a plate **number** can be found. Which?
12. Great Barrier Island is famous for the Pigeon Post Stamps of 1899, but which other stamp has a connection with this island?
13. The colours of stamps have usually been changed either to conform with U.P.U. regulations,

or to avoid confusion with other denominations, or because of difficulties related to postmarks or fraudulent removal of fiscal cancellations. Name two N.Z. stamps whose colours were changed for none of these reasons.

14. In which year did plate numbers first appear on issued sheets of stamps — 1907, 1901, 1882, 1874 or 1864?
15. The coastal outline of New Zealand appears on a number of N.Z. stamps. Which was the earliest? And the latest?
16. Besides the "Queens on Horseback", name six other N.Z. stamps which include horses in the design.
17. The word "Health" appears **three** times on only one Health stamp, and not at all on one other. Which are they?
18. "They passed this way". On which stamp does this phrase appear?
19. Counter rolls were made up of complete horizontal or vertical rows of stamps from issued sheets. What was the **largest** number of such strips required to make a complete roll? Careful!
20. All stamps of the Hawkes Bay Centennial, Marlborough Centennial and 1958 Health tell us something that no other N.Z. stamps tell us. What is it?
21. Many stamps have the face value shown once, twice or thrice in the design; a very few show it four times; and just one shows it **five** times. Which stamp?

1d UNIVERSALS

A selection of superb blocks from stock - mainly mint, but including one or two unusual used offers.

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| 101(a) | London Print (G1a). Brilliant unhinged block of 4 | £32.50 |
| (b) | As above. Set of three blocks in magnificent shades of red, dull red and deep bright red. Finest mint | £85.00 |
| 102(a) | 'Pirie' Paper, Perf. 11 (G2a). Unhinged mint block, beautifully centred (a rare event in this issue) | £30.00 |
| (b) | As above. An absolutely brilliant set of six blocks, in shades ranging from bright carmine through crimson to deep carmine lake. And wonder of wonders in a set such as this, centring throughout is exceptionally good. Truly a set to dazzle the eye of the purchaser, and of anyone else who beholds it ... | £225.00 |
| 103 | Pirie Paper, Perf. 14 (G2b). A rare used block of 6, made even more unusual by the presence of the plate 1 R10/8 and 10/9 re-entries | £65.00 |
| 104 | Basted Mills Paper, Perf. 14 (G3b). A delightful block of 6 (3 x 2), with wmk. reversed. The print is outstandingly crisp and clear for a 'Basted Mills', centring is superb, and the shade a gorgeous deep bright carmine. A gem of a block | £110.00 |
| 105 | Basted Mills Paper, Perf. 11 x 14 (G3c). Marginal block of 4, unhinged mint and immaculate | £65.00 |
| 106 | Basted Mills Paper, Perf. 14 x 11 (G3d). Superfine mint block (2LH, 2UH) .. | £65.00 |

107	Basted Mills Paper, Mixed Perfs. (G3e). Marginal block of 4, originally perf. 14 x 11, re-perfed 11 horizontally. With official patching. A desirable block. Cat. \$ 900	£197.50
108	Cowan Unwmk'd Paper, Perf. 14 (G4b). Marginal block of 4, mint unhinged and superb	£50.00
109(a)	Cowan Wmk'd Paper, Local Plates, Perf. 14 (G5a). Two blocks, one an early print, relatively unworn, the other showing pronounced plate wear. Lovely contrasts — both superfine mint unhinged	£32.50
(b)	As above, perf. 14 x 11 (G5c). A very scarce block of 4, magnificently centred and of perfect facial appearance. Tiny gum thins on one stamp, and light hingeing on all four. Cat. \$ 800 (S.G. £480) — the bargain of the month at	£125.00
110(a)	Reserve Plate, Perf. 14 (G6a). Mint block of 4, perfect unhinged mint — no more need be said. Cat. \$ 340	£100.00
(b)	As above. Two unhinged mint blocks in the most extreme shades you are ever likely to see in this or any other issue. One is deep carmine, the other deep bright carmine pink — incredible contrasts!	£250.00
(c)	As above. If you can't stretch to the mint shade blocks, here's an alternative at a much lesser price, and just as unusual — a strip of three and a pair, both from the Reserve Plate, in violently contrasting shades. Fine used	£22.50
111(a)	Booklet Plate (G7a). Complete booklet pane of six — complete, that is, except for a small part of the binding selvage, which has been trimmed to just below the staple holes. But for this, it would have been priced at £275. As it is (in fine condition)	£150.00
(b)	As above. Superfine mint block of four Booklet stamps, i.e. the lower two-thirds of a pane	£110.00
(c)	As above. A similar block of four, but dated used (March 1903)	£32.50
112	Dot Plates, Perf. 14 (G8a). Set of three mint blocks of 4, showing different states of plate wear, from negligible to pronounced. The odd minor fault, but generally fine	£35.00
113	Waterlow Trial Plates (G9a). Mint block from Plate W1. Small perf. defect on one stamp, otherwise very fine	£40.00
114(a)	Royle Plates, Perf. 14 (G10a). Marginal blocks of 4 in brilliant shades of rose-carmine and blood-red. The two blocks, superb unhinged mint	£52.50
(b)	As above. Plate block of 4 with Royle Trial Plate No. R1 in bottom selvage. Reasonably fine appearance, but condition only fair, hence (Cat. \$ 350)	£30.00
115	Royle Plates, Perf. 11 (G10b). Unhinged mint block of 4. Couple of insignificant tones. Cat. \$ 1200 (S.G. £600++) — joins lot 109(b) as co-bargain of the month at	£200.00

Q.E. DEFINITIVES – COUNTER COIL PAIRS

All items offered are unhinged mint, unless otherwise stated.

Group 3

116(a)	3d Vermilion , die1a, coil no. reading upwards (NC3a)	£2.00
(b)	As above, complete set numbered 1 – 19. Nineteen pairs	£25.00
117	4d Ultramarine (NC3d)	£2.00
118(a)	8d Rose-Carmine (NC3e)	£1.75
(b)	As above, complete set numbered 1 – 19. Nineteen pairs	£22.50

Group 4

119(a)	2d Redrawn Design , original paper. (NC4a)	£3.00
(b)	As above, complete set numbered 1 – 19. Nineteen pairs	£37.50
120 (a)	4d Redrawn Design , original paper (NC4b)	£4.00
(b)	As above, complete set numbered 1 – 19. Nineteen pairs	£50.00
121(a)	6d Redrawn Design , coil no. reading upwards (NC4d)	£4.00
(b)	As above, complete set numbered 1 – 19. Nineteen pairs	£50.00

Group 5

122(a)	1/6d Horizontal Pair (NC5c). Scarce	£12.50
(b)	As above, but very lightly hinged in selvage only	£7.50

Group 6

123	9d Vertical Pair , coil no. upright (NC6a)	£4.00
124	1/- Vertical Pair , coil no. upright (NC6b)	£3.75
125	1/- Vertical Pair , coil no. sideways reading upwards (NC6c). Lightly hinged ..	£3.75
126	1/6d Vertical Pair , coil no. upright (NC6d). Lightly hinged	£2.50

Group 7

127(a)	9d Vertical Pair , coil no. inverted (NC7a)	£3.75
(b)	As above, complete set numbered 1 – 19. Nineteen pairs	£50.00

128(a)	1/- Vertical Pair , coil no. inverted. Set of three pairs, all lightly hinged, showing the wide, narrow and trimmed gutters respectively (NC7b, NC7b(Y) and NC7b(X))	£10.00
(b)	As above , pair with narrow gutter (NC7b(Y))	£3.50
(c)	As above , complete set numbered 1 – 19, all with the narrow gutters	£40.00
(d)	As above . The very rare variety pair, One Stamp Die 1b (NC7b(Z)). This pair has section no. 3, and thus corresponds with the present record of the few known examples. Now Cat. \$ 500	£167.50

129(a)	1/6d Vertical Pair , coil no. inverted. Two distinct widths of gutter (wide and narrow) exist in this issue – shown in the set of two pairs here offered (NC7c and NC7c(Z)): In addition, the stamps of the 'wide-gutter' pair are in the scarce blue-ultramarine , while those of the 'narrow-gutter' pair are in the normal ultramarine. A superb pair of coil pairs	£22.50
(b)	As above . Pair with narrow gutter	£3.50
(c)	As above , complete set numbered 1 – 19. Nineteen pairs	£40.00
130(a)	1/9d Original Paper (NC7d)	£7.50
(b)	As above , complete set numbered 1 – 19. Nineteen pairs	£90.00

Group 8

131(a)	2d Redrawn, Thick White Paper (NC8a)	£4.75
(b)	As above , complete set numbered 1 – 19. Nineteen pairs	£57.50
132(a)	3d Redrawn, Thick White Paper (NC8b)	£7.00
(b)	As above , complete set numbered 1 – 19; Nineteen pairs	£85.00
133(a)	4d Redrawn, Thick White Paper (NC8c). The scarce one!	£20.00
(b)	As above , complete set numbered 1 – 19. Nineteen pairs	£200.00
134(a)	8d Light Brown (NC8d)	£12.00
(b)	As above , complete set numbered 1 – 19. Nineteen pairs	£140.00
135(a)	1/9d Thick White Paper (NC8e)	£7.50
(b)	As above , complete set numbered 1 – 19. Nineteen pairs	£90.00

1965 – 1969 HEALTHS

136(a)	1965 Kaka and Piwakawaka (T37a/b). Each value represented by a plate block of 8, sheet value block of 4 and a colour code block of 4. 32 mint stamps	£8.00
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	(b) As above. Used block of 4 of each value, first day cancels	£3.00
	(c) As above. Miniature sheet of each value, right selvages perforated through ..	£16.50
	(d) As above. Similar pair of miniature sheets, but with right selvages not perforated through	£16.50
	(e) As above. Official illustrated First Day Cover	£1.25
	(f) As above. Four F.D.C.'s posted at Otaki, Roxburgh, Glenelg and Pakuranga Health Camps	£20.00
137(a)	1966 Bellbird and Weka (T38a/b). 3d plate block of 10, 4d plate block of 8, and sheet value block of 4 of both values (26 stamps)	£6.50
	(b) As above. Two copies of each value, nice shade variations	£3.50
	(c) As above. 3d block of 8 with R3/7 and 4/10 varieties	£10.00
	(d) As above. Used block of 4 of each value, first day cancels	£3.00
	(e) As above. Miniature sheet of each value	£16.50
	(f) As above. Official illustrated First Day Cover	£1.25
	(g) As above. F.D.C. posted at Otaki Health Camp	£5.00
138(a)	1967 Rugby Football (T39a/b). 2½c plate block of 10, 3c plate block of 8, and sheet value blocks of both values (26 stamps)	£5.75
	(b) As above. Two 3c blocks of 4, with R1/8 and R2/2 varieties respectively (T39bZ)	£6.50
	(c) As above. Miniature sheet of each value	£12.50
	(d) As above. Used block of 4 of each value	£3.00
	(e) As above. Two different illustrated F.D.C.'s	£3.50
	(f) As above. Three F.D.C.'s posted at Otaki, Roxburgh and Pakuranga Health Camps	£15.00
139(a)	1968 Olympic Games (T40a/b). Plate blocks of 8 and sheet value blocks of 4, complete (four blocks)	£4.00
	(b) As above. Two copies of each value: on the 2½c the boys seem to be from different races (skin shades, nice!), and 3c blue shades	£3.50
	(c) As above. 2½c block of 10 with R4/4, 5/2, 5/3 varieties (T40aZ)	£6.50
	(d) As above. 3c block of 10 with R1/1 and 2/4 varieties (T40bZ)	£6.00
	(e) As above. Miniature sheet of each value	£12.50

(f)	As above. Used blocks of 4 of both values	£3.00
(g)	As above. Three 3c corner blocks of 4, with imprint, plate nos. and sheet value markings respectively — all used	£7.50
(h)	As above. Three different illustrated F.D.C.'s	£5.00
140(a)	1969 Cricket and Dr. Gunn (T41a — c). Complete set of plate blocks, each in a block of 6 stamps. Brilliant	£13.50
(b)	As above. This set is remarkable for its shade contrasts. We can offer two blocks of each value showing really good variations. One set only	£22.50
(c)	As above. Another set of shades, but mint singles — the contrasts here are quite outstanding	£7.50
(d)	As above. Complete sheets of each value, all from plate 1. Unusual (Cat. \$ 300 as singles)	£65.00
(e)	As above. Used block of 4 of each value	£10.00

COVERS MISCELLANY

A selection of unusual covers from stock, listed in no particular order, so peruse carefully!

141	Religious covers/cancellations. Nine items (mainly dated in the 1970's) all on a religious theme, many with special religious commemorative cancellations. The earliest item is a 1920s cover from the N.Z. Expeditionary Force Presbyterian Institute, Tauherenikau Camp (cancelled by the Featherston Military Camp c.d.s., backstamped with a cachet of the United Institute Featherston Camp, and signed by the Chaplain). Nice!	£45.00
142(a)	Christchurch Exhibition Postcards. Four different cards, two black/white and two coloured, all with contemporary usage	£30.00
(b)	As above. Similar Exhibition postcard, this one with the circular cachet "POSTED AT TOP OF TOWER/N.Z.I.E."	£25.00
143	World War I. Three covers, all addressed to the U.S.A., all with 1½d K.G.V adhesives, and all carry the "PASSED BY THE/MILITARY CENSOR/N.Z." cachet. These cachets are in different colours of purple (normal), red (scarce) and blue (the first copy we've seen)	£47.50
144	W.W.I/Egypt. Two items both with W.W.I/Egypt connections: (i) Egypt postcard with "N.Z. MILITARY P.O./EXPEDITIONARY FORCE" boxed cachet of 1914, and (ii) small Egyptian postcard with Base Army P.O. cancel..	£15.00
145	W.W.II/Egypt. 1941 Active Service envelope with Egypt prepaid cancellation ..	£6.50
146	'Lakes' Postcards. A set of all five Lakes postcards, issued in 1974. Not easy to find these days	£10.00

147	Slot Machine. Two postcards (modern) showing details of the 1905-6 Dickie stamp vending machine, also Messrs. Dickie, Brown and a production engineer photographed with the completed slot machine	£10.00
148	1933 Australian cover addressed to N.Z. readdressed and reposted to China, and then apparently to Scotland. A host of markings, many Chinese, and sure to provide real detective work in retracing its postal meanderings!	£15.00
149	K.G.V Advertising Envelopes. Seven envelopes (dated between 1919-1930) each with a commercial advertisement — one cover has a Wellington Late Fee roller cancellation. A nice group	£57.50
150	K.G.V 1919 Cover, posted at Auckland on 6th OCT, with the early slogan cancel "GIVE PREFERENCE TO THE MEN WHO HAVE FOUGHT/FOR YOU. RING REPATRIATION DEPT". This slogan was only used (at Auckland and at Christchurch) between May 1919 and February 1920 ...	£25.00
151	1918 Envelope addressed to U.S.A. with a strike of the large violet "P.C." circular cachet	£10.00
152	Closed Offices. Six different postcards, all used at post offices which have long since closed. One or two faults, but generally very nice	£60.00

(to be continued)

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. The word 'Postage'.
2. False. The 1987 'Visual Arts' issue was on watermarked paper.
3. Eight — on the 1978 10c Centenary of Stratford/Ashburton.
4. All have a church (or church window) featured on N.Z. Christmas stamps.
5. 1971 Lord Rutherdale Centenary 7c.
6. On sheets of the 1976 8c + 1c Health stamp printed from plate 1B1B1B (due to an error in the sheet value marking).
7. It is the only one which doesn't exist in 'two-perf' pair.
8. Sir Truby King (1957 Plunket Jubilee), Sir James Hector (1967 Royal Soc. Bc.), Sir Julius Vogel and Sir George Grey (both 1979 Statesmen), Sir Ernest Shackleton (1957 4d and 1967 3c Ross Dep.).
9. 'Q' flaw (from plate 13 — others were all on plate 12). Or you could have answered 'NNY' — it appeared late in the life of the plate, the others were constant throughout.
10. ½d K.E. VII, ½c 1967, 1c 1970.
11. The first K.G.VI 2/- booklet of 1938.
12. 1974 Offshore Island 6c.
13. 1/9d and 3/- of the 1960 Pictorials — the original colours were simply considered to be too drab.
14. 1874.
15. 1923 1d Map. 1982 24c Map.
16. 1900 1½d Boer War, 1934 Health, 1946 Peace 6d, 1948 Otago Cent. 2d, 1953 Coronation 4d, 1970 Cardigan Bay. (There are others.)
17. 1934 and 1929 respectively.
18. 1950 Canterbury Centennial 2d.
19. 40 (in the Q.E. Middle Values, where two strips made up each of 20 sections).
20. Who printed them (every stamp in these issues carries a printer's imprint).
21. The 9d of the First Pictorial series.