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WW2 Spitfire Quiz

Name / Team: _____

Q1. Which wizard were the first variants of the Supermarine Spitfire's engine named after?

(a) Merlin (b) Gandalf (c) Dumbledore

Q2. Which fantasy creature were the later variants of Spitfire engines named after?

(a) Dragon (b) Hydra (c) Griffon

Q3. The Spitfire was very successful so new variants of it were made throughout World War 2 to perform different tasks. Which of the following were real variants of the Spitfire? (*choose one or more*)

(a) Seafire (b) Hellfire (c) Spiteful (b) Superspit (d) Vicious (e) All of these

Q4. How many marks (MKs) of the Spitfire were made?

(a) 16 (b) 20 (c) 24 (d) 28

Q5. Which year was the Spitfire introduced into the UK's RAF (Royal Air Force)?

(a) 1938 (b) 1939 (c) 1940 (d) 1941

Q6. Rounded to the nearest thousand, how many spitfires were produced altogether?

(a) 10,000 (b) 15,000 (c) 20,000 (d) 25,000 (e) 30,000

Q7. The Spitfire was so successful that many nations around the world wanted them and so ordered their own from Supermarine. How many nations have used Spitfires in their own air forces?

(a) 23 (b) 33 (c) 43 (d) 53

Q8. How many Spitfires (of all variants) are still operational at this time (January 2018)?

(a) 21 (b) 32 (c) 43 (d) 54

Q9. Which year was the Spitfire officially retired from service in the RAF?

(a) 1945 (b) 1948 (c) 1950 (d) 1952

Q10. During the Battle of Britain (July to October 1940) the Axis air force (Luftwaffe) began bombing Britain and the Spitfire was one of the fighters used to counter these attacks. It was widely believed to be the most effective fighter plane at that time but did the Spitfire shoot down the most Axis aircraft during the Battle of Britain?

(a) Yes (b) No

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THE ANSWERS

Answer 1: (a) Merlin

Answer 2: (c) Griffon

Answer 3: (a) Seafire & (c) Spiteful

Answer 4: (c) 24

Answer 5: (a) 1938

Answer 6: (c) 20,000

Answer 7: (b) 33

Answer 8: (d) 54

Answer 9: (d) 1952

Answer 10: (b) No (it was the Hawker Hurricane that shot down the most Axis aircraft during the battle)