

“MYSTERY GUEST”

Answers	Explanations
1 <i>Damien (II)</i>	Subtitles of <i>The Omen</i> sequels in reverse order
2 Amen	Last 4-3-2-1 words of the last four lines of The Lord’s Prayer
3 MEV	Initials of (triads of) planets getting closer to the sun M=Mars, E=Earth, V=Venus
4 Everest	The highest of the 4 “Seven Summits” in ascending order (highest peaks in 4 Asia, 3 S America, 2 N America official name now of McKinley, changed in 2015), 1 Africa
5 verdo 2	“Transposed” destinations of A roads from London (Holyhead (A5), Avonmouth (A4), Portsmouth (A3), Dover (A2))
6 Erato, Clio	The Muses in descending order of name length
7 <i>Raiders of the Lost Ark</i>	Indiana Jones film franchise in reverse order
8 <i>“A” is for Alibi</i>	Sue Grafton’s Kinsey Millhone series, in reverse order
9 (an) isosceles triangle	Shapes of 6-5-4-3 sides with only one line of symmetry
10 SONTSONT	Forms (in pairs) of the French verb <i>être</i>

First three letters of answers:

- 1** **DAM**
- 2** **AME**
- 3** **MEV**
- 4** **EVE**
- 5** **VER**
- 6** **ERA**
- 7** **RAI**
- 8** **AIS**
- 9** **ISO**
- 10** **SON**

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- 11 The Hebrew word “teba” occurs twice in the Bible, the second time in Exodus where it refers to the basket in which Jochebod puts the infant Moses...to *what* other structure does the word refer?**
- 12 The sum of all *what* is equal to $180(n-2)$, if n is the number of sides?**
- 13 The criminal Lester Joseph Gillis (1908-34), the 1st Duke of Bronté (1758-1805) and the songwriter “Christopher” (1958-2016) have *what* in common with prisoner 466/64 on Robben Island between 1964 and 1982?**
- 14 In the title of the double-platinum certified UK No1 single of 1997, *what* (fairly predictably) do “Teletubbies say...”?**
- 15 Which Desmond forms an unusual academic quartet with an England World Cup-winning striker, a Hunnish leader and a lieutenant of Thatcher and Major?**
- 16 Which letters of our alphabet are given by *Chambers* as the medieval Roman numerals for (i) 150; and (ii) 90?**
- 17 ...and *what* two letters connect the silvery-grey toxic metallic element whose atomic number is 60 with the Upper Midwestern state of the US whose capital is Bismarck and whose largest city is Fargo?**
- 18 Tonight’s *Countdown* Conundrum: MINOR HITS rearranges to *which* English 9-letter word?**
- 19 Probably best known for its “Old Growler” and “Stour Valley Gold”, *which* brewery (formerly in Suffolk, now in Essex) has won the Speciality category of CAMRA’s Champion Beer of Britain three times with its seasonal “Umbel Magna”, another porter brewed with coriander?**
- 20 In one of his own verses, *which* writer of volumes of stuff describes his mind as “concrete and fastidious”, his nose as “remarkably big”, his visage as “more or less hideous” and his beard as resembling a wig?**

You should have started to deduce her identity from the answers to the twenty questions. (On March 20th, you can remove the first letters of answers 11-20 and start again.)

ANSWERS

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| 1 NOAH'S ARK | N O |
| 2 INTERIOR ANGLES of a POLYGON | I N |
| 3 NELSON (Baby Face, Lord, Prince (all surname), Mandela
(given name)) | N E |
| 4 "EH-OH!" | E H |
| 5 TUTU (slang classes of degree: Hurst/first; the Hun/2:1;
Tutu/2:2; Hurd/third) | T U |
| 6 Y/N | Y N |
| 7 ND (Nd, ND) (Neodymium, North Dakota) | N D |
| 8 IRONSMITH | I R |
| 9 NETHERGATE | N E |
| 10 EDWARD LEAR ("How pleasant to know Mr Lear...") | E D |