Trivial Pursuit

Questions:

1. Who died on the date he was born, couldn't spell his name, (or at least spelt it about 7 different ways), never went to university, but enriched the English language with 2000 new words?

2. How many queens of England have been named Elizabeth?
   A) 2  
   b) 3  
   c) 4

3. Which doesn’t have its own parliament?
   A) Scotland  
   b) Wales  
   c) England

4. How many U.S. presidents have been assassinated?
   A) 2  
   b) 4  
   c) 6

5. What important events happened in England in
   a) 1066  
   b) 1666  
   c) 1966?

6. What’s the common nickname used by Aussies to refer to the English?
   A) yanks  
   b) poms  
   c) limeys

7. What’s the capital of
   A) the U.S.A.  
   b) Australia  
   c) India?

8. Which of the above has the largest number of English speakers?

9. What inventions were these people famous for?
   a) Stevenson  
   b) Watt  
   c) Baird

10. What do Paul McCartney, Elton John, Michael Caine, Ian McKellan, Sean Connery and Launcelot have in common?
    They are / were all (apart from being old men) .................... .

11. What’s the second biggest English city?

12. If I ate haggis in Scotland, what would I be eating?

13. What are the first names of these 26 poets?
   a) Keats  
   b) Yeats  
   c) Donne  
   d) Byron  
   e) Auden  
   f) Larkin  
   g) Heaney  
   h) Blake  
   i) Milton  
   j) Kipling  
   k) Wordsworth  
   l) Shelley  
   m) Coleridge  
   n) Hopkins  
   o) Hardy  
   p) Spender  
   q) Dickinson  
   r) Plath  
   s) Whitman  
   t) Hughes  
   u) cummings  
   v) Lear  
   w) Jonson  
   x) Burns  
   y) Dowson

14. What is a) the Edinburgh tattoo?
b) a Glasgow kiss  c) a Scotch egg

15. Is Puerto Rico American?

16. Complete the couples.
   a) Fred & ..........  b) Bonny & ..........  c) Laurel & ..........
   d) Romeo & ..........  e) Tom & ..........  f) Mickey & ..........

17. Complete the titles of these novels.
   d) Arms & the ..........  e) The old man & the ..........

18. What would happen to you if you were sent to Coventry?

19. Which English king is the only one known as “the great”?

20. Which English football / soccer teams are known as
   a) the gunners  b) the hammers  c) the magpies

**Bonus question:**

21. Which poet’s name is an anagram of *toilets*?
Answers:

1. Shakespeare
2. 4
3. c
4. b
5. a) The Norman invasion of William, b) The great fire of London, c) England beat West Germany 4 – 2 to win the World Cup.
6. b) Poms
7. Washington D.C. Canberra, New Dehli
8. India
9. Steam train, light bulb, television – all Scottish
10. All Knights (and old)
11. Birmingham
12. Better not to ask
13. Look them up
14. A military show at the festival in August
15. Yes
16. a) Ginger, b) Clyde, c) Hardy, d) Juliet, e) Jerry, f) Minnie
17. a) Peace, b) Prejudice, c) Son, d) Man, e) Sea
18. You would be ostracized / ignored.
19. Alfred
20. a) Arsenal, b) West Ham, c) Newcastle
21. T.S. Eliot