

Read the text and answer the questions:

(Note that NHS = National Health Service)

Captain Tom Moore raises nearly £33m as NHS appeal closes

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Captain Tom Moore said being made an honorary colonel on his 100th birthday was the "icing on the cake"

Captain Tom Moore's extraordinary fundraising efforts have come to an end, raising nearly £33m for the NHS.

The war veteran had initially hoped to raise £1,000 by completing 100 laps of his Bedfordshire garden by the time he reached his 100th birthday.

His donation page closed at midnight on Thursday at the end of his birthday, totalling £32,794,701 from more than 1.5m supporters.

A message on the page said he was now "putting his feet up".

Capt Tom began raising funds for NHS Charities Together to thank the "magnificent" NHS staff who helped him with treatment for cancer and a broken hip.

With the aid of a **walking frame**, he hoped to walk 100 **laps** of the 25-metre (82ft) loop in his garden in Marston Moretaine, in 10-lap chunks, before 30 April but completed his challenge on 17 April.

As the fund reached £30m on his birthday, the charity's chief executive Ellie Orton said "what he has achieved will make a lasting difference".

"We cannot thank him enough for all that he's achieved and look forward to continuing to ensure that what he's done is used to improve the lives of the NHS staff and volunteers that are giving so much to their communities at the moment," she said.

With his page now closed, a message on the site said: "You can still help provide essential support for NHS staff and volunteers by making a **donation** to the charity through their JustGiving page."

On that day, when the amount raised rose to £17m, JustGiving confirmed it was the largest total ever raised in a single campaign on its site and was "the fastest growing campaign on the platform".

Through his efforts, Capt Tom, who was born in Keighley, in what was then the West Riding of Yorkshire, **captured the hearts of the nation** and his birthday celebrations were extensive, with the occasion marked with an aerial display of Royal Air Force (RAF) planes and birthday greetings from the Queen and prime minister.

He was also made an honorary colonel, by the 1st Battalion The Yorkshire Regiment, in which he had served during World War Two and received an estimated 140,000 cards.

In a tweet, he said: "What a wonderful day full of well wishes, kindness and plenty of cake!"

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Questions:

1) Match the **words** with their definitions (remember to find them in the text and look at the context):

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| a. appeal | f. one journey around a race circuit |
| b. funds | g. a request for donations to support a charity or cause |
| c. lap | h. a piece of equipment that aids mobility |
| d. walking frame | i. something given to charity, normally money |
| e. donation | j. a collection of money with a particular purpose |

2) Explain the meanings of these three phrases **used in the text**:

- a. icing on the cake

- b. to put your feet up

- c. to capture the hearts of the nation

3) What was Captain Tom Moore's fundraising target?

4) Why did he want to raise money for the National Health Service (NHS)?

- 5) Captain Tom described the day as 'a wonderful day full of well wishes, kindness and plenty of cake'. List all the ways mentioned in the text that his birthday was celebrated.