

The AB51 Quiz

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Round 1

Question 1

What number can follow The Jackson, Ben Folds, and Maroon to make musical groups?

Answer: Five

1 point

Question 2

Hosted by Victoria Coren-Mitchell, what BBC2 quiz show takes its name from a line in E.M. Forster's novel Howard's End?

Answer: Only Connect

1 point

Question 3

On what calendar date did all of the following occur: a military coup seized power in Chile in 1973, leading to 17 years of dictatorship that resulted in over 3000 deaths; a coordinated attack took place in the United States in 2001, also killing approximately 3000 people; a crane fell on a crowd in Mecca in 2015, killing 111 people; and a flood hit the Libyan city of Derna in 2023, taking the lives of between 5000 and 24000 people?

Answer: September 11

1 point

Question 4

In the UK government, for what department do the letters HMRC stand?

Answer: His Majesty's Revenue and Customs

1 point

Question 5

The actress and World War 2 refugee Madeleine Lebeau, who died in 2016, was the last surviving cast member from which 1942 film, in which she famously cried real tears during a rendition of La Marseillaise?

Answer: Casablanca

1 point

Question 6

Through which major Australian city does the Yarra river flow?

Answer: Melbourne

1 point

Question 7

In a fraction, what respective names are given to the number that appears above the line, and the number that appears below the line?

Answer: Numerator, Denominator

2 points

Question 8

Which four colours appear in the logos of both Google and eBay?

Answer: Red, blue, yellow, green

4 points

Question 9

Which six actors played the six friends in the sitcom Friends, which in 2024 marked the 30th anniversary of its first episode, and 20th anniversary of its last?

Answer: Jennifer Aniston, Courtney Cox, Lisa Kudrow, Matt LeBlanc, Matthew Perry, David Schwimmer

6 points

Question 10

Make the longest word possible from the following letters: AACEGOPST

Answer: Scapegoat

Up to 9 points

(*length of word
equates to points
awarded)

Round 1 points

(Maximum: 25)

Round 2

Question 1

Which city in Argentina, with a population of around 80,000, markets itself as the world's southernmost city, disregarding claim's by a more southerly Chilean location which has a population of less than 2,000 people.

Answer: Ushuaia

1 point

Question 2

The title of which 1944 film starring Charles Boyer and Ingrid Bergman is now used as an English verb meaning to manipulate people by making them question their memory, perception of reality, or sanity?

Answer: Gaslight

1 point

Question 3

In October 2024, which software company finished top of Forbes magazine's eighth annual World's Best Employer rankings, the first time it had finished first despite never having been placed lower than fourth previously?

Answer: Microsoft

1 point

Question 4

By what name is the Hindu festival of lights known, occurring in Autumn to coincide with the amāvasyā or new moon?

Answer: Diwali

1 point

Question 5

Which three words start both a 1990s slogan for fast food restaurant McDonald's, and the current slogan of food delivery service Just Eat?

Answer: Did somebody say...

1 point

Question 6

Which colour has a wavelength of around 580 nanometres and a frequency of 5.16×10^{14} hertz, placing it around the centre of the visible spectrum for humans?

Answer: Yellow

1 point

Question 7

According to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, which two grasses respectively supply 20% and 19% of the global population's dietary energy supply?

Answer: Rice, wheat

2 points

Question 8

In the United States, which two Midwestern cities are referred to as the "Twin Cities"?

Answer: Minneapolis, Saint Paul

2 points

Question 9

Not including caretaker managers, who are the four non-British people to have been named manager of either the England men's or women's national football team?

Answer: Sven-Goran Eriksson (men's, 2001-2006), Fabio Capello (men's 2008-2012), Sarina Wiegman (women's, 2021-present), Thomas Tuchel (men's, starts 2025)

4 points

Question 10

Who were the six wives of Henry VIII of England?

Answer: Catherine of Aragon, Anne Boleyn, Jane Seymour, Anne of Cleves, Catherine Howard, Catherine Parr

6 points

Round 2 points
(Maximum: 20)

Total points
(Maximum: 45)

Round 3

Question 1

Who was the first DJ to present on BBC Radio 1, doing so on September 30, 1967?

Answer: Tony Blackburn

1 point

Question 2

In 1998, the year after its release, which first- and multi-person shooter computer game won both the inaugural BAFTA Games Award in the UK and the inaugural Academy of Interactive Arts & Sciences' D.I.C.E. Award in the US, with review site IGN saying the game's 'four-player mode is outstanding' and it is 'the best single-player first-person game on any system'?

Answer: Goldeneye 007

1 point

Question 3

What is the name of the vestigial concave groove that on humans exists between the upper lip and the nose, also called the medial cleft?

Answer: Philtrum

1 point

Question 4

The company Loved Before, which has outlets in Selfridges as well as an online store, is a sustainable business that sells what type of 'pre-loved' item?

Answer: Soft toys

1 point

Question 5

Swedish-Spanish national Anna Cramling has popular Twitch and YouTube channels relating to which game?

Answer: Chess

****Cramling's mother is Pia Cramling and father is Juan Manuel Bellón López, both of whom are Grandmasters***

1 point

Question 6

How many yards are in one mile?

Answer: 1760

1 point

Question 7

In October 2024, which two Scottish football teams set a record in the country's top flight for the latest two teams with 100% records played each other, both having won their first seven league games of the season?

Answer: Celtic, Aberdeen

2 points

Question 8

Which three South American nations fought against Paraguay in the War of the Triple Alliance, which ran from 1864 to 1870 and is estimated to have resulted in the deaths of 70%-90% of the Paraguayan male population, with the slaughter so bad that the Battle of Acosta Ñu saw Paraguayan children dressed as adults and sent into battle?

Answer: Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay

3 points

Question 9

Which four Irish writers have won the Nobel Prize for Literature?

Answer: W.B. Yeats (1923), George Bernard Shaw (1925), Samuel Beckett (1969), Seamus Heaney (1995)

4 points

Question 10

When spelt out using the Roman alphabet - as in α being a-l-p-h-a - what are the six letters of the Greek alphabet that contain the letter 'o'?

Answer: Epsilon, iota, omicron, ro (rho), upsilon (ypsilon), omega

6 points

Round 3 points
(Maximum: 21)

Total points
(Maximum: 66)

Round 4

Question 1

A questionnaire that begins by asking about a person's favourite virtues, before moving on to questions that include one's idea of happiness, one's favourite colour and flower, and one's main fault, is named after which famous writer, who is known to have answered the questions as part of a parlour game in the 1880s?

Answer: Marcel Proust

1 point

****The questionnaire is known simply as the Proust questionnaire.***

Question 2

Which battle in the War of the Roses occurred on April 14 1471, Easter Day, and saw the York forces of Edward IV defeat a Lancastrian army led by Richard Neville, the Earl of Warwick nicknamed 'The Kingmaker', who was killed on the battlefield?

Answer: Battle of Barnet

1 point

Question 3

What name is given to a baby llama, alpaca, vicuña, or guanaco?

Answer: Cria

1 point

Question 4

Opened in 2018, and with 1,950,000 m² of leasable property, in which Middle Eastern country is the world's largest shopping mall?

Answer: Iran

1 point

Question 5

Developed in 1907, by what common name is the chemical compound polyoxybenzylmethyleneglycolanhydride better known?

Answer: Bakelite

1 point

Question 6

The showing of which acclaimed French horror film at the 1960 Edinburgh Film Festival reportedly led to seven people fainting, prompting its director Georges Franju to quip 'Now I know why Scotsmen wear skirts'?

Answer: Eyes Without a Face (Original French: Les Yeux sans visage)

1 point

Question 7

What are the only two nations recognised by the United Nations that feature firearms on their national flag?

Answer: Mozambique, Guatemala

2 points

Question 8

In aircraft attitude, what are the names of the three angles of rotation through which a pilot can move a plane, namely by moving the nose up or down a vertical axis, moving the nose side to side on a lateral axis, or rotating the entire plane around a longitudinal axis?

Answer: Pitch, yaw, roll

3 points

Question 9

According to data from the Italian General Directorate of Museums, what were the five most visited museums and archeological sites in Italy in 2023?

Answer: Colosseum, Rome (12.3m), Pantheon, Rome (5.2m), Uffizi Gallery, Florence (5.1m), Pompei (4.1m), Galleria dell'Accademia, Florence (2m)

5 points

Question 10

Which 11 US states are mentioned in the famous 'I have a dream' speech delivered by Martin Luther King in 1963?

Answer: Mississippi, New York, Alabama, South Carolina, Georgia, Louisiana, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Colorado, California, Tennessee

11 points

Round 4 points
(Maximum: 27)

Total points
(Maximum: 93)

Round 5

In Round 5, there is only one answer. The less clues you need to get it, the more points you receive. If you need only one clue, you receive 10 points; if you require two clues, you will receive 9 points, and so on. However, you may only answer once. If you answer incorrectly, you receive zero points for the round.

The following are all located in the same city. Where is it?

Clue 1

Piedmont Park

10 points

Clue 2

Mercedes Benz Stadium

9 points

Clue 3

Little Five Points

8 points

Clue 4

National Centre for Civil and Human Rights

7 points

Clue 5

College Football Hall of Fame

6 points

Clue 6

Centennial Olympic Park

5 points

Clue 7

Jimmy Carter Presidential Library

4 points

Clue 8

Martin Luther King Jr National Historical Site

3 points

Clue 9

World of Coca-Cola

2 points

Clue 10

Georgia Aquarium

Answer: Atlanta

1 point

Round 5 points
(Maximum: 10)

Total points
(Maximum: 103)