

The AB51 Quiz

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Round 1

Question 1

At which of the four tennis majors did Nicolas Mahut and John Isner play the sport's longest ever match in 2010, with Isner winning 70-68 in the fifth set after over 11 hours of playing time held across three days?

Answer: Wimbledon

1 point

Question 2

Which food and beverage company owns the Mountain Dew, Tropicana, and Gatorade drinks brands, as well as the Doritos and Lay's snack lines?

Answer: PepsiCo

1 point

Question 3

The 2003 film Lost in Translation has been described by its director Sofia Coppola as a love letter to which city?

Answer: Tokyo

1 point

Question 4

November 2024 saw which furniture store company open its first UK standalone restaurant in London's Hammersmith district?

Answer: Ikea

1 point

Question 5

What word is spelt by the chemical symbols of Tungsten, Iodine, and Neon, in that order?

Answer: Wine

**Tungsten = W, Iodine = I, Neon = Ne*

1 point

Question 6

What equine name is given to powerful sporty cars, such as the Ford Mustang, Plymouth Barracuda, and Dodge Challenger, that became popular in the 1960s and 1970s and are seen as an offshoot of the muscle car?

Answer: Pony car

1 point

Question 7

What two colours appear in the name of the pop band comprised of members Kim Ji-soo, Jennie Kim, Roseanne Park, and Lalisa Manobal - more commonly known by fans as Jisoo, Jennie, Rose, and Lisa?

Answer: Black, pink

2 points

**The band is K-pop group Blackpink*

Question 8

What are the words for the four compass points - namely north, east, south, and west - in the French language?

Answer: Nord, est, sud, ouest

4 points

Question 9

Who are the four central characters in Kenneth Grahame's novel The Wind in the Willows?

Answer: Rat (Ratty), Mole (Moley), Badger, Mr Toad

4 points

Question 10

Make the longest word possible from the following letters: ACDENORSY

Answer: Secondary

Up to 9 points
(*length of word
equates to points
awarded)

Round 1 points

(Maximum: 25)

Round 2

Question 1

Taken from the Latin words for 'large' and 'animal life', what term is used to describe animals such as the extinct moa, Haast's eagle, woolly mammoth, and mylodon, as well as the extant blue whale, grizzly bear, and ostrich?

Answer: Megafauna

1 point

Question 2

What is the English translation of the Chinese word diannaο 电脑, the meaning of which is literally 'electric brain'?

Answer: Computer

1 point

Question 3

Complete this lyric from the outro of Pink Floyd's chart-topping song 'Another Brick in the Wall (Part 2)': 'How can you have your pudding if you don't eat your ...?'

Answer: Meat

1 point

Question 4

The Castro, The Mission, The Presidio, Fisherman's Wharf, The Haight, and Ashbury Heights are neighbourhoods in which US city?

Answer: San Francisco

1 point

Question 5

Which Romantic poet was the father of Ada Lovelace, the mathematician whose collaboration with Charles Babbage is seen as a fundamental step in the development of the computer?

Answer: Lord Byron

**Lovelace was born Augusta Ada Byron. She married William King, Earl of Lovelace, in 1838, thus producing the name Ada Lovelace.*

1 point

Question 6

American hairdresser Jheri Redding is credited with inventing what hairstyle, popular in the 1980s?

Answer: Jheri curl

1 point

Question 7

What were the names of the two ships intended to take pilgrims from England and the Netherlands to the New World in 1620, although a leak meant one had to be left behind?

2 points

Answer: Mayflower, Speedwell

Question 8

In a story enjoyed by all the nation's tabloid newspapers, what three pizza toppings were the most requested by British visitors to Dominos in 2023?

Answer: Pepperoni, roast chicken, sweetcorn

3 points

Question 9

Including interim acting leaders, who have been the six leaders of the UK Labour Party in the 21st century?

Answer: Tony Blair (1994-2007), Gordon Brown (2007-2010), Harriet Harman (acting, 2010), Ed Miliband (2010-2015), Harriet Harman (acting, 2015), Jeremy Corbyn (2015-2020), Keir Starmer (2020-present)

6 points

Question 10

What are the seven entries in the James Bond film series that have a single-word title?

Answer: Goldfinger (1964), Thunderball (1965), Moonraker (1979), Octopussy (1983), GoldenEye (1995), Skyfall (2012), Spectre (2015)

7 points

Round 2 points
(Maximum: 24)

Total points
(Maximum: 49)

Round 3

Question 1

The shouting of what seven word catchphrase famously concludes cold openings of the US comedy show Saturday Night Live, after which the programme's opening credits play?

Answer: Live from New York, it's Saturday night

1 point

Question 2

Japanese film Wild Zero, South Korean film Train to Busan, Cambodian film Run!, and Taiwanese film The Sadness all feature humans fighting against what type of horror creature?

Answer: Zombies

1 point

Question 3

What noise emitted by the human body is believed to be caused by gases dissolved in synovial fluid suddenly taking on their gaseous form due to pressure changes - although there remains debate about whether the noise is the gas forming or subsequently collapsing?

Answer: Joint clicking / joint popping

**Synovial fluid exists within human joints to help reduce friction*

1 point

Question 4

The entrance to which World Heritage site in France was discovered in 1940 by 18-year old Marcel Ravidat and his dog Robot - although the site was subsequently closed to the public in 1963 due to the damage being done by visitors' breath, body heat, and other contaminants, forcing authorities to build replicas for tourists?

Answer: Lascaux

1 point

Question 5

Who in 2023 became the first director to have their first three solo directed films all nominated for the Best Picture Academy Award?

Answer: Greta Gerwig (Ladybird, 2017; Little Women, 2019; Barbie, 2023)

**Gerwig had previously co-directed low-budget indie film Nights and Weekends in 2008*

1 point

Question 6

The magazine Grand Royal, which ran for six editions in the 1990s, was founded by which New York hip-hop and rap-rock trio?

Answer: Beastie Boys

1 point

Question 7

The grapefruit, scientific name Citrus x Paradisi, is a hybrid of which two citrus species?

Answer: Pomelo, Sweet orange

**Sweet oranges include navel oranges, blood oranges, and Valencia oranges. They themselves are hybrids of pomelos and mandarins.* 2 points

Question 8

Which three European Union countries were the only ones outside the UK to have buildings that won the architectural Stirling Prize prior to the 2015 rule change that said entries must be in the UK?

Answer: Germany, Spain, Italy

The Stuttgart Music School won in 1997; Barajas Airport Terminal 4 in Madrid won in 2006; Museum of Modern Literature in Marbach won in 2007; and the National Museum of 21st Century Arts in Rome won in 2010. 3 points

Question 9

What are the names given to the six time zones in Canada?

Answer: Pacific, Mountain, Central, Eastern, Atlantic, Newfoundland 6 points

Question 10

What nine flavours of Ben and Jerry's ice cream have appeared in the company's top ten sellers every year since 2020?

Answer: Half Baked; Cherry Garcia; Chocolate Fudge Brownie; Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough; Tonight Dough; Phish Food; Strawberry Cheesecake; Americone Dream; Chunky Monkey 9 points

Round 3 points
(Maximum: 26)

Total points
(Maximum: 76)

Round 4

Question 1

By what vitamin letter and number is folate known, the vitamin being required by the human body to produce DNA and RNA?

Answer: Vitamin B9

1 point

Question 2

Describing herself as 'patient zero of internet shaming', who said: "At the age of 22, I fell in love with my boss. At the age of 24, I learned the devastating consequences."?

Answer: Monica Lewinsky

1 point

Question 3

Named in Time Magazine's Inventions of the Year list for 2023, and winner of a German Design Award and IF Design Award, what is the simple positive 3-word name of the paper liquid holder invented by Hong Kong packaging company Choose Planet A, the creation of which hopes to reduce the environmental effect of the 500 billion disposable cups humans discard per year?

Answer: The Good Cup

1 point

Question 4

Often depicted as a falcon, or a man with a falcon's head, what Egyptian god was said to be the sky, with one eye serving as the sun and the other the moon?

Answer: Horus / Hor

1 point

Question 5

What was the last political party outside the Democratic Party and the Republican Party to have a candidate finish in the top two of a US presidential election?

Answer: Progressive Party

****Also known as the Bull Moose Party, the Progressive Party's founder and former US President Theodore Roosevelt finished second in the 1912 election after he didn't secure the Republican nomination.***

1 point

Question 6

Potentially the largest dinosaur that ever lived, a bone of which dinosaur was first discovered in 1987, with the South American country in which it was found inspiring its name?

Answer: Argentinosaurus

1 point

Question 7

Not including Philip II of Spain, who took the title of King of England and Ireland only through his marriage to Queen Mary, who are the only two British or English monarchs to have had multiple wives during their lifetime since Henry VIII famously had six?

Answer: James II, Charles III

2 points

Question 8

Which two people have served as judges on both Britain's Strictly Come Dancing and its US equivalent, Dancing with the Stars?

Answer: Len Goodman, Bruno Tonioli

2 points

Question 9

In preparation for the effects of climate change, in 2019 the grape varieties of Arinarnoa, Castets, Marselan, and Touriga Nacional joined which six original grape varieties as being permitted in the creation of Bordeaux red wine, according to France's Institut National de l'Origine et de la Qualite?

Answer: Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Malbec, Carmenere, Petit Verdot

*Most Bordeaux reds are based on a ratio of 70% Cabernet Sauvignon plus 15% Cabernet Franc and 15% Merlot, or 70% Merlot plus 15% Cabernet Sauvignon and 15% Cabernet Franc.

6 points

Question 10

Which seven papal names have been used by ten or more popes?

Answer: John (23), Gregory (16), Benedict (16), Clement (14), Leo (13), Innocent (12), Pius (12)

7 points

Round 4 points
(Maximum: 23)

Total points
(Maximum: 99)

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 English translations of titles of paintings by the same artist. Who is it?

Clue 1

Interior, After Dinner

10 points

Clue 2

The Grand Canal

9 points

Clue 3

Camille on the Beach

8 points

Clue 4

Snow at Argenteuil

7 points

Clue 5

Japanese Footbridge

6 points

Clue 6

The Main Path at Giverny

5 points

Clue 7

Arrival of the Normandy Train, Gare Saint-Lazare

4 points

Clue 8

Grainstack in the Sunlight

3 points

Clue 9

Woman with a Parasol - Madame Monet and Her Son

2 points

Clue 10

Water Lilies

Answer: Claude Monet

1 point

Round 5 points
(Maximum: 10)

Total points
(Maximum: 109)