
The AB51 Quiz

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Round 1

Question 1

With around 250000 hectares of land and 1300 tenant farmers, what organisation is the largest farm owner in the UK?

Answer: National Trust

1 point

Question 2

According to Hesiod's retelling of the myth in 700BC, what was the only item left in Pandora's jar - later referred to as Pandora's Box - after she opened it in curiosity and released a plague of ills upon humanity?

Answer: Hope

**The Greek is Elpis.*

1 point

Question 3

Outside the North and South Pole, what desert is the driest in the world, with some weather stations yet to record any rainfall?

Answer: Atacama

1 point

Question 4

Internet TV series Hot Ones involves celebrities being interviewed whilst eating increasingly spicy versions of what food?

Answer: Chicken wings

1 point

Question 5

Erin, harlequin, kelly, and kombu are all shades of which colour?

Answer: Green

1 point

Question 6

According to Fountains of Wayne's 2003 single, whose mom 'has it going on'?

Answer: Stacy

1 point

Question 7

What are the two Bailiwicks, or jurisdictional areas, within the Channel Islands, named for the two largest islands in the archipelago?

Answer: Bailiwick of Jersey, Bailiwick of Guernsey

2 points

Question 8

Which three Italian football teams have won the European Cup or its successor, the Champions League?

Answer: AC Milan, Inter Milan, Juventus

3 points

Question 9

Who are the five children of Donald Trump?

Answer: Donald Jr, Ivanka, Eric, Tiffany, Barron

5 points

Question 10

Make the longest word possible from the following letters: ADEEEPRTW

Answer: Deepwater

Up to 9 points

(*length of word
equates to points
awarded)

Round 1 points

(Maximum: 25)

Round 2

Question 1

What is the English name of the island known by its native population as Rapa Nui?

Answer: Easter Island

1 point

Question 2

According to his biography 'The Fastest Man Alive', a fear of stomach issues led Usain Bolt to eat what item off the MacDonald's menu for every meal during the 2008 Beijing Olympics, at which he won gold in the 100m and 200m in world record times?

Answer: Chicken McNuggets

1 point

Question 3

In the Sherlock Holmes story The Red-Headed League, by Arthur Conan Doyle, a mysterious benefactor pays a shop owner to copy out the contents of which reference book under the pretense of financially helping people with red hair?

Answer: Encyclopædia Britannica

1 point

Question 4

The theme music from the 1966 film The Trap, composed by Ron Goodwin, is used annually by the BBC in its live coverage of which April sporting event?

Answer: London Marathon

1 point

Question 5

Which well-known comedian was the lead singer of 1980s band Seona Dancing, which made little impact in his home country but found popularity in the Philippines?

Answer: Ricky Gervais

1 point

Question 6

What letter of the alphabet is given to the cell cycle phase in which DNA is replicated, occurring between the G1 and G2 growth phases?

Answer: S

****Standing for synthesis phase***

1 point

Question 7

Who were the two Stanford PhD students who started Google in 1998, who now have a combined wealth of over \$300 billion?

Answer: Larry Paige, Sergey Brin

2 points

Question 8

In the contentious DEI framework, which seeks to promote the representation of those deemed under-represented or discriminated against via targeted hiring and corporate practices, for what do the letters D, E, and I stand?

Answer: Diversity, equity, inclusion

3 points

Question 9

Per data gathered by the Airport Council International, which five cities in the US have an airport amongst the world's 10 most busy in terms of passenger numbers?

Answer: Atlanta (1st), Dallas/Fort Worth (3rd), Denver (6th), Los Angeles (8th), Chicago (9th)

5 points

Question 10

After its expansion in 2024, what are the nine nations that are part of the BRICS organisation?

Answer: Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, United Arab Emirates

9 points

Round 2 points
(Maximum: 25)

Total points
(Maximum: 50)

Round 3

Question 1

In the musical Cats, what is the name of the railway cat?

Answer: Skimbleshanks

1 point

Question 2

From which country does toy company Brio, best known for its wooden trains, originate?

Answer: Sweden

1 point

Question 3

Who is the named director on the films Gone with the Wind and The Wizard of Oz, both released in 1939 and named in the American Film Institute's 100 best American films ever list?

Answer: Victor Fleming

1 point

Question 4

Who was the 16th century pre-telescope Danish astronomer whose observations, deemed far more accurate than any previously made, later helped his one-time assistant Johannes Kepler formulate his three laws of planetary motion?

Answer: Tycho Brahe

1 point

Question 5

Which musical theatre star described 'On My Own' from the musical Les Misérables as the song that changed her life, it having been the first song she performed as a 17-year old at the 1988 Miss Saigon original cast auditions where she won the part of Kim, and the solo she performed when cast as Éponine in the Broadway Les Misérables production four years later?

Answer: Lea Salonga

1 point

Question 6

What is the name of the fermented spongy flatbread staple in Ethiopia and Eritrea that often serves as both a serving vessel and means to pick up accompanying 'wot' dishes?

Answer: Injera

1 point

Question 7

For what do the initials A.A. stand in the name of Winnie the Pooh author A.A. Milne?

Answer: Alan Alexander

2 points

Question 8

Which three countries produce the most orange juice in the world?

Answer: Brazil, Mexico, US

**Brazil is by far the biggest producer, making close to ten times the amount of second-ranked Mexico*

3 points

Question 9

According to the country's Ministry of Public Security, what are the five most common surnames in China?

Answer: 王 (Wang or Wong), 李 (Li or Lee), 张 (Zhang or Cheung), 刘 (Liu or Lau), 陈 (Chen or Chan)

5 points

Question 10

What are the seven different component parts of a Big Mac?

Answer: Burger bun, hamburger patty, cheese, lettuce, onion, pickle, sauce

7 points

Round 3 points
(Maximum: 23)

Total points
(Maximum: 73)

Round 4

Question 1

Which unrecognised de-facto nation held a general election on November 13, 2024, the fourth in its history, with President Muse Bihi Abdi seeking re-election?

Answer: Somaliland

1 point

Question 2

Bismuth-209 has the longest known radioisotope half-life, described using SI prefixes as 20.1 exayears. How many years is one exayear if described using short scale words derived from standard Latin prefixes, such as million, billion, trillion, etc.?

Answer: Quintillion years (i.e. eighteen zeros)

1 point

Question 3

Residing in Cuba, weighing less than 3g, and named for its nectar-seeking habits that are similar to a particular insect, what is the smallest known bird in the world?

Answer: Bee Hummingbird

1 point

Question 4

What colour completes the title of the 2021 book by Elizabeth Kolbert which investigates geoengineering projects and their disastrous unintended consequences, including plans to spray particles across the atmosphere to protect against global warming: Under a ...Sky?

Answer: White

1 point

Question 5

In 2023, what flavour of Quality Street was re-released in a limited capacity after a 20 year absence, having won a 'favourite retro sweet' survey by the sweet's manufacturer, Nestle, in 2021?

Answer: Coffee creme

1 point

Question 6

What Hebrew word means 'In the beginning', and is the title of the first book of the Tanakh, or Hebrew Bible?

Answer: Bereshit

1 point

Question 7

Which Scottish Premiership football club shares its name with an American abstract expressionist painter from the New York School? And which other Scottish Premiership club shares its name with the town in Washington state in which this painter was born?

Answer: Motherwell (Robert Motherwell); Aberdeen

2 points

Question 8

Which three future Academy Award winners were amongst the cast of 1993 cult film Dazed and Confused?

Answer: Ben Affleck, Matthew McConaughey, Renée Zellweger

3 points

Question 9

Since the Open Era began in 1968, which four Swedes have won a tennis grand slam tournament?

Answer: Bjorn Borg (11), Mats Wilander (7), Stefan Edberg (6), Thomas Johansson (1)

4 points

Question 10

Which six Prime Ministers of the UK have served as Rector of the University of Edinburgh?

Answer: William Gladstone, Archibald Primrose (5th Earl of Rosebury), David Lloyd George, Stanley Baldwin, Winston Churchill, Gordon Brown

6 points

Round 4 points
(Maximum: 21)

Total points
(Maximum: 94)

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 events all occurred in the same year. When was it?

Clue 1

Both Flight 19 and an aircraft dispatched to look for it disappear on the same day, the former in the Bermuda Triangle.

10 points

Clue 2

An earthquake and tsunami in the British India territory of Balochistan kills around 4000 people.

9 points

Clue 3

The Brazilian naval vessel Bahai sinks, for the loss of over 330 lives.

8 points

Clue 4

Jamaican musician Bob Marley is born.

7 points

Clue 5

Karl Dönitz serves as leader of the German state for 24 days.

6 points

Clue 6

The Việt Minh capture Hanoi, a defining moment of the August Revolution.

5 points

Clue 7

Winston Churchill, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Joseph Stalin meet at the Yalta Conference.

4 points

Clue 8

The United Nations is formed.

3 points

Clue 9

The US drops two atomic bombs on Japan, resulting in 125000-250000 deaths.

2 points

Clue 10

World War II comes to an end.

Answer: 1945

1 point

Round 5 points
(Maximum: 10)

Total points
(Maximum: 104)