

The AB51 Quiz

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Round 1

Question 1

Which music superstar starred in the 1984 film Purple Rain, with his music for the film released on an album of the same name?

Answer: Prince

1 point

Question 2

In which city is the House of Commons of Canada located?

Answer: Ottawa

1 point

Question 3

Yahata, Amaterasu, Ō-Inari, and Fūjin are amongst the principle gods of which religion?

Answer: Shinto

1 point

Question 4

Which UK supermarket chain faced local protest in November 2024 when it extended opening hours of its store on the Scottish Isle of Lewis to include Sundays?

Answer: Tesco

1 point

Question 5

What was the name of the first vessel to reach the site of RMS Titanic's distress call on April 15, 1912, arriving an hour and a half after Titanic had sunk but able to rescue 705 people from lifeboats?

Answer: RMS Carpathia

1 point

Question 6

What is the name of the line of mobile phones released by Google, which saw its 9th model series released in 2024?

Answer: Pixel

1 point

Question 7

Which two planets of the solar system have no moons?

Answer: Mercury, Venus

2 points

Question 8

Which three men have served as both presenters and overseers of the Sooty franchise since it started in 1955?

Answer: Harry Corbett (1955-1976), Matthew Corbett (1976-1998), Richard Cadell (1998-present)

3 points

Question 9

In Elizabeth Gilbert's 2006 memoir Eat, Pray, Love, subsequently adapted into a film, which three countries - all beginning with the same letter - respectively relate to the actions in the book's title?

Answer: Italy (eat); India (pray); Indonesia (love)

3 points

Question 10

Make the longest word possible from the following letters: IOOPPRRTU

Answer: Potpourri

Up to 9 points

(*length of word
equates to points
awarded)

Round 1 points

(Maximum: 23)

Round 2

Question 1

What species of corvid links a San Francisco band fronted by singer Adam Duritz formed in the 1990s; an Atlanta band fronted by Chris Robinson formed in the 1980s; and a Minnesota band fronted by David Wagner formed in the 1960s?

Answer: Crow

1 point

**Counting Crows; The Black Crowes; Crow*

Question 2

What type of tortilla is used to make an enchilada, one of the key differences between it and the flour tortilla-based burrito?

Answer: Corn

1 point

Question 3

Mullion, jamb, transom, casement and stay are all elements of what common architectural feature?

Answer: Window

1 point

Question 4

As of December 2, 2024, the top five positions in the ITTF table tennis world rankings for women's singles are all taken by players representing China. In a case of near symmetry, which other country has players in positions 6, 7, 8, and 10?

Answer: Japan

1 point

**The player to break the sequence is Cheng I-Ching of Chinese Taipei (Taiwan), the world number 9.*

Question 5

In trigonometry, what is the value of $\sin 90^\circ$?

Answer: 1

1 point

Question 6

Alexis Flores, Alejandro Castillo, Donald Fields, Vitel'homme Innocent, and Ruja Ignatova are five of the ten current entrants on which infamous list?

Answer: FBI's Ten Most Wanted Fugitives ('FBI's Most Wanted')

1 point

Question 7

First discovered together in 1898 but only identified through DNA testing in the 2010s, the mummies The Elder Lady and The Younger Lady are which two female family relations of the Pharaoh Tutankhamun?

Answer: Grandmother (Queen Tiye), mother (name unknown)

2 points

Question 8

What are the names of the three challenges in each round of The Great British Bake Off?

Answer: Signature, Technical, Showstopper

3 points

Question 9

Per the International Electrotechnical Commission's international standard IEC 60445, what colours are recommended to be used for the three wires in a standard electrical power supply?

Answer: Brown (live wire), blue (neutral wire), green and yellow (earth wire)

3 points

Question 10

Between Philip II in 1120 being the first monarch to call himself King of France and the fall of the Second French Empire in 1870, what were the eight regnal names used by French kings and emperors?

Answer: Philip, Louis, John, Charles, Francis, Henry, Napoleon, Louis Philippe

10 points

Round 2 points
(Maximum: 24)

Total points
(Maximum: 47)

Round 3

Question 1

Assemblé, Grande Jeté, and Plié are all terms associated with what art form?

Answer: Ballet

1 point

Question 2

Attained by Karl Knoshnaw in a game in 1982, the 392 points scored for the word 'caziques' is believed to be the highest ever single-word Scrabble score. What type of animal is a cazique?

Answer: Bird

1 point

****A cazique, also spelt cacique, is a member of the oriole family.***

Question 3

Tatty Teddy is the signature bear of which soft toy brand, the line originally established in 1987 as characters for greetings cards?

Answer: Me to You

1 point

Question 4

What was the name of the BBC radio and television quiz for high school students that ran from 1948 to 1986, of which five out of the first six UK national winners were schools in Scotland?

Answer: Top of the Form

1 point

Question 5

The poem Goblin Market, which recounts two sisters buying enchanted fruit and is often considered an allegory for female homosexuality, was written by which 19th century English poet?

Answer: Christina Rossetti

1 point

Question 6

Which word in biology means an agent that passes a disease to another biological organism; in mathematics means a geometric object that has both length and direction; in computer science means a type of data structure whose elements are accessed by means of an integer index; and is the name of the journal of the British Science Fiction Association?

Answer: Vector

1 point

Question 7

What are the names of the two conferences within American Football's NFL?

Answer: AFC (American Football Conference), NFC (National Football Conference)

2 points

Question 8

What are the world's only three true enclave countries - those being nations completely surrounded by another country?

Answer: Lesotho, San Marino, Vatican City

3 points

Question 9

Which four English football teams to have played only one season in the English Premier League since it was founded in 1992?

Answer: Swindon (1993-1994), Barnsley (1997-1998), Blackpool (2010-2011), Luton (2023-2024)

4 points

Question 10

Since it formed in the 1960s, who have been the eight members of the music group The Rolling Stones?

Answer: Mick Jagger, Keith Richards, Ronnie Wood, Brian Jones, Bill Wyman, Charlie Watts, Mick Taylor, Ian Stewart

8 points

Round 3 points
(Maximum: 23)

Total points
(Maximum: 70)

Round 4

Question 1

Described by the New Yorker magazine as 'one of the great outpourings of cinematic invention', but by TV Guide as 'incoherent', what is the floral-themed name of the 1966 surreal Czechoslovakia New Wave film about two young women, both named Marie, who decide to act spoilt in a spoilt society?

Answer: Daisies

1 point

Question 2

In February 2024, the first quasi-moon of Venus was officially given a name by the International Astronomical Union. Derived from its provisional name of 2002VE, which referred to the year it was found and 'Venus', what is it now called?

Answer: Zoozve

****Officially, the quasi-moon is 524522 Zoozve. It is a quasi-moon because its orbit is around the sun rather than the planet.***

1 point

Question 3

According to celebrated 15th century Egyptian historian Al-Maqrīzī, a man named Muhammad Sa'im al-Dahr committed what act of vandalism in 1378?

Answer: Removing the Sphinx's nose

1 point

Question 4

In which part of the body does the ossification of the xiphoid process conclude in middle age, when a piece of cartilage finishes its change into bone, sometimes causing a hardened lump to be felt beneath the skin?

Answer: Sternum (breastbone) / base of rib cage

****The xiphoid process exists at the bottom of the sternum, first as cartilage before slowly becoming attached bone.***

1 point

Question 5

Which Netflix show has the Society for American Archaeology openly called to be reclassified as science fiction, saying it 'devalues the archaeological profession on the basis of false claims and disinformation', adding that the show's presented theory that survivors of a destroyed advanced civilization gave hunter-gatherers their knowledge 'has a long-standing association with racist, white supremacist ideologies; does injustice to Indigenous peoples; and emboldens extremists'?

Answer: Ancient Apocalypse

1 point

Question 6

Edinburgh of the Seven Seas is the main settlement of which island in the South Atlantic?

Answer: Tristan da Cunha

1 point

Question 7

Which two amendments to the Constitution of the United States started and ended prohibition?

Answer: 18th, 21st

2 points

Question 8

What three ingredients are labelled the 'holy trinity' in Cajun and Louisiana Creole cuisine due to their roles as the base of many dishes?

Answer: Celery, bell pepper, onion

3 points

Question 9

What are the names of the great grandfather, grandfather, father, and son from the Benn family who have served as UK Members of Parliament since the first was elected in 1892?

Answer: John Benn, William Wedgwood Benn, Tony Benn, Hilary Benn

4 points

Question 10

Following Professional Darts Corporation rule 5.13.09, which states that the 20 segment must be coloured black, what are the ten black numbers on a standard dartboard?

Answer: 2, 3, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14, 18, 20

10 points

Round 4 points
(Maximum: 25)

Total points
(Maximum: 95)

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.

In which country were the following people all born?

Clue 1

Céline Dept (football-themed Youtuber)

10 points

Clue 2

Gotye (musician)

9 points

Clue 3

Tony Parker (basketball player)

8 points

Clue 4

Gerardus Mercator (cartographer)

7 points

Clue 5

Audrey Hepburn (actress)

6 points

Clue 6

Georges Remi, known by the pen name of Hergé (comic strip artist)

5 points

Clue 7

Jan van Eyke (painter)

4 points

Clue 8

Max Verstappen (Formula 1 driver)

3 points

Clue 9

Kevin de Bruyne (footballer)

2 points

Clue 10

Jean-Claude Van Damme (actor)

Answer: Belgium

1 point

Round 5 points
(Maximum: 10)

Total points
(Maximum: 105)