

The AB51 Quiz

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Round 1

Question 1

Derived from a Scots word, by what name is New Year's Eve known in Scotland?

Answer: Hogmanay

1 point

Question 2

The sport SlamBall involves playing basketball on what athletic apparatus?

Answer: Trampolines

1 point

Question 3

At which summer Olympics were the five Fuwa - Beibei, Jingjing, Huanhuan, Yingying, and Nini - the official mascots?

Answer: Beijing 2008

**The Fuwa's names read 'Beijing huanying ni', translated as 'Beijing welcomes you'.*

1 point

Question 4

Bunraku and kabuki are traditional Japanese forms of what type of theatre performance?

Answer: Puppet

1 point

Question 5

Published in 1671, what poem by John Milton was the follow up to Paradise Lost?

Answer: Paradise Regained

1 point

Question 6

In December 2024 Australian computer scientist Craig Wright was given a suspended jail sentence as punishment for repeatedly trying to sue people who dismissed his claim of being Satoshi Nakamoto, the mysterious creator of what cryptocurrency?

Answer: Bitcoin

1 point

Question 7

Starting the sequence with 0 and 1, but not including zero as an answer, what are the only two Fibonacci numbers below 1000 that are also square numbers?

Answer: 1, 144

2 points

Question 8

What three items of clothing comprise a three piece suit?

Answer: Jacket; waistcoat; trousers

3 points

**In American English the parts are jacket, vest, and pants.*

Question 9

What are the four stages of a moth's life cycle?

Answer: Egg, larva (caterpillar), pupa (cocoon), adult

4 points

Question 10

Make the longest word possible from the following letters: BCDEEHITW

Answer: Bewitched

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

Round 1 points

(Maximum: 24)

Round 2

Question 1

What Mexican national was named the richest man in the world for four years running, from 2010 to 2013, by Forbes magazine, with the magazine reckoning he is worth \$78b in 2024?

Answer: Carlos Slim

1 point

Question 2

In what discipline does the NCTJ offer qualifications?

Answer: Journalism

1 point

**NCTJ stands for the National Council for the Training of Journalists.*

Question 3

In which month is the Day of German Unity, the German national holiday that celebrates reunification between East and West Germany?

Answer: October

1 point

**German Unity Day, or Tag der Deutschen Einheit, is celebrated on October 3.*

Question 4

In the NFL, what is the only team to have won back-to-back Super Bowls twice?

Answer: Pittsburgh Steelers

1 point

**The Steelers won in 1975 and 1976, and then again in 1979 and 1980.*

Question 5

What name is given to the baked product that mixes a croissant and a muffin?

Answer: Cruffin

1 point

Question 6

At over 40000 m³/second, over 14 times as much as the Nile, what river has the largest discharge in Africa?

Answer: Congo

1 point

Question 7

Which two stations of the London Underground have the most Transport for London lines, each with six?

Answer: Kings Cross & St. Pancras; Monument/Bank

2 points

Question 8

What are the three main types of meringue, the name of each includes a demonym of a European country?

Answer: French meringue; Italian meringue; Swiss meringue

3 points

Question 9

The Protestant Church divides the ten commandments into four that aim to guide one's relationship with god, and six to guide one's relationships with people. What ideas are presented in the four commandments that deal with one's relationship with god?

Answer: 'Thou shalt have no other gods before me'; 'Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image'; 'Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain'; 'Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy'

4 points

Question 10

From 2025, when a new race is added to the series, in which seven cities will the World Marathon Majors be run?

Answer: Tokyo, Boston, London, Sydney, Berlin, Chicago, New York

7 points

Round 2 points
(Maximum: 22)

Total points
(Maximum: 46)

Round 3

Question 1

'Barefaced Lies and Boogie Woogie Boasts' is the title of which UK TV presenter and musician's autobiography?

Answer: Jools Holland

1 point

Question 2

Established by counter-culture personality John Hopkins and named after the smallest unit of computer memory, what was the name of the travel information service and guide publishing company established in the late 1960s that allowed people to visit or call offices for travel advice and activities - reportedly including where to squat and buy drugs?

Answer: BIT

1 point

Question 3

What is the common name of the shrub *Catha edulis*, which is widely chewed in East Africa and Arabia for its stimulating effects?

Answer: Khat

1 point

Question 4

In transportation planning, an extension of Braess's paradox says that urban traffic flow improves when what is removed?

Answer: A road

**Examples in Seoul, New York, and Stuttgart have found that removing a main road has actually improved traffic flow in a city.*

1 point

Question 5

What city is known as the oil capital of Norway, having been the centre of the country's oil exploration business since the 1970s?

Answer: Stavanger

1 point

Question 6

What word is both an action when roasting meat and a synonym for tacking in sewing?

Answer: Baste / Basting

1 point

Question 7

Which two women have won both the Academy Award and Golden Globe for Best Director, picking up the awards in 2020 and 2021 respectively?

Answer: Chloe Zhao (for Nomadland); Jane Campion (for The Power of the Dog)

2 points

Question 8

According to the US Department of Agriculture, which four US states have been the country's largest corn producers every year of the 21st century and currently account for over 50 per cent of all corn grown in the nation?

Answer: Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska, Minnesota

**Iowa has been the largest corn producing US state every year during the 21st century.*

4 points

Question 9

In order to place its leaders at the same rank as its World War II allies and therefore erase problems of Americans commanding overseas officers in superior positions, December 1944 saw the US promote which four men to the position of General of the Army, a five-star position not used since 1888?

Answer: George C. Marshall; Douglas MacArthur; Dwight D. Eisenhower; Henry H. 'Hap' Arnold

4 points

Question 10

Although the death toll in the final version of the play is six, who are the seven characters that die in the first edition - or first quarto - of William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet?

Answer: Mercutio, Tybalt, Lady Montague, Benvolio, Paris, Romeo, Juliet

**In the first quarto, Montague says his wife has died of grief, and mentions Benvolio is dead too. In the second quarto, the mention of Benvolio dying is removed.*

7 points

Round 3 points
(Maximum: 23)

Total points
(Maximum: 69)

Round 4

Question 1

The Heritage Classic, Winter Classic, and Stadium Series are occasions when which sports league plays matches outdoors?

Answer: NHL

1 point

Question 2

According to the Royal Entomological Society, what species is the only indigenous year-round insect living in Antarctica?

Answer: Wingless Midge (Belgica antarctica)

1 point

Question 3

What magic trick was alluded to by 9th century Hindu philosopher Adi Shankaracharya, reportedly performed by Chinese jugglers in the 17th century, and sporadically seen by uncorroborated witnesses at the start of the 20th century, but is often labelled a myth as no modern knowledge exists of how the trick was performed?

Answer: Indian Rope Trip

****The trick involves a rope rising straight up in the air and then being climbed, after which the climber disappears (or, in some accounts, is hacked into pieces) before reappearing at the bottom of the rope.***

1 point

Question 4

In which country did the assassination of Jorge Eliécer Gaitán in 1948 act as a catalyst for a civil war called La Violencia, or The Violence?

Answer: Colombia

1 point

Question 5

Kylling Kluk, Høne Pøne, Hane Pane, And Svand, Gaase Paase, and Ræv Skræv are the characters in an early Danish version of what folk tale?

Answer: Henny Penny

****Henny Penny is also known as Chicken Little or Chicken Licken.***

1 point

Question 6

What name is shared by one of the two creators of the 1990s sitcom Friends and a character from its one-time contemporary sitcom Frasier?

Answer: David Crane

1 point

Question 7

2025 will see the next editions of both the men's and women's World Volleyball Championships. Which two European countries are the respective reigning world champions?

Answer: Italy (men); Serbia (women)

2 points

Question 8

What are the three great Siberian rivers, each over 4000km long, that rise in Central Asia and discharge into the Arctic Ocean?

Answer: Yenisei; Ob; Lena

3 points

Question 9

Who were the four wives of American singer and actor Frank Sinatra?

Answer: Nancy Barbato; Ava Gardner; Mia Farrow; Barbara Marx

**The singer Nancy Sinatra is named after her mother.*

4 points

Question 10

The Indian Ocean tsunami that struck on Boxing Day in 2004 killed approximately 225000 people across which 14 countries?

Answer: Indonesia (167000+), Sri Lanka (35000+), India (16000+), Thailand (8000+), Myanmar (400+), Somalia (289), Maldives (108), Malaysia (75), Tanzania (13), Seychelles (3), Bangladesh (2), South Africa (2), Yemen (2), Kenya (1)

14 points

Round 4 points
(Maximum: 29)

Total points
(Maximum: 98)

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 people all have a common name, which appears as either a first name or surname . What is it?

Clue 1

Groom, author of the Forrest Gump book upon which the 1994 film is based

10 points

Clue 2

Harry, American known as The King of Diamonds who donated the Hope Diamond to the Smithsonian

9 points

Clue 3

Marshall, British guitarist for the band Mumford & Sons

8 points

Clue 4

Duke, Tobagonian actor who played M'Baku in the Marvel franchise and Gabe in the 2019 horror Us

7 points

Clue 5

Robert, British doctor, IVF specialist, and member of the House of Lords

6 points

Clue 6

Zeddemore, the fourth person to join the Ghostbusters team in the 1984 film and played by Ernie Hudson

5 points

Clue 7

Jameis, NFL quarterback drafted number one overall by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 2015

4 points

Clue 8

Wolf, fixer in 1994 film Pulp Fiction

3 points

Clue 9

Smith, protagonist in George Orwell's novel Nineteen Eighty-Four

2 points

Clue 10

Churchill, twice UK Prime Minister and winner of the 1953 Nobel Prize for Literature

Answer: Winston

1 point

Round 5 points
(Maximum: 10)

Total points
(Maximum: 108)