

# THE BIG QUIZ by FreePubQuiz.co.uk

## Round 1 - General Knowledge

1. What colour is the upholstery in the House of Commons?
2. In which country is the bridge over the river Kwai?
3. What word goes with friend, lord, and war to make a new word?
4. In which decade did the composers Holst, Delius and Elgar all die?
5. Which organisation's motto is 'Blood and Fire'?
6. A stock market crash in 1883 provoked whom to give up stock broking and paint full-time?
7. What is the profession of Beverly Cobella, Trevor Sobbie and Mark Hill?
8. What relation is the present Queen to Queen Victoria?
9. Who was archaeologist Max Mallowan married to?
10. In which city was Tony Blair born?

## Answers Round 1:

1. Green
2. Thailand
3. Ship
4. 1930s
5. The Salvation Army
6. Paul Gauguin
7. Hairdressers
8. Great-great-grand-daughter
9. Agatha Christie
10. Edinburgh

## Round 2 - Animals and Nature

1. What type of tree is often found in churchyards?
2. The fastest fish is the sailfish, what is the slowest?
3. Ribbon, Harp, Elephant and Leopard are all types of what animal?
4. What's the most common collective noun for a group of owls?
5. What plant has flowers but no leaves?
6. Which physiologist first documented the concept of classical conditioning in his experiments with dogs?
7. True or False. Most fish can swim backwards?
8. The silkworm eats the leaves of which tree?
9. What is the common name for the plant Toxicodendron radicans?
10. Old Man's Beard and Traveller's Joy are names for a variety of which flower?

## Answers Round 2:

1. The Yew
2. Seahorse
3. Seal

4. Parliament
5. Cactus
6. Ivan Pavlov
7. False
8. Mulberry
9. Poison Ivy
10. Clematis

### **Round 3 - Geography**

1. Lesotho is completely surrounded by which country?
2. In which country would you find The Great Sandy desert?
3. In which English county would you find Leeds castle?
4. What African country is directly north of Nigeria?
5. Which English county was the birthplace of Agatha Christie, Captain Scott and Sue Barker?
6. In Wiltshire what two words would come after the tourist attractions: Broad Town, Devizes, Pewsey and Westbury?
7. Which London bridge, the longest over the Thames, was originally known as the Strand Bridge before being renamed in 1816?
8. The Shortest place name in the world is 'A' and is located in both Sweden and Norway. In Scandinavian what does 'A' mean?
9. Which island is the biggest in the Mediterranean Sea?
10. Which European capital city is 199 miles from London as the crow flies?

### **Answers Round 3:**

1. South Africa
2. Australia
3. Kent
4. Niger
5. Devon
6. White Horse
7. Waterloo
8. River
9. Sicily
10. Brussels

### **Round 4 - America**

1. During which month of the year is Thanksgiving?
2. Name the second most populated state in America?
3. How many stripes are there in the American flag?
4. The third largest city in Illinois shares its name with a famous TV detective, what is it?
5. In which New York borough is John F. Kennedy International Airport?
6. What day is celebrated on the last Monday in May?
7. Which well-known U.S. brand name is associated with motor homes?
8. Which American state has more active volcanoes than all other states combined?

9. Which US state is nicknamed the Beaver State?
10. Which former U.S. President has painted portraits of world leaders, including Vladimir Putin and Tony Blair?

#### **Answers Round 4:**

1. November
2. Texas
3. 13
4. Rockford
5. Queens
6. Memorial Day
7. Winnebago
8. Alaska
9. Oregon
10. George W. Bush

#### **Round 5 - General Knowledge**

1. In which Dickens' novel does Sam Weller appear?
2. Which fifties singer had a hit with 'Rawhide'?
3. Who did American singer Katy Perry marry in 2010?
4. In which cathedral is St. Cuthbert's tomb?
5. Who was the architect who designed the Millennium Dome?
6. Give the alternative name for the Mountain Ash tree?
7. What did Igor Sikorsky build?
8. In which English county is the television drama series 'Doc Martin' set?
9. Who might make use of a maulstick?
10. What name is the Jamaican tangelo fruit better known as?

#### **Answers Round 5:**

1. Pickwick Papers
2. Frankie Lane
3. Russell Brand
4. Durham
5. Richard Rogers
6. Rowan
7. Helicopters
8. Cornwall
9. Artist
10. Ugli fruit

#### **Round 6 - Food and Drink**

1. What animal is used in France to detect truffles?
2. Stella Artois was originally brewed in which country?
3. What fruit is Calvados distilled from?

4. What is the name of the traditional Irish potato and cabbage dish?
5. How many gallons are there in a firkin of beer?
6. Most of which African country's wine is produced in Cap Bon?
7. What fruit is a cross between a grapefruit, tangerine, and orange?
8. What is the name given to the Scandinavian dish of raw pickled salmon with mustard and dill sauce?
9. What is the Chinese word for tea?
10. What name is given to a bundle of herbs usually tied together with string and mainly used to prepare soup, stock, and various stews?

### **Answers Round 6:**

1. Pigs
2. Belgium
3. Apples
4. Colcannon
5. Nine
6. Tunisia
7. Ugli fruit
8. Gravlax
9. Cha
10. Bouquet garni

### **Round 7 - Science**

1. Which scientific word when translated means 'anything that can produce disease'?
2. Which scientist is said to have shouted out 'Eureka!'?
3. What science fiction writer wrote the three laws of robotics?
4. What is the chemical symbol for gold?
5. Which chemical element has the symbol 'V'?
6. Deimos and Phobos are moons of what planet?
7. What is the second most common gas found in the air we breathe?
8. Electric power is typically measured in what units?
9. What is the human body's biggest organ?
10. Which modern scientific 7-letter word is Latin for 'amount'?

### **Answers Round 7:**

1. Pathogen
2. Archimedes
3. Isaac Asimov
4. Au
5. Vanadium
6. Mars
7. Oxygen
8. Watts
9. The skin
10. Quantum

## Round 8 - Literature

1. Who wrote six romance novels under the name Mary Westmacott?
2. The novel Trainspotting is set in which Scottish city?
3. Which author invented the words 'hurry' and 'boredom'?
4. Which Bronte sister wrote The Tenant of Wildfell Hall?
5. How was Mrs Hugh McCorquodale better known in the literary world until her death in 2000?
6. Who wrote the book 'Moll Flanders'?
7. Which comedian wrote the book and the play called 'Popcorn'?
8. In Peter Pan, what is the name of Captain Hook's ship?
9. Who wrote the poem 'The Owl and the Pussycat'?
10. Which Disney film was inspired by a fairy tale by author Charles Perrault?

## Answers Round 8:

1. Agatha Christie
2. Edinburgh
3. William Shakespeare
4. Anne
5. Barbara Cartland
6. Daniel Defoe
7. Ben Elton
8. The Jolly Roger
9. Edward Lea
10. Cinderella

## Round 9 - General Knowledge

1. Tennis star Pam Shriver was married for 6 years to which James Bond actor?
2. Near which major British city is the Cadbury World visitor attraction?
3. What nationality of former politician Nick Clegg's wife Miriam?
4. What name was Shirley Crabtree better known by?
5. Name the fourth planet from the Sun, which is also the second smallest planet in the Solar System?
6. Annie Elizabeth and Laxton's Superb are varieties of which fruit?
7. Specifically, what type of ships are the Carl Vinson, Abraham Lincoln and George Washington?
8. Which train departs from Kings Cross Station on Platform 9 and 3/4?
9. What colour is the middle vertical stripe in the Irish flag?
10. In which year did Prince William marry Catherine Middleton?

## Answers Round 9:

1. George Lazenby
2. Birmingham
3. Spanish
4. Big Daddy
5. Mars
6. Apple

7. Aircraft Carriers
8. Hogwart's Express
9. White
10. 2011

### **Round 10 - History**

1. What historic demolition began in November 1989?
2. In World War II, on what exact date did D-Day occur?
3. What was William Wilberforce influential in ending?
4. Who was the last U.S. president elected in the 19th century?
5. When Henry VIII died in 1547, who became king at nine years of age?
6. What territory did Britain gain at the Treaty of Berlin in 1878?
7. When anaesthetic was used for the first time in childbirth in 1847, the mother was so amazed and relieved at how painless the birth was what did she name her child?
8. Doctor Peter Mark Roget was born on 18 January 1779 in London but what his he best known for today?
9. Which Scottish national hero inflicted a famous defeat on Edward I's army at Stirling Bridge?
10. Who was famously born in Pella, the ancient capital of Macedonia in July 356 BC?

### **Answers Round 10:**

1. The fall of the Berlin Wall
2. June 6th, 1944
3. Slavery
4. William McKinley
5. Edward VI
6. Cyprus
7. Anaesthesia
8. The Thesaurus
9. William Wallace
10. Alexander the Great

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