

Quiz Two

History

1. Richard III died at the Battle of Bosworth - commonly accepted as the last battle in the War of the Roses. But where was the war's first battle?

- A) St Albans
- B) Ludford Bridge
- C) Wakefield

2. Who is the only British prime minister to have been assassinated?

- A) William Pitt the Elder
- B) Spencer Perceval
- C) George Canning

3. "If I have seen further it is by standing on the shoulders of giants" is a line which is (partially) inscribed on the side of the £2 coin, and which was also referenced in an Oasis LP title. But which British scientist is it ascribed to?

- A) Isaac Newton
- B) William Faraday
- C) Ada Lovelace

4. According to legend, Queen Boudica - who took up arms against the Roman invasion in AD60 - is said to be buried under a platform of which London train station?

- A) Paddington
- B) King's Cross
- C) Victoria

5. Which English monarch died on the toilet?

- A) Elizabeth I
- B) George II
- C) Edward III

6. Which infamous incident of treachery in Scotland is said to have inspired the extremely bloody "Red Wedding" massacre scene in the TV series Game of Thrones?

- A) The Black Dinner of 1440
- B) The Glencoe Massacre of 1692
- C) The murder of Lord Darnley in 1567

7. Which town was the seat of Welsh leader's Owain Glyndwr's Parliament in 1404 and is sometimes referred to as Wales's ancient capital?

- A) Aberystwyth
- B) Lampeter
- C) Machynlleth

8. Who was the first woman elected as an MP in the British parliament?

- A) Constance Markievicz
- B) Nancy, Viscountess Astor
- C) Ellen Wilkinson

9. What was the occupation of William Shakespeare's father?

- A) Fuller
- B) Glover
- C) Bowyer

10. In the run-up World War Two, Bawdsey Manor in Suffolk was associated with the development of which technology?

- A) Computers
- B) Atomic power
- C) Radar

11. Charles Dickens's historical novel Barnaby Rudge is set during which historical event?

- A) The Gordon riots of 1780
- B) The Spitalfield riots of 1769

C) The Sacheverell riots of 1710

12. The Fosse Way was a Roman road which connected Exeter with which other settlement?

A) Colchester

B) London

C) Lincoln

Geography

1. What is the only country with a coastline on both the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf?

2. Which river flows through Paris?

3. Where in the British isles is Lady Isabella, the world's largest working water wheel?

4. What is the capital city of Slovenia, formerly part of the state of Yugoslavia?

5. Which European country shares its border with the most neighbours (nine)?

6. Which Asian country is bigger than France, Spain and Germany combined but has a population of little over two million?

7. What is Europe's largest port?

8. Hamilton is the capital of which island in the North Atlantic Ocean?

9. In which country is the UK's highest mountain, Ben Nevis?

10. Mount Vesuvius overlooks which modern Italian city?

Science and Nature

1. What does USB stand for when used to describe the connection standard used between computers and smartphones and their devices?

2. 'Zr' is the symbol for which chemical element?

3. In which modern-day country was the physicist and chemist Marie Curie born?

4. Which is the largest internal organ in the human body?

5. Which type of creature is a Barramundi?

6. Which geological era came first: Mesozoic, Paleozoic or Cenozoic?

7. In which century was Sir Isaac Newton born?

8. What was the first name of the American astronomer after whom the Hubble telescope was named?

9. Bill Gates is famous for being one of the founders of Microsoft, but who was the other co-founder?
10. How many wings does a mosquito have?

Art and Literature

Who wrote these famous works of literature?

1. Invisible Man (1952)
2. Mrs Dalloway (1925)
3. A Journey to the Centre of the Earth (1864)
4. The Sound and the Fury (1929)
5. In Search of Lost Time (À la recherche du temps perdu – Also translated as 'Remembrance of Things Past – 7 volumes between 1871 and 1922)
6. Gulliver's Travels (1726)
7. The Trial (1925)
8. Beloved (1987)
9. Midnight's Children (1981)
10. The Old Man and the Sea (1951)

Sport

1. Which British sportsman had a massive rivalry with Jurgen Hingsen?
2. What is known colloquially as 'the Bible of Cricket'?
3. In the Tour de France who wears a white jersey with red polka dots?
4. The game of snooker originated in which country in the latter half of the 19th century?
5. What name does England rugby coach Eddie Jones use to describe his match-day replacements?

6. Which country is home to Europe's finest basketball league?
7. Which athlete was stripped of her 3 gold and 2 bronze medals won in the 2000 Sydney Olympics after admitting the use of steroids?
8. Who was Formula One World Drivers' Champion four times from 2010 to 2013? And which racing team did he drive for?
9. What is the national sport of Papua New Guinea?
10. Who was top scorer in the 1996 Football World Cup tournament?
11. How many of the English team that won the World Cup in 1966 can you name?
12. Name the starting XV in England's Rugby World Cup final victory of 2003. A member of the 1966 squad and a member of the 2003 squad are related. Who are the relatives and what is the relationship?

Name that tune !

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