

Quiz

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. Name the Commonwealth prime ministers who have served 101 sentences for political activity.
2. The Yen is the Japanese currency. What is a Sen?
3. All titles of Galt, of a UNICEF, (b) GATT, (c) NATO, (d) ICAM.
4. When did the Korean war start?
5. Switzerland has four official languages: French, German, Italian and —?
6. The Prime Minister of Britain lives at No. 10, Downing Street. What is the Chancellor of the Exchequer's live?
7. What part is Ernest Cuninghame in the International Geophysical Year?
8. Only two foreigners are members of Britain's covered order of Merit. Who are they?
9. Scientists last year received a radio "message" from one of the most distant planets in the Solar System. Which planet did the message come from?
10. For centuries no one could the message come and what understand how the great statue of Easter Island were erected. Last year the secret was discovered. Who discovered it? What was it?

11. What is "Fiddler's Green"?
12. The deepest spot in the world's oceans is about seven miles below sea level. Where is it?
13. President Eisenhower was attacked earlier this year by one of his brothers for trying to spend too much of taxpayers' money. What is his brother's name and what does he do for a living?
14. Of the world's seven highest structures, six are in the United States. Name the one that is not.
15. American architect Frank Lloyd Wright has recently completed plans for a building that will be 3½ times as high as the Empire State Building, now the highest building in the world. About how high is the Empire State Building?
16. The most spectacular peacetime sea disaster since the sinking of the Titanic took place last year when two liners collided. What were their names? Where did they collide? Which ship sank?
17. Who invented the jet engine?



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18. What scientist in the 1920s made one of the most momentous discoveries in human history and thought it would never be of any practical value?
19. Complete these famous couples: (a) Sherlock Holmes and —, (b) Antoinette and —, (c) Don Quixote and —.
20. A great German philosopher was so essential that the townsfolk used to set their watches by the time he passed by on his afternoon walk. Who was he?

STAGE AND SCREEN

21. Laurence Olivier and Vivien Leigh toured internationally in a rare production of Shakespeare's goriest drama. Can you name it?
22. In Broadway's peak season — 1927-28 — 66 theatrical productions were classed as "successful." How many were qualified as "successful" in the 1955 season? (a) 50, (b) 37, (c) 28.
23. Which film won most Motion Picture Academy Awards (Oscars) this year?
24. The United States, Japan and India (in that order) are the countries which produce the longest footage of films. Which country is fourth?
25. Many notable books have been written around the plot of widely diverse people being brought together by unusual circumstances in strange surroundings. One, by John Steinbeck, has recently been successfully filmed. Can you name it?
26. A recently widely-acclaimed film, which has been hever left the room in which the entire action took place. What was it called?
27. Which of Shakespeare's plays was performed in Europe by the Stratford-on-Avon company in Japanese costume?
28. Terence Rattigan wrote the script of a film in which Sir Laurence Olivier and Marilyn Monroe co-starred. Its title, please.
29. Two of Tennessee Williams' plays have won Pulitzer Prizes. Can you name them?
30. Dublin police raided a theatre showing a Tennessee Williams play. They thought it famous. What was its title?
31. Earlier this year, a famous London theatre was the centre of a controversy that resulted in Vivien Leigh being ejected from the public gallery of the House of Lords. What was the theatre and why was it in the news?
32. Most of John Steinbeck's stories are set in the valley in which he lived for most of his life. What is it called and where is it?
33. The Russians recently revealed that five and a half million copies of books by Canadian authors have been sold in their country in recent years. Name books head the list. But, nature books very closely are the works of a humorist. Who was he?

34. What is the "hugey" process in film-making?
35. His only "prop" is a piano. His one-man shows run for two and a half hours. He is probably one of the funniest men alive — and is reputed to have the highest salary to show business. Name him.
36. An actress playing Sati Joan in a film was literally buried at the stake and had to be rescued by her "executioners." Who is she?
37. "Ninotchka," a famous Garbo film, has been regarded as a musical. Can you give its new name?
38. Bernard Shaw drama has also reappeared — on the stage — as a musical. Can you name the drama and the musical?

- ## LITERATURE AND ART
41. Jacob Epstein has said that one of his most recent sculptures is also his greatest testament of faith. What is it?
 42. His black-cladging campaign, often on posters, among the world's best-known magicians. Name him.
 43. Benjamin Britten wrote an opera to celebrate the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. Can you name it?
 44. And the name of the opera played to celebrate the opening of the Suez Canal?
 45. The centenary of a famous British playwright was celebrated last. Whose?
 46. When the Moscow Bolshoi Ballet visited Britain late last year, Londoners saw for the first time the world's greatest ballerina. Who she?
 47. A famous British writer, author of "The Horse's Mouth" and many other well-known novels, died this year. Who was he?
 48. An elderly American lady became a celebrity because of her "primitive" paintings. Name, please.
 49. A musical work by Prokofiev is "scored" for a narration. What is it called?
 50. Whether it is a new art form or not, television has already given many new words and phrases to the English language. Can you say what these American TV expressions mean: Beer-casting; Toll Video; Soap sudsder.
 51. A famous poem provided the name of a kind of headgear and the name of a ship in the news this year. Names, please?
 52. Best known, perhaps, for his great series of narrative pictures, like "The Rake's Progress," he is sometimes said to have originated a truly native school of English painting. Who was he?
 53. This young authoress shot to fame when she published "Bonjour Tristesse." Later, she wrote "A Certain Smile." Who is she?
 54. What, in ballet, is an entrechat?
 55. Dylan Thomas' widow, Caitlín, wrote a book describing her life with the turbulent Welsh poet. What was it called?
 56. What famous piece of music

was reported to have been described by its composer as "a study in monotony and discord"?

39. Alexandre Dumas is supposed to have been the world's most prolific writer. How many books did he write? (a) 1200, (b) 7200, (c) 500.

40. A famous Churchman's murder mysteries are still listed among the "greats" of thrillers. Who is he?

HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY

61. When it was re-occupied by the British at the end of the war, Hong Kong's population was 600,000. At the last count it was over (a) 750,000, (b) 2,500,000, (c) 1,500,000.

62. What was "Operation Sealion"?

63. Where in the world might you be in danger of being frozen to death and broiled alive by the elements on the same day?

64. There have been 43 British Prime Ministers. Which Prime Minister had the shortest term? How long did he serve?

65. Of the 33 Presidents of the United States, James Garfield, who was assassinated in 1881, died youngest. He was 49. Which President lived longest? How old was he when he died?

66. Most countries have an outlaw-jero, real or mythical. To which countries do these belong: (a) Robin Hood, (b) William Tell, (c) Rob Roy, (d) Ned Kelly.

67. Where is the lowest land in the world?

68. Karl Marx owed his livelihood and a good deal of his philosophical inspiration to a Manchester capitalist. Who was he?

69. Field-Marshal Montgomery recently said that had he been around and had the power, he would have sacked both the generals who fought the famous Battle of Gettysburg in the American Civil War. Name one of them.

70. The Saarland which has 1008 people to the square mile is one of the most crowded places in Europe. But the most crowded country in Europe has 40 times as many people to the square mile. What is it?

71. A speech made on February 9, 1950 at Wheeling, West Virginia, began with these words: "I have in my hand fifty-seven names. . . . It had a profound effect on the subsequent domestic history of the United States. Who made it? What was it about?"

72. The French national anthem is called the "Marseillaise." Why?

73. Which people were described as "a nation of shopkeepers"?

74. Two British Foreign Secretaries and two American Secretaries of State have been awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace in the last 25 years. Can you name one of each?

75. The name of the world's longest river means "the water which seems to have no end." What is it called on the maps?

76. Over half of Paraguay's male population died in a war fought in the last century. What was it over?

77. Niagara Falls in Canada and Victoria Falls in Rhodesia are the world's best known waterfalls. But where is the highest waterfall in the world?

78. Hitler is supposed to have been a paper hanger before he came to power. What did Mussolini and Stalin do before they turned to politics?

79. If you were to travel from London to Moscow in a straight line, how many countries would you pass through?

80. London and New York vie for the title of "most populous city." What is the third most populous city?

81. Which sports take place at (a) Trent Bridge, (b) Yankee Stadium, (c) Forest Hills, (d) Cowes?

82. In which sport might you get a birdie if you just missed an eagle?

83. Who was the tallest world heavyweight boxing champion? (a) Primo Carnera, (b) Jess Willard, (c) Joe Louis, (d) Jack Johnson.

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85. Which country has entered for an Olympic team event six times and won it every time? What was the event?

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dividual Australian test score?

98. What happened when Gentleman Jim met John L. Sullivan?

99. Where did (a) basketball, (b) ice-hockey originate?

100. Who won the world table tennis championship at the age of 19 and went on to win the Wimbledon singles title three times?

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Before the flame was in the east,
Before the cock should crow,
I rose, I felt upon my cheek
The first sharp flakes of snow,
And heard the north wind blow.

I took no lantern for my feet,
So well they knew the way,
Out to the barn, I went, to see
The oxen kneel and pray —
It being Christmas Day.

Each in his place they stood,
And turned
Their mild soft eyes on me,
And whether they were risen
From prayer
Or had not bowed the knee,
Was more than I could see.

But as I met their gentle gaze,
My own check was not dry,
I knelt to Christ among the beasts,
Less blind of heart than I.
And wept, I well knew why.

More than my home, more than my heart,
(Both crammed with worth
Less things)
The stable seemed a fitting roof
For shepherds-saints and King,
And folded angel-wings.

To such a place of innocence
Although it be not broad,
Might come the holy ones of God,
Might come the purple-shod,
To kneel and gaze on God.

—Audrey Alexandra Brown

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