Printed Quiz | Secondary Schools | KS3 Curriculum | 2 Teams (13)

About This Quiz:
This printed quiz is for use with primary school students in 2 opposing teams and assumes that a quiz master will read out the questions. The questions are a mix of KS3 curriculum subjects and general knowledge appropriate for this age group. The Education Quizzes website contains many different school quizzes that can be used by teachers free of charge.

Notes for Quiz-Master:
1 Red text describes the different sections of the quiz
2 Bold, black text are questions
3 Normal, black text are answers
4 Blue text are descriptions of themes that need to be read to the contestants
5 Boxes to the left of the answers are for score recording
3 questions addressed to most senior member of Team A

1. The following grammatically incorrect question ends with what type of word - "Where is she at?"
   A. Preposition

2. The cycle journey from Peter's home to school takes 57 minutes. What time does he have to leave home to be at school by ten to nine in the morning?
   A. 07:53 a.m.

3. In a field, why would there be fewer daisies under a tree?
   A. Not enough light

3 questions addressed to most senior member of Team B

4. Speaking purely for social purposes or for the sake of interacting is known as what?
   B. Phatic communication

5. A two-dimensional shape has something that a one-dimensional straight line does not have. What is it?
   B. Area

6. A ray of light is shone onto a plane mirror with an angle of incidence of 32 degrees. What is the angle between the reflected ray and the normal?
   B. 32 degrees

3 questions addressed to second most senior member of Team A

7. Find the modal verbs in the following sentences. Can you pass me the salt please? I might need it.
   A. Can, might

8. Travelling in a car along a motorway at an average speed of 60 miles per hour, how long will it take to travel 210 miles?
   A. 3.5 hours

9. Which type of rock has been formed from hot liquid rock called magma?
   A. Igneous

3 questions addressed to second most senior member of Team B

10. What is the name of a highly-informal language which can include elements of jargon, neologism and colloquialism?
    B. Slang

11. At 01:30 p.m. what will be the time shown by a 24 hour digital clock?
    B. 13:30
12 Which two substances are used in photosynthesis?

B Carbon dioxide and water (light energy is needed but it's a form of energy, not a substance)

3 questions addressed to third most senior member of Team A

13 See if you can find the pronouns in the following sentence. The cousins came to tea with us; we played cricket too.

A us, we

14 An equilateral triangle has how many lines of symmetry?

A 3

15 What name is given to an agent that either kills or inhibits the growth of a microorganism?

A Antibiotic

3 questions addressed to third most senior member of Team B

16 You have been asked to write a letter to the council against a recent decision to close parks at 5pm. Who would be your audience?

B Councillors

17 Three-dimensional solids have something that two-dimensional shapes do not. What is it?

B Volume

18 Animals with a backbone are called what?

B Vertebrates

3 questions addressed to fourth most senior member of Team A

19 How do you spell VACUUM (a space that is devoid of matter)?

A VACUUM

20 Is 66 a multiple of 3 and 11?

A Yes

21 Which organ is MOST damaged by smoking?

A Lungs

3 questions addressed to fourth most senior member of Team B

22 Complete this popular simile. She is as sly as a what?

B Fox
23. Which distance is longer: 10 miles or 10 kilometres?
   B  10 miles

24. The Needles, situated off the Isle of Wight, are made of which sedimentary rock?
   B  Chalk / calcium carbonate

25. What weapon was used for the first time at the 2nd Battle of Ypres?
   A  Poison gas

26. Land between opposing trenches was known as what?
   A  No man's land

27. The British ocean liner, RMS Lusitania, was sunk by what?
   A  German U-boat/submarine

28. Government information to influence public feeling about the war was called
   B  Propaganda

29. Someone who would not fight because they thought war was wrong was known as what?
   B  Conscientious objector / pacifist

30. A country that does not take sides in a war is called what?
    B  Neutral

Now we'll take a look at Percentages. Work it out before you buzz

31. What is 75% of £440?
   A  £330

32. Jonah is baking cakes and needs 35% of a bag of sugar weighing 240 g. How many grams should Jonah use?
   A  84 g

33. What is 86% of 200?
   A  172
3 questions addressed to Team B

34. What is 15% of 3,000 light years?
   B 450 light years

35. What is 5% of 84 kg?
   B 4.2 kg

36. To find the result of decreasing a number by 7% you can multiply it by what?
   B 0.93

Listen carefully. I want you to tell me all the adjectives in the following sentences.

3 questions addressed to Team A

37. Cheap biscuits are good but expensive ones are better.
   A Cheap, good, expensive, better

38. The colourful bird perched on the highest leafy branch.
   A colourful, highest, leafy

39. A small grey mouse frightened the timid little child.
   A small, grey, timid, little

3 questions addressed to Team B

40. The quick brown fox jumped over the slow white dog.
   B quick, brown, slow, white

41. This bag is heavy but that bag is light.
   B heavy, light

42. The long transporter delivered the new car today.
   B long, new

58 questions of "Finger on the buzzer"

43. Two sky divers have set a new world record by diving of the world's tallest building. In which country is this building?
   A B Dubai

44. Which are the main two colours of the Ulster flag?
   A B Red and yellow

45. In jazz, what is a blue note?
   A B note played a bit lower than its pitch in a major scale
46 Spell "Dissolve"
A  B  DISSOLVE

47 What term is used in tennis for 40-40?
A  B  Deuce

48 What is the capital city of Peru?
A  B  Lima

49 Old English, Middle English and Modern English: what are these periods referring to?
A  B  Language

50 Spell "Laughing"
A  B  LAUGHING

51 According to the proverb, what plays when the cat's away?
A  B  The mice

52 Which Shakespeare character gave the "To be or not to be" speech?
A  B  Hamlet

53 Which movie series has a second movie called "Catching Fire"?
A  B  The Hunger Games

54 What is the emergency phone number in the US?
A  B  911

55 What is the Spanish word for blue?
A  B  Azule

56 Where does a gopher make its home?
A  B  Underground

57 Which #1 phone app included a bird which you tap in order to keep up in the air?
A  B  Flappy Bird

58 What was the first animal to be domesticated?
A  B  Dog

59 The leaf from which tree is a logo for Air Canada?
A  B  Maple
60 What links a group of whales to a group of peas?
A B They both collect in pods

61 What part of the body is known as the thorax?
A B Chest

62 Which punctuation mark would an American call a period?
A B Full stop

63 What have you betrayed if you commit treason?
A B Country / sovereign

64 The arrival of the Wise Men (Magi) to visit the baby Jesus is also known as what?
A B Epiphany

65 What colour are telephone boxes in France?
A B Yellow

66 What name is given to the positive electrode of a battery?
A B Anode

67 Which sport includes sculls, stroke and slides?
A B Rowing

68 A rare animal was born in Mexico recently. It is a cross between a donkey and a what?
A B Zebra

69 Which Rebecca Black song has 63,000,000 views on Youtube?
A B Friday

70 In Music, what type of passage brings a section to a conclusion?
A B A Coda

71 What is the highest point in Turkey?
A B Mount Ararat

72 The Sealed Knot Society re-enacts what?
A B Battles of the English Civil War

73 Which English county boasts the longest coastline?
A B Cornwall
74. What did the football Premier League set a record for in the 2013-14 football season?
   A. Transfers and player spending
   B. 

75. What is the UK’s 2nd largest city after London?
   A. Birmingham
   B. 

76. Sculptures of which animals lie at the base of Nelson’s Column?
   A. Lions
   B. 

77. “The Tales of Hoffman” was a work by which composer?
   A. Jacques Offenbach
   B. 

78. Which organ in the body produces bile?
   A. Liver
   B. 

79. You would address the Queen as ‘Your Majesty’; how would you address an Archbishop?
   A. Your Grace
   B. 

80. Who is killed if regicide is committed?
   A. A king or queen
   B. 

81. What is the name of Peter Pan’s piratical enemy?
   A. Captain Hook
   B. 

82. Two or more rhythms sounding simultaneously is called what?
   A. polyrhythmic
   B. 

83. What famous structure was built on Salisbury Plain in the third millennium BC?
   A. Stonehenge
   B. 

84. Name any one of the two official languages of Haiti?
   A. French or Creole
   B. 

85. Which special mouth parts inject poison into prey?
   A. Fangs
   B. 

86. What is the Italian word for a goat?
   A. una capra
   B. 

87. Within how many years must an election be held in Britain?
   A. Five
   B. 

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88. The Battle of Hastings was not fought in Hastings, but took place near which present-day town?
   A  B  Battle

89. What do Australians call a budgerigar?
   A  B  Parakeet

90. The North American brown bear is also known by what name?
   A  B  Grizzly

91. What is the German word for orange?
   A  B  Orange

92. What type of person was Laughing in the famous portrait?
   A  B  Cavalier

93. Which two breeds of dog do not have pink tongues?
   A  B  Chow & Shar Pei

94. What is a marmoset?
   A  B  A monkey

95. Where in Britain is Europe's second tallest building?
   A  B  London (London Bridge - the Shard)

96. Nearly 6 million Jews were murdered in an attempt to destroy Judaism. What is the name given to this terrible event?
   A  B  The Holocaust

97. How many holes are there on a standard golf course?
   A  B  18

98. In Music, what is a cadenza?
   A  B  Generally a technical passage played by soloists

99. What is an appaloosa?
   A  B  A horse

100. In which country are the holy cities of Mecca and Medina?
    A  B  Saudi Arabia