Printed Quiz | Secondary Schools | KS3 Curriculum | 2 Teams (15)

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. What word am I? My synonym is 'astute' and I rhyme with food.
   A  Shrewd

2. Sally and Fiona share an amount of money in the ratio two to three. If Sally gets £110, how much does Fiona get?
   A  £165

3. What is the diaphragm?
   A  a sheet of muscle under the lungs

3 questions addressed to most senior member of Team B

4. What does the word REFRACTION mean?
   B  Bending of light

5. What do you do first to find the median of a set of randomly distributed data?
   B  Put data values in order of size

6. A bus takes 2 hours to travel 40,000 metres. The average speed of the bus in km/h is what?
   B  20km/h

3 questions addressed to second most senior member of Team A

7. What word am I? I have a partner and I rhyme with mouse.
   A  Spouse

8. What is -84 divided by -3?
   A  28

9. In terms of electricity, what does AC stand for?
   A  Alternating current

3 questions addressed to second most senior member of Team B

10. What word am I? My synonym is fashion and I rhyme with friend.
    B  Trend

11. What is the next number in this sequence: 1, 4, 9, 16?
    B  25

12. How many main enzymes does the pancreas make?
    B  Three (lipase, amylase and proteases)
3 questions addressed to third most senior member of Team A

13. What does the word SYNONYMOUS mean?
   - A  Having a similar meaning

14. What is twice the amount of 345?
   - A  690

15. A box weighs 60 Newtons. The dimensions of the base are 3m by 2m. What is the total pressure of the box on the ground?
   - A  10 Pascals

3 questions addressed to third most senior member of Team B

16. Spell TWELFTH
   - B  TWELFTH

17. If a = 15 and b = 31, what is the value of a + b + a?
   - B  61

18. Which is the MAIN energy transfer when a light bulb is switched on?
   - B  Electrical to light

3 questions addressed to fourth most senior member of Team A

19. What word am I? I fall from the clouds and I rhyme with dough.
   - A  Snow

20. How would you write 190 in Roman numerals?
   - A  CXC

21. True or False? Capillaries are very narrow blood vessels.
   - A  TRUE

3 questions addressed to fourth most senior member of Team B

22. Spell EXCEPT
   - B  EXCEPT

23. If a square has sides that are 13 cm long, what is its area?
   - B  169 cm squared

24. What is the most common metal found on Earth?
   - B  Iron
Now some Geography questions on the Water Cycle

3 questions addressed to Team A

25 When vegetation stops rain reaching the ground it is called what?
   A Interception

26 80% of the earth's precipitation falls directly where?
   A Into the sea

27 Surface water heated by the sun leads to what?
   A Evaporation

3 questions addressed to Team B

28 A hot summer day may lead to what type of rainfall?
   B Convection

29 Man-made attempts to form cloud and rain are called what?
   B Cloud seeding

30 Very high, thin wispy clouds have what name?
   B Cirrus

Be a busy bee and get these spelling questions correct!

3 questions addressed to Team A

31 How do you spell PILGRIMAGE (a journey made to a sacred place, or a religious journey)?
   A pilgrimage

32 How do you spell NERVOUS (apprehensive or anxious)?
   A nervous

33 How do you spell MYSTERY (something that baffles understanding)?
   A mystery

3 questions addressed to Team B

34 How do you spell METAPHOR (a figure of speech which makes an analogy between two objects or ideas)?
   B metaphor

35 How do you spell LISTENING (the act of hearing attentively)?
   B listening
36 How do you spell INSTANTANEOUS (without delay)?
B instantaneous

Some Music questions for you

3 questions addressed to Team A

37 In rock music, what is meant by 'lead'?
A A band member who sings/plays the main parts of the song

38 Where is a hook usually found in a pop song?
A The chorus

39 What is the literal meaning or translation of 'overture'?
A Opening

3 questions addressed to Team B

40 Can a concerto have more than one solo instrument?
B Yes

41 A soloist with outstanding ability is called a what?
B virtuoso

42 When was the 'baroque' era?
B c1600 - c1750 AD (some lee-way permissible at the discretion of the quizmaster)

58 questions of “Finger on the buzzer”

43 Bronze is an alloy of tin and which other metal?
A B Copper

44 What can be both a short jacket and a dance?
A B Bolero

45 "The Hobbit" is a prequel to what?
A B The Lord of the Rings

46 Who created and wrote the original 'Mr Men' books?
A B Roger Hargreaves

47 From the 14th century onwards where in London did large crowds gather for public hangings?
A B Tyburn (near the present day Marble Arch)
48. What are the two main ways snakes kill?
   A  B  Venom and Constriction

49. How many books are in the New Testament?
   A  B  27

50. Which country has a unit of currency called the Leone?
   A  B  Sierra Leone

51. What fungus is used in the bread making process?
   A  B  Yeast

52. The rice dish 'paella' comes from which country?
   A  B  Spain

53. How many horns does a Sumatran rhinoceros have?
   A  B  Two

54. When there are two full moons in the same month, what is the second called?
   A  B  A blue moon

55. What breed of dog is named after the former name for the city of Beijing?
   A  B  Pekinese

56. What's the French word for "tree"?
   A  B  arbre

57. What is the only 6-letter word in the English language ending in the letters 'mt'?
   A  B  Dreamt

58. Some versions of the Bible include extra books, most often in a section between the old and new testaments, called what?
   A  B  the apocrypha

59. What name is given to the nerve which carries signals from the retina to the brain?
   A  B  Optic nerve

60. What is the popular food used to carve jack-o-lanterns at Halloween?
   A  B  Pumpkins

61. What name is given to an elephant's upper incisor?
   A  B  Tusk
62. In military terms, what does A.W.O.L mean?
   A. Away (or absent) without leave
   B. Not applicable

63. Which is the longest bone in the human body?
   A. Femur (Thigh bone)
   B. Not applicable

64. What is the name of the earth's thin surface layer?
   A. Crust
   B. Not applicable

65. What is the Italian word for pie?
   A. Torta
   B. Not applicable

66. In which Century was Sikhism founded?
   A. 16th Century
   B. Not applicable

67. Which type of sugar is found in milk?
   A. Lactose
   B. Not applicable

68. Which animal is featured on the logo of the car manufacturer Porsche?
   A. Horse
   B. Not applicable

69. Which South American city has a famous Copacabana beach?
   A. Rio de Janeiro
   B. Not applicable

70. What is the smallest continent by area?
   A. Australia / Australasia
   B. Not applicable

71. What type of animal is the only land mammal native to New Zealand?
   A. Bats
   B. Not applicable

72. In what shape were churches built?
   A. a cross shape
   B. Not applicable

73. How many men have walked on the moon?
   A. 12
   B. Not applicable

74. Which band was Kurt Cobain the lead singer of?
   A. Nirvana
   B. Not applicable

75. Spell "Miscellaneous"
   A. MISCELLANEOUS
   B. Not applicable

76. In humans, where are the fontanelles?
   A. The skull
   B. Not applicable
77. Spell "Geographic"
   A  B  GEOGRAPHIC

78. Which is the world's largest predatory shark?
   A  B  The Great White

79. Which EU country has the smallest population of all the EU states?
   A  B  Malta

80. What are Alpha Centauri and Sirius?
   A  B  Stars

81. In the Bible, which giant was slain by David with a slingshot?
   A  B  Goliath

82. Which US state is the largest in area?
   A  B  Alaska

83. What is the term for a material that will break down naturally?
   A  B  Biodegradable

84. The facts to back up an idea are called what?
   A  B  Evidence

85. What is the capital of Latvia?
   A  B  Riga

86. What is driven by a mahout?
   A  B  An Elephant

87. Which Muppet lives in a bin on 'Sesame Street'?
   A  B  Oscar (the Grouch)

88. Citius Altius Fortius is the motto of what organisation?
   A  B  The Olympics (Faster, higher, stronger)

89. At the time of the Peasants' Revolt, England was at war with which country?
   A  B  France

90. Who flew so close to the sun that the wax on his wings began to melt?
   A  B  Icarus
91. Which animals can be affected by a disease called vives?
   A. Horses
   B. 

92. What is the name of the woven cloth on which artists apply their paint?
   A. Canvas
   B. 

93. Where is the Bay of Rainbows?
   A. On the moon
   B. 

94. In film, what does the boy in the DreamWorks logo usually hold in his hand?
   A. A fishing rod
   B. 

95. What is the Indian movie industry better known as?
   A. Bollywood
   B. 

96. Which label denotes ready-to-wear clothes designed by Giorgio Armani?
   A. Emporio Label
   B. 

97. Large wide tree roots above ground have what name?
   A. Buttress roots
   B. 

98. What's the Italian word for "grass"?
   A. erba
   B. 

99. Avion or l'avion is French for what mode of transportation?
   A. Plane
   B. 

100. Which members of the big cat family collect in a leap?
    A. Leopards
    B. 

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