Printed Quiz | Secondary Schools | KS3 Curriculum | 2 Teams (9)

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. How should the date be written in a formal letter?
   A. In numbers but with the month as a word

2. Sarah left her house to go shopping at 09:30 and returned at 16:45. How many hours and minutes was she away?
   A. 7 hours and 15 minutes

3. What are echoes?
   A. Reflections of sounds / repetition of sound

3 questions addressed to most senior member of Team B

4. Find the onomatopoeic words in the following sentence. Dogs splashed and sploshed in the burbling brook.
   B. splashed, sploshed, burbling

5. It takes 26 hours for the plane journey between London and Sydney. If the journey starts at 11:00 (GMT) on Tuesday then what time (in GMT) will it finish?
   B. 13:00 on Wednesday

6. Carbon and hydrogen are held together by which type of bonding?
   B. Covalent

3 questions addressed to second most senior member of Team A

7. When writing a formal letter, what should be at the top right of the letter?
   A. Sender address

8. A line which passes through the centre of a circle and joins two points on its circumference is called a what?
   A. Diameter

9. In the body, what are proteins used for?
   A. Growth and repair

3 questions addressed to second most senior member of Team B

10. Find the onomatopoeic words in the following sentence. The old chair rasped and creaked as it rocked.
    B. rasped, creaked

11. In navigation, bearings are always measured in which direction?
    B. Clockwise
12 Which is the MAIN energy transfer taking place when a gas fire burns?  
B Chemical to thermal

3 questions addressed to third most senior member of Team A

13 Which term describes the main part of a formal letter?  
A Body

14 How would you write 0.9 as a fraction?  
A Nine-tenths

15 Which is the MAIN energy transfer when a wind-up clockwork toy is released?  
A Elastic to kinetic

3 questions addressed to third most senior member of Team B

16 When writing a formal letter, what should be underneath the sender’s address?  
B Date

17 How is 166% written as a decimal?  
B 1.66

18 Wires are normally made from copper. Why?  
B copper is a very good conductor of electricity

3 questions addressed to fourth most senior member of Team A

19 Find the onomatopoeic word in the following sentence. The storm broke with rain and flashes of lightning.  
A flashes

20 When dividing decimals by 10, how many places do the digits move?  
A 1

21 Can sound travel through a vacuum?  
A No

3 questions addressed to fourth most senior member of Team B

22 What is the plural of ‘tooth’?  
B Teeth

23 What is 7.75 x 100?  
B 775
24 Of the following three, which is the most dense substance? - Aluminium: Water: Lead.

B Lead

These English questions will test you on Language Variation and Change

3 questions addressed to Team A

25 What is a freshly-coined word or phrase known as?

A Neologism

26 The particular way a language is pronounced by an individual or a group is known as what?

A Accent

27 What word is the modern equivalent of ‘thine’?

A Yours (your [singular] is wrong as that would be ‘thy’)

3 questions addressed to Team B

28 A specialist language/words which is/are not usually understood by those who are not members of the group using it is known as what?

B Jargon

29 In dictionary terms, words which are no longer commonly used are referred to as what?

B Archaic

30 Geoffrey Chaucer's The Canterbury Tales is written in what type of English?

B Middle English

How well do you know your history? These questions look at the reign of Elizabeth I

3 questions addressed to Team A

31 Mary Queen of Scots was executed at which castle?

A Fotheringay

32 A plot to murder Elizabeth and make Mary queen had what name?

A Babington Plot

33 At what age did Elizabeth become Queen?

A 25
3 questions addressed to Team B

34 Mary Queen of Scots was what relation to Elizabeth?
   B Cousin

35 Which wife of Henry VIII was Elizabeth's mother?
   B Anne Boleyn

36 What title did Elizabeth use as head of the Church of England?
   B Supreme Governor

Let's take a look at cloning

3 questions addressed to Team A

37 Adult cell cloning was first demonstrated in which animal?
   A Frogs

38 What is the word used to indicate the removal of a nucleus?
   A Enucleate

39 The animal that gives birth to the cloned animal is known as a what?
   A surrogate

3 questions addressed to Team B

40 In which part of the surrogate's body is the cloned animal grown?
   B Uterus (womb)

41 Which gamete cell is needed for cloning?
   B Egg

42 Cloning is an example of which type of reproduction?
   B Asexual

58 questions of "Finger on the buzzer"

43 Who won the British X-Factor in 2012?
   A Little Mix

44 What is another name for a lime tree?
   A Linden

45 Which of the disciples is sometimes referred to as 'The Beloved Disciple'?
   A John
46. What is the background colour of the United Nations flag?
   A  B  Light blue / blue

47. Which English county is completely surrounded by water?
   A  B  Isle of Wight

48. What is the Italian word for "orange"?
   A  B  arancione

49. Who is the current leader of the Labour Party?
   A  B  Edward Miliband

50. How many parts are there in an insect's body?
   A  B  Three

51. The sycamore is native to which continent?
   A  B  Europe

52. Which of the following is the odd one out: Justin Beiber, The Wanted or Take That
   A  B  Justin Beiber (Solo artist)

53. Which sign of the Zodiac is represented by a bull?
   A  B  Taurus

54. What is another name for an insect's feelers?
   A  B  Antennae

55. What name describes a crack in a glacier?
   A  B  Crevasse

56. This year a new campaign by the Vegan Society encouraged people to go vegan in January - what is the name of the campaign?
   A  B  Veganuary

57. What does the term metamorphis mean?
   A  B  Change of shape / change of state

58. Which Rupert founded Sky Television?
   A  B  Murdoch

59. Which genus of fruit does the kumquat belong to?
   A  B  Citrus (orange is a wrong answer)
60. **What colour are Smurfs?**
   - A  
   - B  
   - Blue

61. **Trees give out which gas?**
   - A  
   - B  
   - Oxygen

62. **Which reptiles camouflage themselves by changing colour?**
   - A  
   - B  
   - Chameleons

63. **The Industrial Revolution created which class?**
   - A  
   - B  
   - Working class / proletariat

64. **What is the collective name for a group of frogs?**
   - A  
   - B  
   - An army (or colony)

65. **Which creature gives its name to a type of diagram?**
   - A  
   - B  
   - Spider

66. **A diamond shape in a program flow chart shows what?**
   - A  
   - B  
   - A decision

67. **The Sikh place of worship is called a what?**
   - A  
   - B  
   - Gurdwara

68. **What does M stand for in NME?**
   - A  
   - B  
   - Musical

69. **Lots of web resources contain opinions. What is an opinion?**
   - A  
   - B  
   - Someone's point of view

70. **In which country was snooker invented?**
   - A  
   - B  
   - India

71. **In which century was the first circumnavigation of the earth?**
   - A  
   - B  
   - 16th century

72. **What can follow "milk" and "rag" in the plant world?**
   - A  
   - B  
   - "Wort"

73. **Which planet's moons have names of Shakespearean characters?**
   - A  
   - B  
   - Uranus
74. What sort of animal was Grizzly Adams?
   A Human
   B

75. What sort of Men were Bill and Ben?
   A Flower pot men
   B

76. In Music, what best describes the effect of a 'ritardando'?
   A Gradually getting slower
   B

77. In which country was Leonardo da Vinci born?
   A Italy
   B

78. Spell "Surrounded"
   A SURROUNDED
   B

79. IKEA was founded by Ingvar Kamprad, who was one of the world's richest people in 2013. How old was he when he founded the company?
   A 17 years old
   B

80. Spell "Specialise"
   A SPECIALISE / SPECIALIZE
   B

81. Which company recently unveiled a 'smart contact lens' to measure glucose levels?
   A Google
   B

82. Which beetle was sacred to the Egyptians?
   A Scarab
   B

83. Muslims believe there are how many Gods?
   A One
   B

84. What is the French word for "bird"?
   A l'oiseau
   B

85. Which planet lies between Venus and Mars?
   A Earth
   B

86. Which independent radio station specialises in classical music?
   A Classic FM
   B

87. The range of the pH scale is zero to what?
   A 10
   B
88. What is the capital city of Greece?  
   A  B  Athens

89. How many Apollo missions resulted in successful moon landings?  
   A  B  Six

90. What is to be found in a plant's anther?  
   A  B  Pollen

91. Which famous clipper in Greenwich became London's newest theatre venue in January?  
   A  B  The Cutty Sark

92. 'Kochel' numbers are usually associated with which composer?  
   A  B  Mozart

93. What is the national game of Japan?  
   A  B  Sumo wrestling

94. How many eyes does a bee have?  
   A  B  Five

95. Which childhood disease is also called varicella?  
   A  B  Chicken pox

96. What is the longest river in France?  
   A  B  The Loire

97. What group had a hit in 2013 with "Mermaid"?  
   A  B  Train

98. A person who studies fossils and prehistoric life such as dinosaurs is known as a what?  
   A  B  Paleontologist

99. What is 'vache' in French?  
   A  B  Cow

100. Which gentle water creature gives its name to a Florida river?  
     A  B  The Manatee