



BCPS Christmas

General Knowledge Competition 2009

Try to answer as many questions as you can.
You have 50 minutes (round 1) and 35 minutes in round 2

Seniors (Y7-8)

Section 1: Literature

1. What is the name of Macbeth's best friend?
2. Who wrote *Birdsong*?
3. To what type of animal was Robert Burns referring in his poem that starts 'Wee, sleekit, cowrin, tim'rous beastie... '?
4. Name the William Golding book about a group of boys stranded on a desert island.
5. In *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck, to which US state is the Joad family heading?

Section 2: Classical Music

6. In the orchestral brass family, which instrument has the lowest pitch?
7. Who wrote *Carnival of the Animals*?
8. Which wind instrument was introduced into the orchestra during the 18th century?
9. Whose last symphony is popularly known as the *Jupiter*?
10. What does the Italian term *doppio movimento* mean?

Section 3: Popular Music

11. Which band was formerly known as The Mullaney's?
12. Who sang the lyrics "I could be wholesome, I could be loathsome, I guess I'm a little bit shy?"
13. Elton John's hit, *Candle In The Wind*, was originally written about which famous actress?
14. Who did a duet with Take That on their hit, *Relight My Fire*?
15. Which female singer had a hit with a cover version of Prince's song, *Nothing Compares 2 U*?

Section 4: Art

16. Which colour is complementary to red?
17. What was Vincent Van Gogh's nationality?
18. Define the term monochrome.
19. Name the Turner Prize winning British artist, of Nigerian descent, who incorporated elephant dung in his painting 'No Woman No Cry'.
20. Decode this anagram to reveal the name of a painter...
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Section 5: Science

21. What is the name of the largest asteroid in our solar system?
22. What is the full name of DNA?
23. What is the name of the tissue that transports water from the roots to the leaves in plants?
24. What are the common names for the three bones of the middle ear?
25. What colour is potassium permanganate (potassium manganate VII)?

Section 6: General Technology

26. What was the name of the first space shuttle to make a flight?
27. What number is represented in Morse code by five dashes?
28. What was the Leaning Tower of Pisa originally used as?
29. What does VTOL stand for?
30. Who laid the foundation stone of the Royal Albert Hall, in 1867?

Section 7: Sport

31. England's football team was defeated just once in qualifying for the World Cup. Which country defeated them?
32. Who is the current World Heptathlon Champion?
33. Who captained the England Women's Football Team in the Euro 2009 Final?
34. Which current Brighton College pupil played rugby for Harlequins in the Middlesex 7s at Twickenham in August?
35. Which famous football man said, "I would have given my right arm to be a pianist".

Section 8: The Spiritual World

36. According to the Bible, who took over from Moses and led the children of Israel into the Promised Land?
37. Name the branch of theology concerned with the last times or the end of the world.
38. According to John's gospel, name the settlement where Jesus turned water into wine.
39. In the Church of England, name the man who ranks after Queen Elizabeth II and the Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams.
40. Name the building where a Sikh worships.

Section 9: Mathematics

41. The ratio between the circumference and the diameter of a circle is given as which Greek letter?
42. The first square number plus the second cube number plus the third prime number = ?
43. A good estimate for the average weight of a prep school pupil is 43 kg. True or false?
44. A 20 faced solid is called a?
45. 20⁰ Celsius is equivalent to what in Fahrenheit?

Section 10: Geography

46. What is the name of the river to the west of Brighton which enters the sea at Shoreham?
47. What is the population of the UK (to the nearest million)?
48. What are Cirrus?
49. What is the height of Mt Kilimanjaro in metres?
50. What is the name of the highest capital city in the world?

Section 11: History

51. Which wall was knocked down 20 years ago?
52. Who became Britain's first lady Prime Minister 30 years ago?
53. Neil Armstrong was the first man to go where 40 years ago?
54. Louis Bleriot was the first man to fly over which body of water 100 years ago?
55. Who was crowned king 500 years ago?

Section 12: Information Technology

56. What does the file extension *something.pdf* stand for?
57. What does “absolute cell reference” mean?
58. What does EFTPOS stand for?
59. What happens to data stored in a computer’s ROM if the computer’s power is accidentally switched off?
60. What is the name given to the *technique* of trying to fraudulently obtain a person’s personal details by sending them an email requesting this information?

Section 13: Television and Radio

61. Who grew up locally in Ditchling, went on to become a TV presenter and is currently a DJ on ‘Heart’?
62. Who came 3rd in the last ‘Britain’s Got Talent’?
63. Which TV presenter, who had a baby in May, replaced Fern Brittain on ‘This Morning’?
64. What is the colour of Bart Simpson’s t-shirt?
65. Name the program in which 4 or 5 strangers get together at each other’s houses for a dinner party and then rate each out of 10.

Section 14: The Natural World

66. What name is given to the fruit of a rose bush?
67. What is a tree or shrub called that sheds its leaves annually?
68. What is the more familiar name for *Solanum Tuberosum*?
69. What is the study of birds called?
70. What is an elfer?

Section 15: Business and Money

71. Where is the Bank of England?
72. What does the university title LSE stand for?
73. What is the currency of Norway?
74. Which year was the Euro launched?
75. Who is the Chancellor of the Exchequer?

Section 16: Entertainment

76. What is the name of the X-Factor judge with an even more famous sister?
77. Which city is the setting for the movie “Fame”?
78. Which world champion boxer got knocked out in this year’s Strictly Come Dancing?
79. Who arranged for Twilight to be followed by a New Moon?
80. Which member of Girls Aloud is “fighting for this love”?

Section 17: Abbreviations

81. BAFTA
82. HMRC
83. JP
84. FM radio
85. APD

Section 18: The Royal Family

86. Name the official London residence of British sovereigns since 1837.
87. Who is currently second in line to the throne?
88. Who was the Queen's first grandchild?
89. Which British monarch reigned during World War One?
90. What was the name of Queen Victoria's residence on the Isle of Wight?

Section 19: Current Affairs

91. On December 9th, Barack Obama will attend a climate summit. In which city is the summit being held?
92. In November Cumbria had record rainfall. Name one of the two towns devastated by these floods?
93. Name the current Secretary of State for schools.
94. What is the main British base in Helmand province, Afghanistan called?
95. 2010 is an election year. What is the latest possible date Gordon Brown can call the election?

Section 20: Culinary Conundrums

96. what do you call a creamy coloured root vegetable with a sweet flavour.
97. What is polenta made from?
98. What is another name for the papaya fruit?
99. Which flower is the spice 'saffron' made from?
100. In which food will you find the 'Parson's nose'?

Merry
Christmas



From all your teachers...